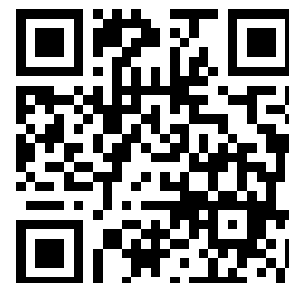


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## GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL

### WILLIAM D. LABOLD.

William D. Labold, son of David and Elizabeth (Freyman) Labold, is of French ancestry, and was born in South Whitehall township, July 28, 1840. After attending the public school he learned the trade of boiler-maker. When he became of age he enlisted in the Civil War, as a private in Co. F, of the 32d Regt., Penna. Vol. Inf., and he continued in the service by re-enlistment until 1865, when he was discharged. He resided for a time in Wilkes-Barre, then removed to Allentown, where he followed his trade as a boiler-maker, until he died March 27, 1880. He was buried in the Union cemetery. In 1871, he was married to Emma Hilyard, of Wilkes-Barre, and they had four children: Lizzie, married Llewellyn Roth, of Allentown, and they have a son, LeRoy I.; Sallie, who died in 1895, aged 20 years; Charles E., at Allentown; and Carrie M., who died in infancy.

### LAWFER FAMILY.

The ancestor of this family was Christian Laufer, who emigrated to this country in 1751, arriving on September 25th, in that year, on the ship Phoenix, having sailed from Rotterdam, Holland. The family is supposed to originate from the village of Laufer, near Buhl, in Baden Baden. He settled in Northampton county and in the year 1762 we find his name as a tax payer in Lehigh township. The name was Christian Laufer and he was assessed for four pounds. In 1768 he was taxed upon 40 acres of cultivated and 120 acres of uncultivated land. On Nov. 13, 1771, he purchased a tract of 40 acres of land and in the year 1772 he paid 1 pound, 12 shillings tax in Lehigh township. Christian Laufer was born in 1730. He had six sons: Bartol, Christian, Henry, John, Peter, and Adam; and five daughters: Elizabeth, who married Frederick Rice and removed to Ohio; Susanna, wife of Simon Drumm, of Greensburg, Pa.; Catherine, wife of Jacob Christman, of Westmoreland county; Mrs. Mary Wentzell, of Millersdale, Westmoreland county; and Magdalena, wife of John Bash. In the year 1774 Christian Laufer moved to Westmoreland county, Pa., taking with him his whole family, except his son, Peter, who remained in Northampton county.

He died about 1800 and is buried on the old Bash cemetery, near Pleasant Unity.

Bartol Laufer, married Mary Angle Drumm, daughter of Philip Drumm, who settled at Greensburg, Pa., and it is said he built the first brick house in that town.

Christian Laufer, Jr., born in 1770, died Oct. 2, 1823, in Pickaway county, Ohio.

Henry Laufer was born in 1753 and died in 1821. He married Barbara Alliman, who was born in 1771 and died in 1846. They lived in Unity township, Westmoreland county.

John Laufer was born March 8, 1769, and died Feb. 18, 1851. His first wife was Susanna Kemmerer, born in 1774 and died in 1815. They had twelve children. His second wife was Barbara Erret. He lived in Penn township, Westmoreland county, where he left many descendants.

Peter Laufer, son of Christian, was born Oct. 18, 1752, and died July 21, 1830. He is buried at Kreidersville church, Allen township, Northampton county. He married Magdalena Susanna Grosher. In 1785 he was the owner of 150 acres of land in Moor township, and was by occupation a farmer and shoemaker. Peter Laufer's name appears as a private of the 8th class, spelled Lawfart, in Capt. John Deater's Company of the 3d Battalion of Northampton county militia, under the command of Lieut. Col. Nicholas Kern, in 1782, and on March 3, 1783. The name of his brother, Adam Lafer appears as a private in Capt. Nicholas Kern's company of the Flying Camp, on Aug. 6, 1776. Peter Laufer, shoemaker, in 1780, was assessed in Moore township for 292 pounds value of property. He was a member of the Reformed branch of the Stone church at Kreidersville, Northampton county. Peter Laufer had three sons and five daughters:

(1). Peter Laufer, Jr., born June 25, 1785, and died Aug. 29, 1855. He married Eva Bush. They are buried at Kreidersville. He had four children: Peter, Jacob, Maria, and Catherine.

(2). Adam Laufer, who was born in 1790, and married Elizabeth Koehler and moved to Monroe county. They had eight children.

(3). Rachel, daughter of Peter Laufer, Sr., married Henry Renner.

(4). Elizabeth, daughter of Peter, married Mathias Greber. She was born Nov. 14, 1779,



and died Nov. 14, 1859. They resided near Petersville.

(5). Catherine, daughter of Peter Laufer, was born July 26, 1778, and died May 28, 1847. She married Michael Asch.

(6) Susanna, daughter of Peter Laufer, was born Dec. 8, 1782, and died in 1847. She married Andrew Lilly, of Petersville.

(7). Annie Maria, daughter of Peter Laufer, was born Sept. 20, 1792, and died March 18, 1877. She married George Marsh, of Klecknersville, Pa.

(8). Jacob Laufer, youngest son of Peter Laufer, Sr., married Elizabeth Strauss. Two years after his marriage, at the age of 28, he died of pneumonia, and a son Jacob, born three months after his death, was his only child. His widow afterwards married Jacob Shutt. His son, Jacob Lawfer, of Moorestown, Northampton county, Pa., who was the father of W. R. Lawfer, of Allentown, was born Nov. 1, 1814, and married, Oct. 12, 1834, Leah Steckel. He had three children: William R., and Jacob A., of Allentown; and Elizabeth, wife of William H. Rice, of Moorestown.

William R. Lawfer was born Aug. 5, 1838. He married, Nov. 15, 1857, Hannah Kleppinger, daughter of John Kleppinger, and his wife, Anna Stedman. His youth was spent in his native township, where he attended the common schools until the age of 13, then he entered the store of his uncle, Aaron Steckel, at Bath, at \$3.50 per week. He remained there six months and in the spring of 1851, he was employed by Stephen Rader, of Bath, and with his successors, Flick & Smock, for four years. He then became a pupil in the Vandever Select School, of Easton, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, teacher, and subsequently in the Philip Lehman Select School, at Easton, taught by John H. Oliver; resumed his place in the business world and was employed in the general store of A. H. and Amos Hahn, in Bath, and afterwards by Joseph Wanamaker, of Kreidersville, with whom he remained for eight years. In 1865, he became a salesman in the store of Hon. Joseph Laubach, of Laubach's, now Northampton; in 1866, became a resident of Allentown and entered into partnership with W. R. Steckel, under the firm name of Lawfer & Steckel. The business of dry goods and groceries was continued until 1874, when Mr. Steckel disposed of his interests to George W. Hartzell, and in 1876 Mr. Hartzell was succeeded by Jacob Lawfer, a brother of William R. At the expiration of three years the sons of William R. Lawfer, J. Harry, John N., and Alvin W., entered the firm of W. R. Lawfer & Co. They conducted an extensive department store, covering 4 acres of floor space, located at 611-613 Hamilton street. Mr.

Lawfer was the originator of the department store in Allentown and was the senior member of the firm which he established.

After the death of W. R. Lawfer, his sons conducted the business for about a year, after which J. Harry Lawfer retired from the firm, and John N. and Alvin W. conducted the business for about 4 years, John N. then retiring.

W. R. Lawfer was also active in developing real estate interests and bought large blocks of land in the northern part of the city. He erected about 100 residences in that section of the city. He was a director of the Allentown National Bank for fifteen years, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Allentown College for Women, a member of the Board of Trade and one of the charter members of the Allentown Hospital. He was elected a hospital trustee on Dec. 27, 1897, and was active in the promotion of the hospital project when it required friends. He served as a common councilman from the Fifth ward in 1883 and 1884, and in the School Board. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Bethany Orphans' Home of the Reformed Church at Womelsdorf, and was very active in furthering the interests of that institution. He was the originator of the annual excursions to the Home from the Lehigh Valley, which was started in 1897 and which have continued annually since then, thousands of people going there and helping the institution materially. He was also one of the originators, with three others, John Wanamaker, James K. Mosser, and Henry Leh, of the movement for purchasing the Dr. Tilghman Martin property, Seventh and Hamilton streets, for Y. M. C. A. purposes, where the present building now stands, at a business men's meeting and banquet held in Kauffman's Hall, on which occasion \$16,000 was subscribed.

In 1866 he became a member of Zion Reformed church, of Allentown, of which he was for twenty years treasurer, twelve years an elder, long superintendent of the Sunday school, and represented the congregation in Lehigh Classis and the Eastern Synod. He was one of Allentown's most public spirited and prominent citizens for 34 years. Mr. Lawfer died at Allentown, Sept. 11, 1900. Mrs. Lawfer died June 10, 1897. They are buried in the Lawfer plot in Fairview cemetery, Allentown. They had four children:

(1) J. Harry Lawfer, born Aug. 24, 1858. He married, Aug. 17, 1882, Lilly S. Dannenhower and has five children: Lilly Mabel, William Levan, Miriam E., Stanley E., and Ruth A.

(2) John N. Lawfer, born Feb. 9, 1860, married, Dec. 1, 1881, Irene C. Saeger. They have two children: Emily M. and Harold S.



(3) Alvin W. Lawfer, born Oct. 23, 1863, married, May 20, 1888, Miss Ida V. Engleman. He died March 6, 1912.

(4) Annie Lawfer, born Oct. 15, 1873, married, Oct. 23, 1900, Edward H. Wetherhold. They have one son, William E.

JOHN N. LAWFER, senior member of John N. Lawfer & Son, born February 9, 1860, at Kreidersville, Northampton county, Pa., was reared in Allentown, and acquired a knowledge

commercial circles of Allentown. The business enterprise with which he is connected is conducted along modern business lines, and its great increase in trade during recent years is in a large measure due to the capable and efficient efforts of John N. Lawfer. Aside from his extensive business interests, Mr. Lawfer devotes considerable of his time and means to benevolent work, more particularly in behalf of orphans, being an active



WILLIAM R. LAWFER.

of the rudimentary branches of study in its public schools and Muhlenberg College, completing his education at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. He received his business training in his father's store, and after serving in the capacity of salesman for some time, was admitted to a partnership. Mr. Lawfer, who is clear-headed and enterprising in his business methods won for himself a prominent place in the

trustee and potent factor in the success of the Bethany Orphans' Home of the Reformed church, at Womelsdorf, Pa., with which his father was for 25 years actively identified on its board. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Phœbe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home, of Allentown, and a trustee of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church, served in its consistory for a

number of years and is now one of its trustees. Mr. Lawfer enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends, who admire him for his many excellent characteristics, and he and his family occupy an enviable position in the social life of Allentown. Mr. Lawfer so closely resembles his father in looks, disposition and physique that he was often taken for his brother.

John N. Lawfer was married, Dec. 1, 1881, to Miss Irene C. Saeger, daughter of Henry J. Saeger, and they became the parents of five children: Emily M.; Charles H., who died in infancy; Harold S., now connected with his father in business; Marian S., who also died in infancy; and William R., who died June 18, 1913.

ALVIN W. LAWFER was born at Kreidersville, Oct. 23, 1863. He attended the schools of Allentown and was graduated from the Allentown high school in 1879. After leaving school he entered his father's store, and after some years, with his brothers, was taken into the firm. After the father's death the three sons conducted the store for a while, when the eldest son retired. John N. and Alvin W. continued the business until 1904, when John N. retired. Alvin W. Lawfer then became interested in forming the Lawfer-Harned Company. In 1908, he retired from business and endeavored to regain his lost health. He located in Denver, Col., for one year, when he returned and entered the insurance business, representing the Provident Life & Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and the Aetna Company, of Reading, in which business he was engaged up to the time of his death, on March 6, 1912.

Mr. Lawfer was married, May 20, 1888, by Dr. S. G. Wagner, to Miss Ida Engleman, daughter of L. M. Engleman, of Coopersburg, Pa. He was an active member of Salem's Reformed church, of which he was one of the organizers, and for a number of years taught the Young Ladies' Bible Class, which he founded and in the success of which he took a deep interest. He was one of the organizers of the Octette, which was the nucleus of the Arion Society, which he served as president. He was one of the first vice-presidents of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lawfer was of such a genial disposition that it was easy to win friends and retain them; hence he had such a host of friends in his business, social and church relations, and his name will be long remembered in the wide circle of his acquaintances.

#### LAMBERT FAMILY.

John George Lambert the pioneer of this family, was married to Rosina Strauss. Lenhart

Lambert, son of John George, married Mary Nicolas. He died aged 92 years and is buried in the Nisky Hill cemetery, Bethlehem. The children of this family are: William, David, Aaron, Anna, (married to a Mr. Diehl), Lovina (married to a Mr. Keiper), Susan (married to Mr. Smith), and Rachel (married to a Mr. Weaver).

Aaron, son of Lenhart, married Catharine Frey, the issue of this family was nine children, three of these died young. They are: Lewis (married to Hattie Gangaware. They have one son, Harry); Thomas (deceased); Mary Etta (Mrs. Ferdinand Eberhart), Charles, Francis (married to Mary Wheeler), and John (married to Winnie Wheeler).

Charles W. Lambert, son of Aaron, married Amanda, a daughter of Charles and Susan Gangaware, they have these children; Ella (Mrs. Leslie Cruckshank); Emma E. (Mrs. Thomas Strohl), Erwin A.; Laura; (Mrs. Edward Stecker); Thomas (married to Lottie Meyers); Margaret (married to M. Edward Fulmer), William C., and Maria.

Charles Lambert was employed at the Bethlehem Steel works for 31 years, and is now an employee of the Ingersol Works, residing at Easton, Pa.

ERWIN A. LAMBERT was born in Upper Saucon township, June 18, 1876. He was educated in the common schools. He engaged in the hotel business at Bethlehem, where he remained for some time afterward. He continued the same business at Allentown. In 1909 he purchased the wholesale liquor and bottling establishment of E. A. Krause on Chestnut Street, Emaus, at which place he now resides and has been very successful in this venture. He married Daisy Neff a daughter of William and Priscilla (Eck) Neff.

WILLIAM C. LAMBERT is a graduate of the Bethlehem High School, class of 1907. He entered the employ of the L. V. R. R. Co., and for seven years was clerk at the Easton station. In 1913 he took the distributing agency for the E. A. Lambert Bottling Works at Coplay, and continues in this position.

#### LAMBERT FAMILY.

John Leonard Lambert, probably a son of Johannes Lambert, was born in Bucks county, Pa., in 1783, and died in 1875, at Bethlehem, aged ninety-two years. He was a farmer by occupation. He was married to Mary Nicholas, who died about 1863, aged 75 years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: 1. Charles, who lived and died in Monroe county, Pa. 2. Anna, mar-

ried to Samuel Diehl. 3. William, who died during the seventies at Bethlehem. 4. Rachel, was married to J. George Weber, a German. 5. David, died at Freemansburg, Pa. 6. Aaron, Lovina, married Henry Keiper. 7. Susan, married William Smith, whose history with that of his descendants, appears elsewhere in this volume.

Aaron Lambert, son of John Leonard, was born Sept. 30, 1820, in Williams township, Northampton county. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed it at Allentown and Catasauqua. He died at Easton on April 2, 1908, and is buried at Catasauqua on the family burial plot.

He was married to Catharine Frey, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sauttee) Frey, of Northampton county. She was born June 11, 1821, died on May 8, 1900. Their children follow:

Lewis H., born Sept., 1841; died April 6, 1894.

Thomas F., born May 11, 1843; died Nov. 21, 1908.

Zacharias, died in infancy.

Marietta, married Ferdinand Eberhart, of Catasauqua.

Matilda C., died in infancy.

Charles W., born Feb. 22, 1851, lives at Easton.

James A., died in infancy.

Francis B., born June 11, 1859, lives at Erie, Pa.

John J., born Oct. 17, 1865, is a farmer at Rushton, Saskatchewan, Canada.

#### LAPP FAMILY.

Elias Lapp, a native of Northampton county, Pa., was born January 14, 1816. For many years he lived upon a 20-acre tract, situated between Schoenersville and Weaversville. There he farmed and was engaged in burning and dealing in lime. He and wife were Lutherans, members of the Schoenersville church, and there they are buried. He served the church as deacon and elder. In politics he was a Democrat. He officiated as a supervisor for some years. He died July 5, 1886, aged 70 years, 5 months and 22 days. His wife, Mary Ann Hoch, was born June 23, 1819, and departed this life June 3, 1889, in her 70th year. She was a daughter of Henry and Susan (Frantz) Hoch. Their children were: Cyrus F., Belinda (married Elias Benner); Elemina (1850-1856); and Henry L. (of Bethlehem).

John Lapp was born in Moore township in 1818, and lived one-half mile east of Moorestown on a tract of land later owned by Frank Koehler. There he died in 1889, aged 71 years.

He was a stone mason all his active life. For a number of years he served his district as supervisor. In politics he was a Democrat.

His widow, Sarah (*nee* Fehnel), still lives and makes her home with her children. She was a daughter of Abraham Fehnel. They had these children: Lucy (married Tilghman Keichlein); Hettie (married Edwin Quier, who reside at Rittersville); Ellen (married Allen Leiser, both deceased); Samuel (who lives in Lower Nazareth township); Jane (married L. J. Woodring of Allentown); Asabilla (widow of P. Hagenbuch, who lives in Williams township); Emma (married J. E. Bickert, who live at Summerville, N. J.); George (deceased); and Harvey E.

The father of Elias and John Lapp was a school master and moved from Bucks county, Pa., settling in Moore township, Northampton county. There he married and raised these children: Elias, John and Peter. John and Peter are buried at Moorestown, in Northampton county.

CYRUS F. LAPP, son of Elias, carriage builder at Rittersville, was born in East Allen township, December 1, 1840. At the age of eighteen years he learned his trade of carriage making at Bath, Pa., and has now followed it for fifty-three years. He carried on the business at Stockertown, in Northampton county, for twenty-eight years, employing eight men. In 1893 he located at Rittersville, where he erected large buildings, and established a large business. It is known as the Central Carriage Works.

Mr. Lapp is a Democrat. He served Palmer township in Northampton county, on the board of education for six years; and after settling in Hanover he served the school board for three years. He and wife are Lutherans; earlier they had been connected with the Forks church, where he served as deacon and elder. In Hanover they became members of the church at Schoenersville and there he served as an elder also.

In 1862 he married Rebecca Dech. She is a daughter of Jacob and Eva (Reeser) Dech. They have four children: Byron H. (of Hanover); Lillie I.; Charles M., and Carrie I. (married Henry Kelcher, of Hanover township).

HARVEY E. LAPP, truck farmer and poultry fancier of Iron Bridge, is a native of Northampton county, Pa. He was born December 29, 1875. At the age of nine years he began to work, and for several years was employed as a core-maker at Fullerton. In the year 1905 he began farming as a tenant in South



Whitehall and he continued there until 1911, when he purchased the Edmond Guth homestead, which is now 17 acres. This tract of land is situated between the Jordan Bridge and Siegersville, along the Allentown and Slatington trolley line. A large stone house on this farm was built about the close of the 18th century. The condition of the house and its appearance reflects in a high degree the skill of our pioneer mechanics.

Mr. Lapp has become interested in fancy poultry since 1902, and makes a specialty of Wyandottes and water fowls. He won ten silver cups and until this time he has never had his birds on display in Pennsylvania, New York or Maryland without receiving a prize. He is a member of the J. O. U. A. M. of Newburg, Pa.

On February 5, 1903, he married Bertha Buss, a daughter of Robert and Emma (Hixson) Buss (1855-1902). Her paternal grandparents were Jacob and Sarah (Shimer) Buss. They have four children: Robert E., John H., Mirion D., and Emma R., and are members of the Jordan Lutheran church.

#### LANDIS FAMILY.

In Hirzel, Switzerland, there stands an ancient Landis homestead, built in 1488. The family was one of the prominent Mennonite families in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

The progenitor of the Landis family emigrated to America in 1717, and settled at Shelly, in Bucks county. In 1790 there were twelve persons of this name in Bucks county, as heads of families, which, in the aggregate, consisted of 64 persons.

The earliest name found in Lehigh county was Peter Landis. He was assessed £4 in 1762, in Upper Saucon township. Jacob Landis, born Jan. 1, 1756, died June 1, 1847, and was buried in the old Mennonite cemetery, between Coopersburg and Centre Valley, as was also his wife, Barbara (Mayer) Landis, born October, 1759, and died April 7, 1844.

Jacob Landis, of Lower Saucon, in 1790, had two sons and one daughter. David Landis had a son, Solomon, who had a son, Alfred F., a farmer, who settled in Upper Saucon township. He married Annie Steininger, and their children were: Robert; Myron S., of whom below; Stella; Rosa, Hattie, Lucy, Alfred, Orpha, Alice, Martha, and Ernest.

MYRON S. LANDIS, son of Alfred F. and Annie (Steininger) Landis, was born Feb. 13, 1879, in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county. He assisted his father on the farm, and attended

the public schools. In 1896 he entered the employ of the P. & R. R. Co., as station agent, at Bingen, Northampton county, serving to the present time (1913), as passenger, freight, and express agent, as well as telegraph operator. He is a member of the following named orders: P. O. S. of A., No. 511, Coopersburg, of which he is past district president; Jr. Order of A. M., No. 1069, Coopersburg; Independent Order of Telegraph Operators; and Modern Woodmen of America. He married, April 20, 1897, Emily Young, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Windt) Young, of Centre Valley. Issue: Benson, Adelia, and Dorothy.

Milton K. Landis, born in 1831, in Upper Saucon township, attended the public schools, and became a farmer, lumberman and manufacturer of axe, hatchet and pick handles on an extensive scale. He was a deacon in the Mennonite Church. He married Mary B. Landis, born 1839, and their children were: Emma, Sevilla, Kate, Frank, Amanda, Annie, Minnie, Milton B., and a son, who died in infancy.

MILTON B. LANDIS, son of Milton K. and Mary B. (Landis) Landis, born May 27, 1873, in Upper Saucon township, received his education in the public schools and assisted his father about his farm and saw-mill up to 1895, when he was employed by the Philadelphia Traction Company, until his father's death in 1902, when he returned home and took up his father's business, which he carried on until 1910, when the factory was burned to the ground. He then removed to Coopersburg and purchased his present plant, employing upward of ten men in the manufacture of axe, hatchet and pick handles.

Mr. Landis is a progressive and enterprising man and one of Coopersburg's leading citizens. In politics he is a Republican. He married, in 1896, Annie Siegfried, of Bath. Their children are: Lillian, a graduate of Coopersburg high school; Arthur; and Mildred Landis.

Four brothers of this name are said to have emigrated from Germany to America about 1730. They first located in Upper Montgomery county and were Mennonites. In 1790, Isaac, Jacob, John, Henry, and Yellis Landis were heads of families in the county. Of this line a Samuel Landis migrated to Berks county at an early day. In 1790, there were living in this county, Martin, George, and John Landis. Another Samuel, of the Montgomery county line, settled early in Shimersville, Lehigh county. He was born about 1770, and married a Miss Frederick. Their children were: (1) Reuben, who settled elsewhere; (2) Nathan, lived in Rockland township; (3) Charles, deceased; (4) Jonathan, of Rockland

township; (5) George, lived in Pike or Oley; (6) Elizabeth, married William Lobach, of Allentown, who was drowned; (7) Catharine; and (8) Samuel.

Samuel Landis, son of Samuel Landis and wife, *nee* Frederick, was born in 1795. He settled in Maxatawny township, and was a tailor and died in 1890, aged 95 years. He married Elizabeth Neidlinger (1806-1869). Both were buried at Mertztown, Pa. Issue: (1) Joshua, died young; (2) Hettie (Mrs. David Ring); (3) Elizabeth (Mrs. Andrew Ruppert); (4) Sallie (Mrs. Daniel Graff); (5) Hannah, of Philadelphia; (6) Charles; (7 and 8) Lucinda and Matilda, twins, born 1836; (9) William, of Pikeville, Pa.; (10) Mary A. (Mrs. Jonas Romich); and (11) Abraham, who died in the Civil War.

Charles Landis, son of Samuel, was born March 21, 1834, and at an early age commenced learning the tailor's trade with his father. He is a member of the Reformed Church. He married Eliza Smith.

John Landis lived on Rattlesnake Hill, Douglas township, Berks county. He was a boatman and was drowned in the Schuylkill canal while following his occupation. He was buried at Pottstown. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He and his wife Hannah had a son, Samuel.

Samuel Landis, son of John, was a teamster at the old Pine iron mill for many years. He died in 1880 and was buried at Pottstown. He married Catherine Bush, daughter of George Bush. Issue: (1) Hannah, single, resides with her mother; (2) George, died in his fifteenth year; (3) Frank B.

Mrs. Catherine Bush Landis married (second) Alexander Levensgood. They have a son, Harvey Levensgood.

Frank B. Landis, merchant in Douglas township, and son of Samuel and Catherine (Bush) Landis, was born Jan. 2, 1876, on Rattlesnake Hill. He was reared upon the farm and attended the public schools of his native place. At the age of 17 years he entered the employ of the Glasgow plate mill, remaining there for ten years. On June 19, 1899, he opened a general store, the first business place on Rattlesnake Hill, on which are about 30 dwellings. Mr. Landis makes a specialty of flour and feed, in which he has a good trade. In politics he is a Republican. He was a tax collector of Douglas township for three years. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Pottstown, Pa. He and family are members of the Reformed Church.

Frank B. Landis married, in November, 1896, Blanche Wade, daughter of Ellis Wade, of Halfway House, Upper Pottsgrove township, Mont-

gomery county, Pa. Issue: Fayette and Catherine Landis.

#### LARASH FAMILY.

A branch of the Larash family settled in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, before 1800. One of these had the following children: Henry, who was a farmer at Siegersville; Lydia, who was unmarried, and Leonard, whose history follows.

Leonard Larash was born in Whitehall Township and educated in the public schools. He became a hat maker and for many years was foreman for the Laury & Sieger Co.'s slate quarry. He had a coloring establishment; was constable for some years. He was a member and elder of the Egypt Reformed church, and he was buried there. He was also a violinist and played at dances and battalions for many years. He was married to Sophia Steckel, a sister of Edwin Steckel. Issue: Sarah, married Reuben R. Cress, of Stroudsburg and South Bethlehem, Pa.; was buried at the New Jerusalem church in Eastern Salisbury; James W.; Alfred, of Weissport, but subsequently of Mauch Chunk, where he died; Benjamin and Edmond, died young; Joseph, served in Civil War, died single in Virginia; Henrietta, married Aaron Durhammer, of Cleveland, Ohio; Lewis, of Allentown; Elmira (Mrs. Aaron Franklin; Jacob, of Philadelphia, deceased.

JAMES WILLIAM LARASH, a retired farmer and butcher of Salisbury Township, son of Leonard and Sophia (Steckel) Larash, was born November 9, 1833, in Salisbury Township. He was educated in the common schools of the day up to eleven years of age, when he began working in the slate quarry, continuing until 1850. He then removed to Franklin Township, Carbon County. He learned the carpenter trade and worked on the construction of canal boats; was also constable and tax collector. In 1863 he removed to Eastern Salisbury township, Lehigh county, and conducted Giess Hotel for two years, then settled where he now lives on the Solomon Yingling homestead on the Allentown and Hellertown road, consisting of but 15 acres. He purchased adjacent land until he now has 150 acres. At the time of settling on this tract he also conducted a butchering business, following it until 1895, 30 years. His son, Eusyllas S., succeeded to his father's business and he has since lived retired. In politics he is a Democrat; was Justice of the Peace, 1894-1899; a school director for 13 years; tax collector many years; constable, auditor, and supervisor. He was active in all public affairs for many years and a valuable factor in the community. He was one of the organizers of the South Bethlehem Bank and a director for many

years; he also served on the bank building committee. He was for 10 years an agent for the Lehigh Mutual Fire Insurance Co. He was a deacon, elder and trustee, also president of the consistory of the Eastern Salisbury township church, superintendent of the Sunday school for upwards of 25 years and has been church treasurer since 1893.

James William Larash married in 1857, Fietta Roeder, daughter of Charles Roeder, of

EUSYLLAS S. LARASH, the youngest child and only son of James W. and Fiella (Roeder) Larash, was born September 19, 1869, in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, Pa. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. He assisted his father in the butchering business, doing the work on the farm. In 1895 he succeeded to the butchering business of his father and successfully carried it on until 1911, when he sold out. Since then he has the home-



REV. FRANK P. LAROS, ALBURDIS.

whom he learned the butcher's trade. Issue: Mary A. (Mrs. Geo. P. Scholl); Sarah J. (Mrs. B. F. Mohn), both deceased; Elinora, died single; Mamie Ida (Mrs. E. L. Dickert), of Salisbury; Emma (Mrs. T. H. Knappenberger), deceased; Amanda (Mrs. James Fegley), Salisbury; Eusyllas S.

James W. Larash married, second, in 1898, Susanna Rath, the widow of Joseph Keim, and sister of the Rath brothers, ministers.

stead for his father and himself. He built his present house in 1911 from stone from the homestead. He now owns the old Bowers home, opposite the Children's Home. He is a progressive and enterprising business man and has made a success of his business. He is a stock raiser and ships milk to Allentown. He is, in politics, a Democrat and has served on the election board. He is a member of the E. Salisbury Reformed church.



Eusyllas S. Larash married Ida A. Knappenberger, daughter of Thomas Knappenberger, of Western Salisbury township. Issue: Raymond J. T., educated in the public schools, Salisbury High School and Muhlenberg College; now at Lehigh Preparatory School studying civil engineering; Willis R., educated in the public schools and Blackman's Business College; a carpenter by trade; at home.

William L. Laros, son of Henry, was born near Allentown. He was a farmer in South Whitehall Township. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at the Greenwood cemetery, Allentown. Mr. Laros was twice married. His first wife was Lydia, a daughter of Lawrence Kline. They had issue as follows: Mrs. Tilghman Yeager; Milton H. K., of Allentown; Charles W., whose history follows, and Henry M., who died aged 34 years. He married as his second wife Elizabeth Hess and by her had three children, namely: Mrs. Wallace Marsteller; Dr. William A. Laros, of Pittsburgh, and Richard, who was killed on the railroad aged eighteen years.

CHARLES W. LAROS, a real estate operator and insurance broker, of Allentown, was born in South Whitehall township, June 3, 1857. He was educated in the common schools and the Allentown Business College. At the age of twenty-one years he learned the milling trade, which he followed as a journeyman for five years at Stockton, New Jersey. During the year 1883 he traveled through the West and upon his return he was a clerk for two years in a general store at Macungie. In 1886 he came to Allentown and engaged in the mercantile business at No. 26 North Seventh street and continued at that place for seven years, but he followed the mercantile business in Allentown for sixteen years. He then disposed of that business to engage in the real estate, loan and insurance business at 640 Linden street, and by sound business principles and his unquestioned integrity he has built up a large and successful business. He is a director of the Security Building Association, Allentown. Politically, Mr. Laros is an independent Democrat; was a member of the city councils for ten successive years, and four years was the chairman of the select branch of which he was a member for eight years. Socially, he is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., Knights of Friendship, Knights of the Mystic Chain, the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Heptosophs, and the Protective Home Circle. He is a member of Bethany U. E. church and serves it as a member of the board of trustees since 1908; also is a director of the Waldheim Park Association for some years.

In 1883 he was married to Emma L. Bitting, a daughter of the late ex-Sheriff Wayne Bitting, of Lehigh County. Mrs. Laros died July 5, 1911, aged 46 years, four months and two days. She was a faithful member of Bethany United Evangelical church since 1887. She was survived by her husband, son and two daughters, as follows: Bryan W., born August 16, 1884; was educated in the public schools, Allentown Preparatory School, and graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1906; he is associated in business with his father; is married to Mamie E. Hill since 1909 and they reside at Mountainville; socially he has membership in Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., and Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; Caroline M., married to Edwin P. Gotwals, of Lansdale, Pa.; Mildred L., married to Dr. H. T. Moyer, of Lansdale, Pa.

#### LA ROCHE FAMILY.

Zachariah La Roche, the ancestor of this family, was a Huguenot, and came from La Roche, France, to America, and settled in New Jersey. His son, Louis F. La Roche, was a farmer near Frenchtown, N. J., and was born in 1800. He and his wife, Permelia, had twelve children, among them: Zachariah F.; Dr. W. T. La Roche; Mrs. Jane Goodfellow; and Mrs. Emma Goodfellow, of New Jersey; Dr. Philip B. La Roche, of New York; Dr. Paul H. La Roche, of Cuba; Lorenzo D. La Roche; and Mrs. Alice Watson, of Wilmington, Ill.; and Mrs. Harriet Roland and Grayson La Roche, of Indiana.

Dr. Zachariah F. La Roche, the second son, was born in Frenchtown, N. J., Feb. 19, 1824, and was brought up on his father's farm. As a young man learned blacksmithing, and later became a machinist in Philadelphia. When the Belvidere & Delaware Railroad was being constructed, about 1852, he was employed as an engineer and ran one of the first trains over the road, continuing in the employ of the railroad about seven years. He then was employed by the Howard Express Company and in 1860 went to New York and learned dentistry. In April, 1861, he came to Allentown, and opened a dentist's office where Zollinger, Harned & Co.'s store now stands. Subsequently he was located many years on South Seventh street and at Union and Lehigh streets. He was one of the first dentists to make vulcanized rubber sets of teeth. He died at his residence, 626 Gordon street, on March 22, 1900, aged 76 years.

Dr. La Roche married Miss Sarah A., daughter of John and Catharine O'Daniel, of Tinicum township, Bucks county. Mrs. La Roche died May 3, 1906, aged 87 years. They had five children: Mrs. Jonas Moser, Louis Pierson La



Roche, Andrew A. La Roche, Miss Permelia La Roche, and John P. La Roche.

JOHN PERSLEY LA ROCHE was born in Frenchtown, N. J., Feb. 9, 1846. He came to Allentown April 2, 1861, and assisted his father in his dentist's office. Failing eyesight compelled him to give up this work and he became a newspaper agent, handling all newspapers. On May 1, 1871, he became solicitor and collector for the *Chronicle and News*, which position he still holds. He is a member of the Linden street M. E. church, where he has been a steward and trustee, as well as class leader. He is a member of the Knights of Friendship, and in politics is a Republican. He married Anna M., daughter of had six children: William T., manager of the Bell Telephone Company, of Philadelphia; Sadie, married Joseph Doan, a tinsmith, of Philadelphia; John L., chief cashier and assistant manager of the Armour Packing Company, in New York City; Bessie, married Dr. Louis M. Diemer, of Philadelphia; Louis E.; and Walter S., who died June 6, 1889, aged 1 year, 2 months and 27 days.

LOUIS E. LA ROCHE, son of John P., was born in Allentown, March 4, 1875. He was educated in the schools of the city and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of W. H. Ryan & Company, paper box manufacturers. He continued in the firm's employ for 23½ years, latterly as foreman, and on March 1, 1914, left their employ and entered into business with Harvey O. Ritter and Ralph H. M. Rhoda, as the Allentown Paper Box Manufacturing Company, at 38 South Church street, and the firm has been successful from the beginning. Mr. La Roche is a member of the Linden street M. E. church; of the P. O. S. of A.; and I. O. R. M. He married, in 1894, Miss Ella, daughter of Daniel, deceased, and Matilda (Seip) Sheetz, and has two children: Paul Daniel, a graduate of the Allentown high school, now with the Bell Telephone Company; and Bessie K., a student.

Mrs. Anna M. La Roche, wife of John P., was the daughter of John Diefenderfer, one of the first contractors in Allentown, who died in 1854 and was the first person buried on Union cemetery. He married Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Huber) Swartz, and had five children: Thomas P., Charles F., Anna M., Alex. G., and Sallie A.

Mrs. Sarah A. La Roche, mother of John P., was the daughter of John O'Daniel, who served in the War of 1812. He died July 20, 1865, aged 82 years. His children were: Julia, Wilson, Harrison, Richard, Sarah, Theodore, Joshua, Nancy, Thaddeus, and Dennis. His wife, Catharine, was the daughter of Jacob Andrews, who served in the Revolution, where he lost a leg.

Mrs. O'Daniel died in 1873, aged 83 years.

John O'Daniel was the son of Daniel O'Daniel, a soldier of the Revolution.

#### OWEN HENRY LAUB.

Owen Henry Laub, son of William Laub, was born April 10, 1844, at Shoenersville, Pa. He was educated in the local public schools, and at an early age became a clerk in the general store at Shoenersville. Subsequently he removed to Allentown, where he built the residence at 1124 Hamilton street, in 1881, which his widow and son still occupy; and there entered the store of Joseph Stopp, and later he connected himself in partnership, with Hiram Shimer, for the carrying on of the carpet business, the firm name being Shimer & Laub, and later the firm became Shimer, Laub, & Weaver. In this business Mr. Laub continued until his death on August 4, 1909, a period of nearly thirty-five years. Besides this business, he was also interested in the Allentown National Bank, of which he was a director many years. He was also a director of the Allen Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the same place. Mr. Laub was one of the original members of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce, and one of its first vice-presidents. He was a progressive and valuable citizen; a successful business man and vitally interested in public affairs. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his family were members of St. John's Lutheran church, of Allentown, and he was active in its affairs, serving as deacon and elder, and as a teacher in the Sunday school. Afterwards he was one of the founders of Christ's Lutheran church, on Hamilton street, serving it both as an elder and a trustee.

He was married in 1880, at Allentown, by the Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., to Elizabeth Heller, who is deeply interested in the work of Christ's Lutheran church. Mrs. Laub is a daughter of Peter and Anna (Hartz) Heller. To Mr. and Mrs. Laub has been born one son, Frederick Heller Laub, who attended the Allentown preparatory school, connected with Muhlenberg College. He is employed by the firm Shimer and Weaver, and resides at home with his mother.

#### LAUBACH FAMILY.

This large and noted family claims as its common ancestor Christian Laubach, who together with his wife, children, and his father, Reinhart Laubach, aged 70 years, landed at Philadelphia September 16, 1738. The ancestral home of this honored family is the village of Laubach in Alsace, near Strassburg, in the beautiful Rhine country. Along in the same ship came Andrew Lerch and his two sons, Peter and Anthony. It is said that they were friends before departing for America; at least they settled on adjoining



tracts on Laubach's creek in Saucon township, Northampton county. Soon after their arrival in 1745, Christian Laubach erected a saw- and grist-mill and added five adjoining tracts of land to the original homestead, some of which are still in possession of his descendants. He was a blacksmith by trade. The records of the Durham furnace show that he had many castings made there, especially iron pots and kettles.

Christian Laubach had been trained as a soldier in the German army. On August 29, 1755 he was appointed captain of the Saucon rangers, and was stationed at various times during the two following years at Rose Inn, Christian Springs, Gnadenthal Mill, and at the various block houses along the Blue mountains. A letter read at the centenary of the Nazareth Inn June 9, 1871, contains this reference to him. "In this way, during the winter of 1755 and 1756, did the Rose, exchange its character of an inn for that of a city of refuge. But it was also for a military post, and suffered from military occupation. This occupation fell in the interval between the 26th of November, 1755 and the 20th of February, 1756, and some of its incidents are the following: In the evening of the aforesaid 26th of November, a company of Saucon rangers in command of Captain Christian Laubach, halted at the inn and bivouaced for the night. Having scoured the neighboring woods next day, on receiving intelligence of the enemy's presence in the gap of the mountain, they broke camp at dusk, and when the moon had risen, set out in pursuit. Meanwhile two detachments of mounted men had arrived. These failed to recognize any necessity for their presence, and so, after having dined, departed."

His son, John George, was a member of the company. The younger sons remained at home, conducting the farm, mills, and the blacksmith shop. Christian Laubach was born in Germany in 1699, and died on his homestead, November 29, 1768; his wife, Susanna Catharine, was born in 1705, and died March 12, 1770. They lie buried at the Lower Saucon church. His will bears date, March 4, 1768; in which he says: I bequeath unto my wife, Susanna Catharine, such household goods as she may desire, also the sum of six pounds sterling money annually; the annual interest of 150 pounds, and a yearly allowance of 10 bushels of wheat, 5 bushels of rye, unto his son, John George, he bequeathed the sum of 50 pounds; to his daughter, Elizabeth, 30 pounds; to his sons, Conrad and Frederick, all those messuages and tenements consisting of a grist-mill, saw-mill (situated on Laubach's creek), plantation, and five tracts of land, containing 215 acres, granted to him by a proprietary patent, bearing date, April 28, 1762, but sub-

ject to payments of certain sums of money, to wit: to his son, John George, 70 pounds; to his son, Reinhart, 70 pounds; and to his son, Peter, 70 pounds. After the death of his wife the rest and residue of his effects were to be divided in equal shares amongst his five sons.

Christian Laubach was the father of six children:

1. John George, born in the fatherland, November 11, 1729, and died October 19, 1802. He was a farmer and was married to Elizabeth Yonson. They had issue: Susan (November 7, 1757-1792); John Michael (Nov. 28, 1759-1800), was married to Elizabeth Weidknecht, and had eight children; John Adam (Aug. 23, 1761-Feb. 25, 1828), was married to — Berger, and had ten children: John Christian, (June 30, 1762-July 8, 1823), was married to Anna Mary Fritchey, and died at Danville, Pa., leaving twelve children; Anna Maria, born October 21, 1764, was married to John Jacoby and had seven children; John (Dec. 23, 1766-cir. 1830), removed to Fishing creek, Columbia county; John Conrad, (March 3, 1768), was the father of three children: Catherine; Pamela, and Mary; Anna Margareth (Jan. 19, 1770-March 29, 1856), was married to Dr. Peter Saylor, and had seven children; Catharine (Feb. 26, 1772-May 22, 1837), was married to Daniel Weidknecht; John George (March 3, 1774-Jan. 3, 1863), was married to Elizabeth Riehl, and had nine children; Walburg (February 1776) and Elisabeth (April 10, 1779), both died in infancy.

2. Johanna Elisabeth (May 15, 1731-July 22, 1814), was married to John Adam Kochert; they resided in Lower Saucon township, and lie buried at Lower Saucon church. No issue.

3. Peter (1734-1818), was a blacksmith by trade. He was married to Catharine Knepley. About 1750 he removed to Allen township near Kreidersville, where he conducted a farm and smithy. His family consisted of two sons and three daughters. Adam, and Peter, who married a Miss Stedler, and removed to Columbia county. Adam (Jan. 20, 1763-Feb. 28, 1847) obtained the old homestead where he resided until his death. In addition to farming he conducted a blacksmith shop. To him and his wife, Margaret Newhart, were born the following children:

Peter and Joseph, see below.

Susanna, born April, 1789, died August, 1826. Elizabeth, born March, 1793, died —.

Polly (Magdalena), born March 12, 1795; died May 6, 1854. Aged 59 years, 1 month, 24 days. Married Lorenz Schadt, born Dec. 10, 1790; died October 4, 1855, and had twelve children, and is buried at the Egypt church, Lehigh county, Pa.



Adam, born March 19, 1797; died October 12, 1852, aged 55 years, 6 months, and 28 days. Married, first, to Susanna Snyder (Aug. 28, 1807-Jan. 19, 1838), on April 8, 1827, and lived with her eight years and nine months. Married Abigail Oplinger, lived with her fifteen years and is buried at Stone Church, Allen township.

Catharine, born March, 1799, died April, 1844.

Rebecca, born April, 1801, died September, 1828.

Lydia, born July, 1803; died —.

John, born Aug. 29, 1805; died March 9, 1882, aged 76 years, 6 months, 10 days. Married Catharine Lerch (Feb. 14, 1808; died Dec. 22, 1883). Buried at Howertown.

William, born Jan. 28, 1808; died Oct. 25, 1859; aged 51 years, 8 months, 29 days, married Sarah Siegfried (Dec. 17, 1808-June 23, 1858). Had 12 children, and is buried at Stone Church.

4. Christian Conrad (1737-Nov. 24, 1813), was married to Catharine Houck, of Lower Saucon cir 1772, he removed to Allen township, near his brother, Peter. Issue: Simon, Christian, Conrad, Adam, Catharine, Pamela, Mary, Lillie, Susanna, and Sally.

5. Frederick Laubach May 16, 1744-April 7, 1797), was married to Catharine Bitting, a daughter of Henry Bitting, of Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. She was a granddaughter of Henry Bitting, of Freinsheim, in the Palatinate. Before setting out for the new world he received a certificate from the church and civil authorities. It is dated April 24, 1723. The church-book in his native parish, contains the entries of the following children: Martin; Anna Sophia (Nov. 22, 1699); John Ludwig (1702); Anna Katharine (March 9, 1704); Henrich (Dec. 20, 1705); Anna Dorothea Elisabeth (March 7, 1708); Johan Peter (Oct. 5, 1710); Justus (July 2, 1713) and Johanne Juliane (April 3, 1715). Henry was married to Katharine Riess, Nov. 14, 1774, and died December 3, 1747, leaving two daughters: Catharine, married to Frederick Laubach, and Magdalena, married to Adam Englebard, the widow of the latter married Jacob Schaeffer.

Mr. Laubach resided on the old homestead, and operated both the mills and the farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Laubach lie buried in the Lower Saucon cemetery. Five of their children reached majority: Rudolph (April 13, 1773-Nov. 9, 1853) married Maria Huber; Adam, mentioned later; Margaret (March 14, 1778-Sept. 1, 186), married to Michael Lutz; Frederick (Aug. 17, 1864-May 17, 1851), married to Catharine Jacoby; Susan E. (May 22, 1786-Oct. 8, 1868) married Jonas Ruch.

6. Rheinart (1748-1785), was married to Margarethe Beidleman. He conducted a farm about two miles southeast of Freemansburg. They had issue: John (June 30, 1768-May 9, 1840), married to Catharine Lerch; Susan; John George (1770-1851), married to Maria Bahl; Leonard (April 10, 1776-Nov. 1, 1855); married to Mary Thomas; Elisabeth; Sarah, married to Daniel Weidknecht.

Adam Laubach (June 11, 1775-Nov. 2, 1811) son of Frederick and Catharine Bitting Laubach, was married to Catharine Odenweller, Oct. 27, 1783-April 21, 1867), a daughter of John Elizabeth Odenweller, of Forks township. They resided in Lower Saucon township, and had the following children: John; Jacob (March 12, 1806, died Aug. 31, 1807); Elizabeth (April 24, 1808-Feb. 9, 1890; Jesse (July 28, 1810-Dec. 28, 1893), was married to Maria Eliz Walter (Sept. 3, 1813-Aug. 1, 1899), a daughter of George and Sarah Schumacher) Walter, of Forks township. They had issue: Elizabeth, George, Samuel, John, Adam, Amandus, Josiah, Sarah Ann, Marietta, William F., and Lewis Irwin. The widow in 1822, was married to William Miller, with whom she had one son, William.

John Laubach, son of Adam (May 9, 1904-Dec. 16, 1867), was married to Anna Walter (March 28, 1803-Jan. 28, 1884). They resided on a farm in Lower Nazareth township. Both were members of the Dryland congregation, where their remains lie buried. To them were born nine children: Adam, see below; John (May 16, 1830-July 25, 1891), married to Matilda Johnson; Barnett (Aug. 30, 1832), married to Matilda Wagner; William (May 26, 1835-December 5, 1906), married to Sarah S. Knecht; Robert (1837-1842); Diana Elizabeth (Dec. 18, 1839), twice married, first time to Amandus Hellick, and the second time to Amandus Buss; Richard (March 6, 1842) married to Matilda Fenner; Reuben (Sept. 1, 1844-Aug. 28, 1904), married to Sarah A. E. R. Kohler; and Mary Catherine (Nov. 20, 1846,, married to John Henry Rohn.

Adam Laubach (Aug. 27, 1828-May 15, 1896) was married to Marietta Haupt, a daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth (Uhler) Haupt, of Bushkill township. She was born Oct. 15, 1832, and died Oct. 31, 1899. They were farmers and resided in Upper Nazareth township. They were members of the Dryland Reformed congregation, where their remains lie buried. To them were born two sons: John Richard, and Robert Adam.

Robert Adam Laubach, was born July 9, 1859, and is married to Sabilla Catharine Reinheimer, a daughter of John and Eliza (Shively)

Reinheimer, of Palmer township. They reside at 201 South Broad street, Nazareth.

JOHN RICHARD LAUBACH, secretary of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, son of Adam and Marietta Haupt Laubach, was born Nov. 7, 1857, near Georgetown, Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, in the log house still standing and now owned by his brother, Robert Adam. In the spring of 1859 he removed with his parents to the Daniel Farr farm, situated on the Mauch Chunk road, where his grandparents resided. Here he passed his boyhood, and is now the happy possessor of the farm of his childhood days. He attended the eight corner schoolhouse, which was erected in 1827 and torn down in 1877, which stood along the Mauch Chunk and Easton Road, and, also the private (summer) schools at Christian Springs, and Hecktown, and the private school at Bath, taught by Miss Alice Kern, and later the Latin Trach Academy, at Easton. In the fall of 1877 he entered the profession of teaching and taught twenty-two consecutive terms in Lower Nazareth, and neighboring townships and in the schools of the borough of Nazareth. He taught his first term in Michael's school-house, Upper Nazareth. During the summer and vacation periods he engaged in painting and paper-hanging. On April 1, 1899 he was appointed assistant postmaster to C. E. Michael. He had charge of the registry and money orders, and clerical department, during his incumbency, owing to the influx of foreigners, the receipts of this department rose to and exceeded \$75,000.00. He planned and mapped out the rural routes, radiating from Nazareth. On April 1, 1907 he left the postoffice and entered upon the duties of the secretaryship of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which position he graces with efficiency and dispatch. During 1910-1911 he was treasurer of the borough of Nazareth. In addition to his many duties, Mr. Laubach has collected a vast amount of local historical and genealogical data, especially on his own family. He is a member of the Northampton Historical and Genealogical Society and of the Moravian Historical Society. Fraternally Mr. Laubach enjoys membership in the Nazareth Council O. U. A. M.; Nazareth Castle No. 396, K. of G. E., and Nazareth Temple No. 10, L. of G. E., the latter of which he has served for a number of years as treasurer.

In 1883 he was married to Ida Camilla Kähler, a daughter of Charles and Julian (Nolf) Kähler, of Nazareth, and the following spring removed to Nazareth in the house where he still resides, 341 South Broad street. This union was blessed with five children, two of whom died in

infancy. Annie Marietta is married to Henry A. Beck, of Nazareth, they have one son, Charles Francis. Florence Julian is married to Raymond G. Adams; they reside at Cherry Hill, Bushkill township, and have one daughter, Helen Eliza. Charles Adams graduated from the Nazareth high school in 1905; Muhlenberg College in 1909, and from the medical department of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. After the death of his wife in 1892 he married Camilla Catharine Herman, a daughter of John Tilghman and Anna Margaret, (Brown) Herman, of Palmer township. Mr. Laubach is a faithful member of the Dryland Reformed congregation and takes a deep interest in her welfare. In politics he is a Progressive. Mr. Laubach is one of those quite reserved and unassuming men, which make up the strong and substantial citizenship of a community and which are the real strength of a nation.

Peter Laubach, son of Adam, grandson of Peter, and great-grandson of Christian, was born in Allen township, Aug. 24, 1788. He resided on a farm near Howertown, and was a man of great activity. In addition to farming, he conducted a blacksmith shop, store, grist-mill and engaged in contracting. He supplied large quantities of material used in the building of the Lehigh canal, including the lumber for the building of Schwartz's dam. In 1822 he and his brother, Joseph, purchased the Kearn's mill, now the Mauser mill, at Northampton, which they operated jointly for many years. Peter Laubach is still remembered in his community for his firmness and kindness. He was a faithful member of the Howertown Reformed congregation, where his ashes and those of his good wife rest. It was at his house, April 30, 1833, that about sixteen of his neighbors gathered and that it was decided to erect a union church at Howertown. At the time of his death he is said to have been one of the richest men in the county, that his wealth was estimated at a quarter million, something very unusual in those days. It is said that at that time the Laubach's owned forty per cent. of the land in Allen township. He was a faithful member of the Howertown Reformed congregation and contributed liberally to its support. He died Sept. 7, 1857, and his wife, Elisabeth Neligh, who was born December 30, 1789, died April 2, 1871.

To him and his good wife were born the following children: Joseph, born April 30, 1810. He was married to Phœbe Hess. He lived at Catasauqua, where he conducted a store and coal yard at Biery's Ford and was postmaster for many years. He had issue: William, Frank, and John.



2. John (June 13, 1812-Feb. 15, 1879), was married to Esther Biery (April 19, 1813-Feb. 18, 1873). They lived on a farm near Hometown and their remains lie buried at Howertown. They had three children: Stephen; Mrs. Alfred Kohler, residing in Kansas, and one son, who died during the Civil War.

3. Peter, born November 14, 1817. He obtained the old homestead. He removed to Maryland from whence he returned later, and died soon thereafter. He was the father of the following children: Dr. Amandus J., who died at Fort Wayne, Ind., and was twice married. The first time to a daughter of the late Hon. McHose, and the second time to a daughter of Robert E. Wright, Sr. Dr. George, who removed West and died; Thomas, a merchant in Rochester, N. Y.; Malinda, married to George Baer, of Howertown; Peter, who died single, and Mary (Mrs. William Landis), Bath, Pa.

4. Samuel, see below.

5. Reuben, was born Oct. 1, 1823, and died single, July 13, 1843. 6. Anna M., was born Nov. 28, 1825, and died, unmarried, July 2, 1848. 7. Adam, see below. 8. Thomas, born Dec. 13, 1830, was married to Amanda, a daughter of David Bleim, 1856. He pursued farming in Whitehall township, and later in Allen township, until 1886, when he removed to Bethlehem, where he died recently. They had issue: Clinton D.; James F.; Jane L.; Mrs. A. P. Spengler, and Mary L., Mrs. H. O. Smith. 10. Levina (Dec. 13, 1832-March 1, 1838). 11. Eliza, married to Aaron Bachman, of Lower Saucon; 12. Sarah, married to Samuel Hess; 13. Magdalena, married to Edward Schreiber. (See Schreiber family.)

Hon. Joseph Laubach, son of Adam, was born April 30, 1810. He attended the local schools and spent one year at the Easton academy. In 1830 he entered into the employment of J. and M. Butz, millers and merchants at Easton. In 1839 he removed to Laubach's, now Northampton, where he conducted a general store, coal, and lumber yard, and grist-mill in partnership with his elder brother, Peter. He continued in business here for a period of thirty-one years, during which time he was postmaster, and for eleven years captain of the local militia. In 1840 he was elected county auditor and re-elected twice. During the years of 1848-1849 he served as state representative, and in 1855 was elected state senator; in both capacities he served with honor and distinction. Known particularly for his honesty and integrity. In 1861 he was elected associate judge of Northampton county and twice re-elected. He was president of the Northampton Savings Bank, until it was changed to

a national bank, serving also in the latter institution in the same capacity for a period of one year, also the president of the Lehigh Valley Iron Works at Coplay, and for many years president of the board of trustees of the Allentown College for Women. In 1870 he removed to Bethlehem, where he was actively engaged in various pursuits until the time of his death, November, 1884. His remains lie buried at Howertown. To him and his wife, Eliza Schwartz, were born two daughters: Mrs. Dr. Hornbeck, and Mrs. Edward Klotz, son of Congressman Klotz, and a son, James, who died in his fifteenth year. It is recorded of him "that he was quiet and unassuming in his manners, and owed his place in the confidence and affection of the people, only to his strict integrity, his benevolence, his unvarying kindness, and courtesy, his sound judgment, keen perception and intuitive knowledge of right; that he was a consistent and devout member of the Reformed Church and contributed liberally to her charities."

ADAM LAUBACH, son of Peter and Elisabeth (Neligh) Laubach, was born Nov. 9, 1827, in Allen township. In his youth he attended the public schools and as a young man he entered the office of his father's mill. In 1858 he established a general store, coal yard, lumber yard, and sand depot at Siegfrieds. Through his honesty and integrity he established a large business and amassed quite a fortune. He was postmaster of Siegfrieds for upwards of forty years, and served as school director for a period of fifteen years. He was a faithful member of the Howertown Reformed congregation, and for many years the treasurer of the union congregation. It is recorded of him that he was "kind-hearted, philanthropic, and public-spirited." He died from the injuries received in a runaway at Siegfried's Station, June 26, 1905. He was married to Caroline Laury, a daughter of Hon. David Laury. (See Laury family.) To them were born the following children: Alfred P., cashier of the Cement National Bank; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. George P. Stem. She is prominent in D. A. R. circles, and the mother of two children: Laury and Caroline; Samuel, deceased; Miss Minnie, at home, a lady of culture and refinement; and Mrs. George H. Kleppinger.

Samuel Laubach, son of Peter and Elisabeth (Neligh) Laubach, was born in Allen township, Jan. 10, 1821. He received his early training in the public schools and as a young man was a clerk for his father in the mill. Upon his father's death he accepted the mill as a part of his inheritance and in partnership with his uncle, Hon. Joseph, continued until the time of his death, Feb. 18, 1863. At the time of his death, though



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P. J. Lambach



a comparative young man, was the most prominent man in the western part of Northampton county, and was given the complimentary nomination of the Republican party for the state senate. He was one of the founders and first directors of the Catasauqua National Bank. He served as deacon and elder in the Howertown Reformed congregation, where his remains lie buried. He was married to Lucy Hess, a daughter of David Hess (Oct. 18, 1784-March 22, 1832), of Allen township, whose remains lie buried at Stone Church. To him and his wife, were born the following children: Allen D., who is in the employ of the Atlas Portland Cement company, and is married to Mary Gibson, and resides at Allentown. They have no issue, but an adopted daughter, Alice, the wife of Lewis Newland; Edward, deceased; Honorable Edward H.; Peter J.; Amanda E., married to Rev. John F. DeLong, D.D. (see DeLong family), and Samuel F.

HON. EDWARD H. LAUBACH was born Sept. 1, 1852 at Laubach's, now Northampton, and was baptized in infancy by the Rev. Cyrus Becker, and was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church. He received his early training in the public schools, the Allentown Military Academy, Cooperstown Seminary, and Franklin and Marshall College. After spending one and a half years at the latter institution, he returned home to manage his father's estate, which consisted of grist-mill, general store, coal, and lumber yard, post office and considerable real estate. Though young in years he was very successful in its management and was assisted by his brother, Peter J. He taught public school for a short time, was station agent at Laubach's, later changed to Stemton, and now Northampton, superintendent of the Dry Run Sunday school, which for a time met in the depot. At the age of 22, he was elected school director. This was the only public office he served until in 1890 when he was elected state senator, he was re-elected in 1894, and served until the close of the session of 1897, when, his seat having been contested, he was removed. Soon after reaching majority he was elected county committeeman of the Democratic party, which position he occupied for many years. He was frequently chosen delegate to county and state conventions and for four terms served as county chairman. His long service in politics, his wide experience, and sound judgment and diplomacy, made him an almost ideal legislator. After his senatorial career he devoted himself entirely to business being associated with his brothers in the Laubach Co., of which he is the secretary.

In 1876 he was married to Elisabeth Stewart,

a daughter of James Stewart, of Catasauqua. She died Feb. 7, 1885. This union was blessed with three children: Samuel T., a graduate of Lehigh University, and is employed as a mechanical engineer, at Johnstown, Pa. He is married to a Mayme Wolf, of Lewisburg. They have one son, Edward. Mabel, a graduate of the Allentown College for Women, is married to Edward C. Nagel, a member of the Northampton county bar, and is the mother of three children: Elisabeth, Louise, and James. James Howard, a graduate of the Lehigh University and West Point Military Academy is a lieutenant in the United States army, and is stationed at Galveston, Texas. He is married to Edith Percell, and has one son.

PETER J. LAUBACH was born Jan. 20, 1858, was baptized by Rev. Becker, and confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church. He was educated in the public schools, Weaversville Academy, Franklin and Marshall Academy and College. During his sophomore year he returned to assist in the management of his father's estate. He and his brother, Edward H., bought the interests of the other heirs and continued to conduct the varied interest of their father under the name of the Samuel Laubach estate. In 1906 they sold the coal-yard to their brother, Samuel. In 1911 they changed the firm name to the Laubach Company of which Peter J. is the president and Edward H. is the secretary. In 1898 the Northampton Brewing Company, having failed, they, as their creditors, were compelled to take over their establishment and have conducted it ever since. Mr. Laubach is a director of the Lehigh National Bank of Catasauqua, vice-president of the Allen Trust Company, of Northampton, and a member of the board of directors of the Allentown hospital. In politics he is a Democrat and stands high in council of the party. Though a man of wide and varied interest he takes special pleasure in the management of his splendid farm in Allen township. In 1889 he was married to Mary C. Deily, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Deily, of Catasauqua. They reside in their beautiful home in Catasauqua and are happy in their large circle of friends. Mr. Laubach is a member of Trinity Reformed congregation, of Coplay, in which he has served in the capacity of deacon and Sunday school superintendent. Mrs. Laubach is a member of the Lutheran Church of Catasauqua. In both of these congregations they contribute liberally to their support as well as to their respective charities.

SAMUEL LAUBACH was born at Northampton, Aug. 25, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of Allen township and the Allentown

preparatory school. After which he entered upon a clerkship with the Laubach estate, for two years he was freight clerk in the Northampton railway station. In 1906 he leased the coal-yard from the estate and in 1909 purchased it from the estate together with the farm and a number of dwellings. He is also a member of the Laubach company. On June, 1891, he was married to Mary Warne, a daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Fritch) Warne, of Coplay. This union was blessed with two children: Robert W., a graduate of the Nazareth Military Academy, Mercersburg, and now a student in Lafayette college; and Anna, a student in the Northampton high school. Mrs. Laubach died January 29, 1898, and was buried on the family plot on the Howertown cemetery. He was married a second time to Annie P. S., a daughter of Elias and Louisa (Peter) Sieger, of Coplay. (See Sieger family.) They reside in their beautiful home on Newport avenue, near his place of business. Mr. Laubach is a member of Howertown Reformed congregation, and Mrs. Laubach, of the Coplay Lutheran congregation.

#### LAUDENSLAGER FAMILY.

George Laudenslager emigrated from Germany about the year 1776, and settled in Macungie township, where he followed the trade of weaving. He married Catharine Agel, and had four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons were: Henry and Joseph, Henry was born Oct. 28, 1790, in Lehigh county, his life having been chiefly spent in Macungie township and Allentown, to which city he moved in 1831. Here his death occurred in 1871. He married Lydia Haman and had these children: Nathan, Catharine, Susan, Sally, Henry, Charles and Elizabeth.

Nathan Laudenslager was born July 5, 1814, in Macungie township. After he was fifteen he removed to Bethlehem and learned the tinsmith trade which he continued in Allentown until 1838, when he sold his business and purchased a half-interest in the Allentown Gas-Light Company. Under his management the works were enlarged and the property greatly improved. In 1871 the interests he purchased were sold for ten times its original cost, and Mr. Laudenslager retired from active business, though still identified with the Catasauqua National Bank. He married in 1834, Rebecca Horn, and had children: George H.; William A.; Charles L.; Mary; Eliza, married to George Seislove; and Sally, married to C. H. Edwards.

Joseph Laudenslager, son of George, was a mechanic and laborer in South Whitehall township. He was born before the close of the eight-

eenth century and died about 1867. He married Elizabeth Herman and they are buried at Fogelsville. Their children were: (1) Elizabeth, married to Jacob Behringer. They live in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. (2) Willoughby, who was a laborer and for more than twenty years was hostler at the Meyersville hotel. He was a member of the Jordan Reformed church and is buried there. He married Jane, a daughter of Charles Miller, of Bath, Pa. They had these children: 1. Susan married to Alfred Weidner. They live at Kutztown; 2. Charles J.; 3. Peter a carpenter-contractor, near Allentown.

CHARLES J. LAUDENSLAGER, the plumbing and heating contractor at Guthsville (Stettlersville P. O.), was born Aug. 6, 1866, in Upper Macungie township, son of Willoughby Laudenslager. He was reared upon the farm and at the age of 22 years learned the plumbing trade at Allentown, which he has pursued ever since. He was a journeyman until 1899, when he engaged in the present business at Guthsville. He employs three people and installed steam-heat in five houses at Siegfried and Northampton, also installed the steam-heating system for the Phoenix Fire Company house at Catasauqua; the Jordan Reformed church; the Longswamp Union church; the Ziegel Church; the hotel at Guthsville and in many other buildings.

He owns and occupies the homestead of the late Dr. George P. Seipel at Guthsville since 1894. He was a deacon of the Jordan Reformed church; is a charter member of Camp No. 172, P. O. S. of A., of Topton, Pa., and a Democrat in politics.

He married Sept. 30, 1892, Viola, a daughter of Phaon and Caroline (Guth) Guth and their children are: Stanley, a plumber who assists his father; Raymond, who graduated from the American Commercial School in 1913; Martin, a cabinet maker; Charles; Harvey; Robert; Edna and Bessie.

HOWARD J. LAUDENSLAGER, son of Milton and Susanna (Spinner) Laudenslager, was born in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, May 8, 1866. After his course in the public schools, he worked a couple of years on the farm. At the age of eighteen, he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for 19 years in the vicinity of Allentown and Bethlehem. In 1912 he entered the milk business and still later started the Allentown Construction Company. In politics he is Republican, fraternally is a member of K. of F., and I. O. A., as well as of Zion's Reformed church. He was married Dec. 29, 1887, to Ida S., daughter of Jacob and Mary Etta (Dech) Oberly, the issue being an only



daughter, Laura, who is married to Harvey A. Zinszer, a wireless operator for the Marconi Company. Mr. Laudenslager resides at 920 S. Sixth Street, Allentown, Pa.

Howard J. Laudenslager, on the maternal side, is descended from the Spinner family.

Jacob Spinner, according to tradition, had been following the vocation of shad-fishing and came to this region from Philadelphia and settled in Salisbury township, where he owned about 600 acres of land. He served as a soldier in the Revolution; first as a private, later as captain. His name appears amongst those receiving depreciation-pay. He was born March 3, 1740, and on Nov. 9, 1759, he was married to Maria Catherine Stoudt, their children being: (1) Jacob, m. to Miss Worman; (2) Abraham; (3) David, m. to Salome Brong; (4) John; (6) and two daughters; one married to a Mr. Hemsing, of Easton and the other married to a Mr. Seip, of Easton.

John Spinner, son of Jacob, was born in Salisbury township, February, 1797, and died in April, 1869. At first he followed the trade of cooper, later he engaged in farming in Salisbury township. He had been a member of Zion's Reformed church, Allentown, which he served in various capacities. He was married to Susanna Waltman, the issue being: (1) Reuben and (2) Letitia, m. to Solomon Diehl, of Salisbury township.

Reuben Spinner, son of John, was born in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, June 5, 1818 and died March 24, 1886. He followed the vocation of farming all his life. In politics, he was a Democrat, serving as supervisor for many years. He also was a member of Zion's Reformed church. He had been married to Catherine, daughter of John and Barbara (Siegfried) Diehl, their issue being: Edwin, m. to Hannah Haines, of Salisbury township, and Susanna.

Susanna Spinner, daughter of Reuben, was born in Salisbury township, May 15, 1843. On Oct. 5, 1865 she was married to Milton Laudenslager, son of John and Mary (Ritter) Laudenslager. Mr. Laudenslager served in the Civil War as a private in Co. D, 41st Regt. Penna. Militia, under Col. Wilcox, in 1864. He afterwards was a farmer, residing on the old Spinner Homestead in Salisbury township. The children born to them were: Howard J.; Mary, C., m. to Homer Kemmerer, deceased, of Salisbury township; Ida, m. to Irwin Knecht, of the same place; John, deceased, m. to Daisy Conrad.

#### LAURY FAMILY.

Michael Laury, in direct line, a descendant from the House of Maxwellton, County Dum-

fries, town of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, was the great-grandfather of Judge David Laury, of Laury's Station, Pa.

The town where he was born in 1717, is on the River Nith. He fled into Germany and in Wurtemberg, Germany, married Miss Barbara Gottshalk, who came with her husband to America as his bride, landing in the City of Philadelphia, in 1756. On Nov. 22, 1756, was born their first child, a son. He was christened Godfrey Laury. They left Philadelphia very soon and located on Fells creek, Northampton county, Pa. Godfrey Laury was a blacksmith and married Susanna Rockel. They were the parents of several children. John Laury, a brother, was the second son of Michael Laury, and was born in Philadelphia. Godfrey Laury had a son, who was named John in honor of his brother John.

When the call came in 1775, Michael Laury entered the Revolutionary War. His two sons, Godfrey Laury and John Laury, also joined the Continental Army. Michael Laury was then 60 years of age, and gave his reasons for enlisting in the continental army, homesickness for his two sons. The three Laury's—father and two sons—became valorous in the Battle of Monmouth, N. J., where Michael Laury was killed in this battle in 1777. He lies buried in the cemetery at Mt. Bethel, N. J., now known as Warrensville, in Somerset county, N. J. Mrs. Adam Laubach, of Siegfried, Pa., a daughter of Judge David Laury, of Laury's Station, and a great-great-granddaughter of Michael Laury, erected a Daughter of the Revolution marker on the grave of his son, Godfrey, who died on June 27, 1824. He is said to have been a very fleshy man. In a walk of several miles on a hot day he overheated himself and upon reaching the Unionville church was overcome and soon died. John Laury, his son, and a brother, were also on their way to church and when they arrived at Unionville, Godfrey Laury had expired. His corpse was taken to his farm at Schnecksville, Lehigh county, Pa., and a few days later buried on Unionville cemetery.

John Laury, son of Godfrey, was born in Weisenburg, Lehigh township, Pa., and married Magdalene Kuhns. They moved to Northampton county, near Catasauqua, but soon removed to Lehigh county. The issue of this marriage were: Mrs. Stephen Saeger; Mrs. Dr. Wm. Kohler; Miss Sarah Laury; Peter Laury; James Laury; John Laury; Mrs. Heydt, of Ashley, Pa.; Godfrey Laury, of Kansas; and Mrs. Klotz, of Weissport, Pa. John Laury died and was buried at Unionville close to his father's grave.

Judge David Laury was born June 1, 1805, in North Whitehall township. As a boy he at-



tended a German school for a few terms, and learned to read and write that language. He was brought up as a farmer and blacksmith, and in August, 1827, he married Miss Maria Kline, of Lowhill, with whom he lived happily for over fifty years, and who died March, 12, 1878. Ten children were born to them, viz: Mary, wife of Thomas Newhard; Henry Kline Laury; Caroline, wife of Adam Laubach; Lewis K. Laury; Maria, who married Dr. Stephen Ruch, of Elmira, N. Y.; Josephine, wife of George F. Kimball; Miss Leah Laury; Rebecca, Mrs. Joseph Bibighaus; David K. Laury, Jr.; and Alexander C. P. Laury.

In 1832 Judge Laury located in the town which was named Laury's Station in honor of him, and built the large grist-mill, the fine summer resort and the hotel, besides owning much valuable real estate, and Laury's Island, in the Lehigh river, renowned as a popular picnic resort. In early life he took an active interest in politics, and in 1838, with seven other gentlemen from this county, attended a convention at Harrisburg, called to re-organize the Democratic party. The body was known as the young men's convention, and a result of their work was the election of David R. Porter as governor of this state. His first commission was as captain of a company, which had served in the War of 1812. This commission was issued by Joseph Ritner, the anti-Mason governor. In 1846 he was nominated for the legislature for the district then composed of Carbon and Lehigh counties, but was defeated. In 1850 he was again nominated and elected, and served four years. In 1856 he was a presidential elector, and voted for James Buchanan. In 1863 he was appointed postmaster at Laury's Station, and held the office up to the time of his death. In 1865 he was elected justice of the peace for North Whitehall, and in 1867 was appointed revenue collector for Lehigh and Northampton counties. He was elected associate judge of Lehigh county, in 1868, and served with distinction and honor.

At the time of the opening of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, in 1855, Judge Laury was appointed station agent at Laury's and held that position until his death. He was an early advocate of the building of the road and helped to collect money to pay for the first survey of the Lehigh Valley Road. The ground occupied by the Laury depot was donated to the Lehigh Valley Company by himself and wife. Judge Laury was a Democrat all his life, and his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. In 1854 he was commissioned major-general of the seventh division, Pennsylvania militia, comprising Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties, which

office he held for over three years. In church and Sunday school work he was active, and it was one of his proudest boasts that he organized the first Sunday school in the county, outside of the city of Allentown. He was one of the pillars of St. John's Lutheran church, at Laury's, and was one of the committee that built the edifice. He was kind and charitable, and no one stood higher in the esteem of his fellow-men than he.

#### LAYTON FAMILY.

Israel Layton, an Englishman, was born July 5, 1798. He came to America when a young man, locating at Flourtown, Montgomery county, Pa., and there he was married. He was a fence-maker. In later life he settled in Lehigh county, first living at Emaus, later at Ruppsville, and in 1880 came to Allentown where he died on March 23, 1881, and is buried on the Union cemetery.

He was a Methodist, but later united with the Evangelical church, was a devout church-member unto the end of his life.

He was married to Ann Lippincott, who was born April 5, 1799, and died on Sept. 8, 1870. Their children were: Joseph, John, William, Charles, James, Mary, married to Archibald Rex and Sarah, married to Jacob Kuhnsman.

Joseph Layton, son of Israel, was born Oct. 21, 1820, in Lehigh county. He was a shoemaker and followed it at Ruppsville, in Upper Macungie township, upwards of twenty years. In 1880 he moved to Allentown, where he followed his trade until several years before his death, which occurred on Sept. 14, 1907. He is buried on the family plot on West End cemetery, Allentown. He and family were active members of Bethany United Evangelical church. In politics he was a Democrat and was elected supervisor and tax collector of Upper Macungie township, serving both offices for some years.

He was married to Elvina Schankweiler, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Falk) Schankweiler. She was born Aug. 20, 1824, died June 26, 1891. Unto them were born these children:

Mary A., married B. L. Gaumer.  
 Samuel, died in infancy.  
 James, a shoemaker of Allentown.  
 William, died in infancy.  
 George, died in infancy.  
 Ellen married { Charles D. Baldy.  
                       { Uriah Henry.  
 Clemens M., of Newside, Pa.  
 Oscar B., of Allentown.  
 Ida, married W. F. Fink.  
 Rev. John T., whose history follows.  
 Emma A., married Robert Draher.  
 Victor A., of Allentown.



## REV. J. T. LAYTON.

REV. J. T. LAYTON, pastor of Emerald Mission, was appointed by the Annual Conference in 1912, which met in the Seibert United Evangelical church of Allentown. He was born at Ruppsville, Lehigh county, September 28, 1861. He attended the common schools and during the summer months worked upon the farm, until 1880, when he came to Allentown and for sixteen years drove a bread wagon in Allentown and the surrounding country.

In 1880 he was soundly converted and in 1894 he united with Seibert United Evangelical church, Allentown; was class leader for 22 years, and active in church and Sunday school work. At the Annual Conference, which convened at Bangor, Pa., in 1902, upon the recommendation of his class of Seibert United Evangelical Church at Allentown, Rev. Layton was licensed to preach. He has served Berrysburg Mission, in Dauphin county, from 1905-1908; Oley Mission, from 1908-1912. Rev. Layton is devoted to his calling and his labors are successful. He was married in 1883 to Emma J., daughter of the later Charles and Eliza (Mill) Issermoyer. They have two children: Lottie L. (married to G. H. Seidel, of Allentown), and Claude F., married on Nov. 1, 1913 to Annie Scherer.

## LAZARUS FAMILY.

The progenitor of the Lazarus family originally settled in Northampton county, near Shoenersville. Near this place, on the Lazarus homestead, Daniel Lazarus was born April 10, 1768, and died on Nov. 5, 1857. He followed farming all his life, having been the owner of the old homestead; one farm of 130 acres, and another farm of 85 acres. On the latter farm he erected the original set of buildings. He was a Lutheran member of the Shoenersville church, which he served faithfully as an officer. He was married to Elizabeth Paul, born April 18, 1776; died Feb. 14, 1833. They had children, as follows: Peter, settled in Michigan; George, mentioned later; David, settled in Ohio; Jacob, buried in Allentown; Elizabeth, married to Elias Hauseknecht; Christiana, married Mr. Schmoyer; Daniel, Jr.; buried in Kansas, where he had lived; Maria, married to William Herbst; Joseph, and Thomas, mentioned later.

George Lazarus, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Paul) Lazarus, was born November 1, 1799, died June 3, 1883; he was a farmer by occupation, having been the owner of a part of the old homestead, comprising 130 acres. His barn was destroyed by lightning in 1837. In the same year he built a new barn. In politics

he was a Republican, and held the office of school director, and assessor of Hanover township. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Shoenersville church, which he served as deacon, elder, and trustee. He was married to Elizabeth Miller, a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Schreiber) Miller. She was born October 30, 1803, and died March 3, 1845. They had the following children: Henry D.; Reuben D.; Rev. George M.; William; and Elizabeth, wife of Reuben Lerch.

HENRY D. LAZARUS, a son of George and Elizabeth (Miller) Lazarus, was born Oct. 18, 1835. He received his education in the common schools and Bath Academy. For 25 years he farmed his father's farm, near Mechanicsville. In politics he is a Democrat. He served as supervisor of the township for ten years, and filled the office of school director for three years. He has for many years been a faithful member of the Lutheran congregation of Mickley's church, having served as deacon for two years; elder, four years; and trustee, fourteen years. He was married to Sarah R. Laubach, daughter of John and Annie (Albright) Laubach. Mrs. Lazarus died June 11, 1886. They had children as follows: Albert T.; Berth E., deceased, married to Franklin Wisser; William C.; Franklin G.; Victor D., all of South Bethlehem; Aquila M., wife of Eugene Bleiler.

Albert T. Lazarus, son of Henry D., and Sarah R. (Laubach) Lazarus, was born in Hanover township, June 9, 1859. He was reared on the farm and has followed farming ever since. In 1882 he was in Seneca county, Ohio, and in 1893 he was in the northwestern part of Minnesota. In 1888 he began farming in Whitehall township. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation of Mickleys church. He has filled the office of deacon four years and elder four years. In 1886 he was married to Sarah L. Roth, daughter of Ezram and Ellen J. (Scheetz) Roth. They have one daughter, Eva A., married to Mr. Semmel.

Rev. George M. Lazarus was born in Shoenersville, May 26, 1839. He was married to Amanda C. Dech. They were the parents of five children: Rev. Jacob W.; Newton C.; Elizabeth A.; George F.; and Rev. Luther D.

William Lazarus was born Oct. 23, 1841. He was married to Amanda Schuyler, a daughter of George and Susannah (Herman) Schuyler. They were the parents of the following children: Harrison G.; Calvin H.; Howard H.; Morris J.; Elmer E.; Amanda C., deceased; William D., deceased; Ella G., deceased; and Emma J., deceased.

Thomas Lazarus, son of Daniel and Eliza-



beth (Paul) Lazarus, was born Dec. 4, 1809, died Sept. 24, 1871. He was the owner of a part of the original Lazarus homestead, the part upon which his father erected the new buildings. On this tract he lived and died. He was married to Anna Maria Balliet, a daughter of John Balliet. She was born June 13, 1813, died Jan. 13, 1887. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, married to Tilghman Stuber; Elizabeth, married to William Lilly; Carolina, married to Aaron Diefenderfer; Matilda, married to Joshua Colver; Jonas E., born Aug. 18, 1841; in 1876 he moved to Ross township, Monroe county, where he has a farm of 171 acres. He was married to Charlotte Diefenderfer. Issue: Anna M., wife of S. L. Van Buskirk; Sarah J., wife of Peter Drumheller; Lovine, married to Aaron Dech; James; and Tilghman, of Hanover township, and Richard F.

RICHARD F. LAZARUS, farmer, of Whitehall township, was born Nov. 27, 1848. He was reared on his father's farm near Shoenersville and began to farm for himself in 1873. In 1875 he purchased a farm of forty-eight acres in Whitehall township, upon which he moved the following year and where he has resided ever since. The tract was formerly owned by Edward Grammes and Eli Sterner and was known as the George homestead. The tract contains valuable deposits of limestone which have been used by the American and Lehigh Portland Cement Companies. He is also the owner of a large farm at Howertown, and in 1912 he purchased a tract of land near Shoenersville, upon which he has erected a stone crusher, which he himself operates, furnishing a large amount of crushed stone for the Catasauqua and Bath Railroad. Mr. Lazarus takes a very active interest in church affairs, being a member of the Reformed congregation of Mickley's church, in which he has served as a deacon and elder for a number of years. He was a member of the building committee when the new annex was erected. He has a number of times represented his congregation at classis and synod.

In 1872 he was married to Ellen Hower, a daughter of Aaron and Susanna (Stofflet) Hower. To them the following children have been born: Annie M., married to Harry Mill; Sarah, married to John Grim; George D.; Aaron F.; Martha; and Ellen.

AARON F. LAZARUS, son of Richard F., was born in Whitehall township, Dec. 28, 1884. He received his education in the Whitehall township school, Muhlenberg Academy, Franklin and Marshall Academy, and graduated in the commercial department of the Eastman National Business College, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

When the Coplay National Bank was started he was elected bookkeeper, which position he has held ever since. In 1911 he was married to Lula M. Troxell, a daughter of Lewis P. and Sarah E. (Stevens) Troxell.

Jeremiah C. Lazarus was born in Catasauqua and was educated in the local schools. He learned the machinist trade and for thirty years he has been foreman of the Hazleton Iron Works. He is married to Sarah Tait with whom he had the following children: Charles T., Samuel M.; Howard R.; Edwin L.; Harry; Sarah D., married to B. Mackman; Lydia M., married to Edgar Shick; Martha C.; and Joseph J. Mr. Lazarus is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he filled the office of deacon and elder, and Sunday school superintendent.

SAMUEL M. LAZARUS, son of Jeremiah C., was born in Catasauqua, Oct. 11, 1876. He was educated in the public schools of Hazleton. He learned the machinist trade and followed it until 1903, when he became the foreman in the quarry of O. E. Leh. Later he became the partner of Mr. Leh in quarrying stone for the American Cement Co. In 1902 he was married to Minnie J., a daughter of O. E. and Rosena (Troxell) Leh. They have one child, Dorothy L.

Mr. Lazarus is a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he believes in the principals of the Republican party. Socially he is connected with the following organizations: Red Men, No. 97, of Egypt; F. O. E., No. 110, of Allentown; Elks, No. 130, of Allentown; Catasauqua Club; Clover Club, of Allentown; McKinley Club, of West Bethlehem; and Washington Club, of Egypt.

#### LEH FAMILY.

John Philip Leh, the pioneer of this family, came to America, landing at Philadelphia, September 14, 1749.

Henry Leh was a native of Moore township, Northampton county, where he owned two farms. In 1825 he moved to Whitehall township, Lehigh county, where he carried on the trade of basket-making. He died in 1841 advanced in years and is buried in the old graveyard of the Egypt church. He was married to Susan Stump, a native of Upper Saucon township. She died in 1848 and is buried at Unionville. They had children as follows: John Henry; Samuel, a weaver and farmer in North Whitehall township; Daniel, born July 27, 1814; Joseph of North Whitehall; Reuben, born May 5, 1818, a merchant at Catasauqua; Susan (Mrs. Daniel Wright), and Maria.

John Henry Leh was born in Northampton



county, September 30, 1793, and died in North Whitehall township, July 9, 1845. He was married to Catharine Roth, born August 30, 1800, and died August 14, 1874. They are both buried at the Egypt church, where they were members of the Reformed congregation. They were the parents of twelve children of whom two died in infancy, as follows: Stephen; Charles; Polly (Mrs. Henry Donneberger); Horace, lived in North Whitehall; Henry W.; Eli, died aged 4 years; Daniel, lived in North Whitehall; Lewis J. P., lived in North Whitehall, was a soldier in the Civil War; Catharine (Mrs. Eli Wieder), and Caroline (Mrs. Adam Baer).

Henry W. Leh, of Allentown, was born in North Whitehall township, January 16, 1832. He worked in the ore mines of Iron-ton, where he and his brother Daniel and cousins William and Samuel Leh contracted digging ore for five years. Later he and his brother Daniel lumbered a 40-acre tract. He conducted a 42-acre farm for a number of years in North Whitehall township. In 1906 he moved to 407 North Fifth street, Allentown, where he lives retired. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Evangelical Church in which he has been an exhorter and class leader for a number of years. On August 10, 1856, he was married to Caroline Hollenbach, born October 3 1837, died July 7, 1891. To them the following children were born: Pauline, died in infancy; Elemina, died aged 14 years; Os-ville P.; Mary C. (Mrs. Wellington Neff); Albert J., born April 4, 1863; Charles D., born May 23, 1864; Henry B., born February 17, 1867; Clara J., born July 11, 1868; Edgar J., born July 25, 1872; Preston A., born October 15, 1875, and Franklin G., born March 5, 1878. He was married a second time to Lattimer, daughter of Nathan George. She died December 10, 1905. He was married the third time to Mary Roth, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (De Long) Roth. She was the widow of Thomas Frantz.

OSVILLE P. LEH, son of Henry W., was born in North Whitehall township, October 3, 1859. He received his education in the public schools and the Keystone Normal School. He began to teach at Iron-ton in North Whitehall township, where he taught for two years. For thirty years he has taught in Whitehall township, 26 years of which he has taught in Kleckner's school. In 1892 he was granted a professional certificate and two years later a permanent certificate. He owns the Nathan Peter homestead, which contains 28 acres. In politics he is a Democrat and has filled the office of assessor and registration assessor. He is a member of the Reformed con-

gregation of Egypt church, which he has served as trustee and elder. He holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. and the Whitehall Beneficial Society, in which organization he filled the office of president and financial secretary. In 1883 he was married to Polly A. Newhard, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Scheirer) Newhard. To them the following children have been born: Ralph R., of Washington, La.; Sarah C., stenographer with the Allen Motor Co.; Leonard L., a graduate of the Whitehall township high school 1905, of the Allentown Academy 1907, of Franklin and Marshall College in 1911 and at present a student in the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster; Ammon; Gerald J., died aged 6 years; Emerson, died aged 2 years; Melva I. and Burton H.

PRESTON A. LEH, son of Henry W., was born in North Whitehall township, October 15, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of his native township. For a number of years he followed farming in his native township and in Tom-pkins county, N. J. He was a member of the Egypt Cornet Band, of which organization he was president for five years. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation of Egypt church. He is a member of Pride of Allen Council, No. 182, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, of Allentown. He is an expert penman, having engrossed a large number of family records and baptismal certificates. On August 11, 1900, he was married and is the father of the following children: Hattie A., Thomas S. F., Elsie E. E., Samuel H., Harrison O. P., and Myrtle A. L.

Daniel Leh, son of John Henry, was born in October, 1835, in North Whitehall township. He was an ore mine contractor for a number of years, afterward bought a farm near Sheidy's and lived upon it until his death. He and family were members of the Reformed congregation of Egypt church, which he served as deacon and trustee. He married Susan, a daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Scheirer) Frantz. Their children were: Henry D.; Maggie J., married Jeremiah Schneck, and Ellen R., married Richard Krause.

DR. HENRY D. LEH, of Egypt, was born in North Whitehall, December 8, 1861. He was educated in the public schools, also attended the select school of the late John H. Behringer. He taught school two terms. His first term of 1880 and '81 was at Butz's school, and the following year he taught at Northampton. He began reading medicine in 1882 with Dr. Josiah A. Koch, and in the fall of the same year he entered the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, graduating in 1884. He began the practice of his profession at New Tripoli on April 17, 1884, and he continued there until his removal to Egypt, on



April 5, 1887, succeeding his preceptor, the late Dr. Koch.

Dr. Leh is an honored and successful practitioner and enjoys a large practice. He is a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society, of Chapman's Lodge, No. 637, F. & A. M., and the K. G. E., No. 510, of Egypt. Politically he is a Republican and has served Whitehall township on the board of education for six years and he now is the physician to the board of health of the township.

On April 12, 1884, he married Ellen C. Laury, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Ritter) Laury. They have these children: Dr. Homer D., who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and Jefferson Medical College, and was resident physician of the Methodist Hospital at Philadelphia for one year; he is now practicing at Hampton, Adams county, Pa.; Virginia, married Ralph Walter; Harold L., deceased; Russell W.; Ida S.

Samuel Leh was born in North Whitehall township, October 26, 1832. He did contract work at ore mines. Afterwards he cut down timber tracts and sawed it into boards, following the business a number of years. Later on he was engaged in the lime business, but he cultivated the homestead farm for many years before his death, March 4, 1896. He is buried at the Egypt church. He married Flora (Peter), a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Wehr) Peter. Their children were: Oliver E.; Benjamin; Laura, married Charles Roth, and George. The last three are deceased.

HON. OLIVER E. LEH, former member of the State Legislature and a prosperous business man of this county, residing at Egypt, was born in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, June 28, 1858, son of Samuel and Flora (Peter) Leh. He attended the common schools of his district and the State Normal School at Kutztown. At the age of 14 years he began to earn his own livelihood by working in the iron ore beds, and from 1881 to 1885, inclusive, he was employed on the L. V. R. R. Afterward he secured a position with the Saylor Cement Works, at Coplay, and later he was employed for four years by the Lehigh Portland Cement Company.

In 1886 he entered the employ of the American Cement Company at Egypt, and was with them only a short time when he was promoted to the position of foreman in the manufacturing department, which place he filled until 1901, and since 1889 he also had charge of the company's 300-acre farm in connection with his other duties.

In the year 1901, he engaged in the quarrying of limestone, carting and hauling of the stones for the cement company on a contract basis, and

he continued the supervision of the 300-acre farm for the company until in 1911. Since the latter date he is connected with the firm of Leh & Peters, dealers in coal, wood, crushed stone, etc., at Egypt. He was connected with the firm of E. E. Long & Co., also at Egypt, for seven years.

He is the president of the Redington Stone Quarry Corporation, and is the owner and proprietor of the Lehigh Poultry Farm, at Egypt, which he established in 1909. He keeps as many as 4,000 chickens, which are all white leghorns of the best breed. His entire egg product is sold to the Hotel Allen, at Allentown.

Mr. Leh and wife are members of the Reformed church at Egypt. Socially he has membership in the following lodges: Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M.; Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 20; Caldwell Consistory 32d deg., of Bloomsburg, and the Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; the B. P. O. E., No. 130; the F. O. E.; Greenleaf Lodge, No. 257, Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men, No. 55, all of Allentown. He was president of the Catasauqua Club; is a member of the Livingston Club and Clover Club, of Allentown; the Washington Club, of Egypt, and the McKinley Republican Club, of Bethlehem.

He was elected as a Republican to the State Legislature for two terms in 1909 and 1911; was postmaster of Egypt for twenty years; committeeman of Whitehall township for twenty years, and township commissioner for four years.

In 1899 he erected his fine residence on the main street of Egypt.

On July 4, 1878, he married Rosina Troxell, daughter of Paul and Mary (Schneck) Troxell. Their five children are: Harvey S.; Minnie J., married Samuel Lazarus; Alfred H.; George P., and Robert J.

ALFRED H. LEH, son of Hon. Oliver E., was born May 30, 1884. He was educated in the public schools of Egypt, the Bethlehem Preparatory School, the University Preparatory School, at Ithaca, N. Y., and the Lehigh University at South Bethlehem. He was postmaster of Egypt from January, 1907, to July, 1913. He is a Republican, and socially has membership in these orders: Independent Order of Red Men, No. 97, and the Washington Club, both of Egypt; the Catasauqua Club and the College fraternities of the Lehigh University and the University Preparatory school.

On April 12, 1910, he married Minnie, a daughter of Francis and Amanda (Ritter) Woodring. They have a daughter, Caroline W.

William Leh was born in Williams township, Northampton county, Nov. 28, 1842. He re-



sided in Allentown for forty years where he was a merchant tailor. In politics he was a Republican and filled the office of city councilman from the Fourth ward. He and family were members of Salem Reformed church. He was married to Clara Kern, who was born June 21, 1852, and died Nov. 1, 1890. He died Feb. 23, 1909, and both are buried on the Union cemetery in Allentown. They were the parents of the following children: Emily, Harvey E., Arthur H., and William J.

WILLIAM J. LEH, merchant tailor of Allentown, was born in that city, Sept. 1, 1875. He learned the tailoring trade in his native city and in 1894 he engaged in business for himself at Emaus. In 1902 he moved to Allentown, locating at the corner of Eighth and Turner streets. He is engaged in ladies' and gents' tailoring work, having a select trade and employs 12 people. He and family are members of the Lutheran Church. He holds membership in the following organizations: Modern Woodmen, Knights of Friendship, Independent Order of America, and a charter member of the Order of Lions. He was married on Dec. 24, 1896, to Leah M. Filbert, a daughter of Harry and Laura M. (Wenner) Filbert. To them two children have been born: Earl W., and Harold F.

#### JOHN EDWIN LEHMAN.

John Edwin Lehman, superintendent of Lehigh Fisheries, was born April 21, 1867, in Salisbury township, Lehigh county.

He was reared on his father's farm, and attended the public schools, his first teacher being Emanuel Bitting. At the age of seventeen he left school, and at nineteen he left home, and went to Emaus, where he learned the trade of baker with M. Miller. He remained but one year, then went to Boyertown, where he worked at his trade for six months, and for a like period at Alburtis. He then resumed farming for a short time, after which he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Daniel Kline, and they conducted a bakery at Aineyville for one year. During the next four years he followed farming on shares for Daniel F. Fink. Mr. Lehman afterward became a fence salesman, a position he followed during the summer time, while during the winter months he worked at the Lehigh Fishery.

Since 1903 he has been in the employ of Col. H. C. Trexler, at the Lehigh Fisheries, and since June, 1912, he is the superintendent, and having charge of a number of men. His uncle, Daniel Eberhard, owned the Lehigh Fisheries many years ago.

In 1890 he was married to Tana Fink, a

daughter of Daniel and Sarah L. (Butz) Fink. They had an only son, Warren John, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are members of Western Salisbury church, and he served as vice-president of its Sunday school. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; Sons of Veterans; and Knights of Mystic Chain. In politics he is an Independent Republican.

#### LEHR FAMILY.

COL. SAMUEL D. LEHR was born in Allentown, May 30, 1838, the son of Joseph Lehr, born March 29, 1807, died Jan. 12, 1864, and his wife, Louisa Newhard, born Feb. 9, 1805, died June 4, 1862. His paternal grandfather, Peter Lehr, was born Jan. 18, 1777, in Whitehall township, and died March 4, 1847. He is buried on the old Allentown cemetery. His paternal grandmother, Margaret Volk, was born in 1771 and died June 12, 1864, aged 93 years. She is buried on Union cemetery. She was a daughter of John Valentine Volk and his wife, Eva Maria Cadel. John Valentine Volk was born Jan. 10, 1734, in Reichelsheim, Erbach. He was married to Eva Maria Cadel Feb. 21, 1764. She was a daughter of John Philip Cadel or Kadel, a citizen and master tailor of Zozenbach, Erbach, and his wife, Anna Catharina, where she was born Sept. 1, 1730. She was baptized Sept. 3, 1730, and the sponsor was Eva, wife of John Leonard Scheud, mayor of Upper Braidich. John Valentine Volk died Oct. 5, 1818, aged 84 years, 8 months and some days. His wife, Eva M<sup>c</sup> (Cadel) Volk, died May 11, 1818, aged 87 years, 8 months and 11 days.

Col. Lehr's paternal great-grandfather, John Lehr, lived in Whitehall township, and was a weaver by occupation. He married Mary Margaret Dorny and had a large number of children. She was born in 1752 and died Oct. 12, 1794, aged 42 years. John Lehr died about 1804. Among their children were:

John, born Jan. 10, 1772.

Mary Margaret, born Feb. 21, 1775, died 1854. She married Jacob Ott.

Peter Lehr, grandfather of Col. Lehr.

Adam, born Sept. 2, 1778.

Henry, born Feb. 22, 1781.

Eva, born July 2, 1782, and married Frederick Gutekunst.

Philip, born Nov. 4, 1783, died Aug. 24, 1847.

Daniel, born June 29, 1785.

Joseph, born March 19, 1787.

Michael, born Sept. 16, 1788 died April 17, 1868, who was a veteran of the War of 1812, and was unmarried.

Joseph Lehr was appointed in 1833 as Second



Lieutenant in the 68th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. His wife, Louise Newhard, was the daughter of Peter Newhard and wife, Anna Margaret Diefenderfer. Peter Newhard was a son of Lawrence Newhard, who was a son of Frederick Newhard, who settled in America in 1737. Joseph and Louise Lehr had nine children, of whom five reached maturity. Charles, the eldest, married Eliza Paul, and had two children: Harry, who died at the age of 21 years, and Grace L., the wife of Howard W. Dennis. Christiana M. Lehr married, April 10, 1859, Ephraim Roth. He was born Aug. 7, 1830, and died Oct. 2, 1900, at Mulberry, Ind. Mrs. Roth died July 21, 1889. They had two sons and four daughters.

Horace Lehr, second son of Joseph, married Mary S. Knappenberger. She was born Aug. 6, 1840, and died Nov. 11, 1889. They had two children: William C., and Sarah E., wife of Alvin Bierman. The third son was Samuel Daniel Lehr. Henry M. Lehr, fourth son, married Susan Wetstein and had two children: William and John, who live near Mulberry, Ind.

In early life Col. Lehr attended the public schools of Allentown and the Allentown Academy at Eighth and Wanut streets, and at an early age actively engaged in business. His first employment was at Nonnemaker's brick yard at Tenth and Turner streets. He then entered the employ of Dr. Jesse Samuels and Jacob Dillinger, who had patented a machine for the manufacture of brick of dry clay. The machine worked very well, but the bricks were worthless and only one kiln was burned. In November, 1853, he became connected with the engineering corps of the Allentown and Auburn Railroad under Dr. Samuels. During four years he was engaged in work on railroads, including locating the central line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad between Allentown and Easton, the first train over which was run in 1855, and the Catasauqua and Fogelsville and East Penn Railroads and assisted in making a topographical survey. In 1862 he entered the employ of G. A. Aschbach, who was then city engineer, and assisted in distributing the maps of the county to 600 subscribers which sold at \$5.00 per copy. On Oct. 16, 1862, he entered the service of the United States as Captain of Company B, 176th Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry. The company was mustered in at Philadelphia on Nov. 7, 1862, and the enlistment was for nine months, but the actual service was ten months and two days. There were several companies from Lehigh county, and three from Monroe county. A regiment was organized Nov. 11, 1862, under Col. Ambrose Lechler; Lt. Col., George Pilkington; Major, W. M. Schoonover. Soon after the regiment was organized it was sent to

Suffolk, Va., where it was thoroughly instructed in military tactics and discipline. When General Foster's expedition was organized for the reinforcement of the army operating against the defences of Charleston, S. C., the 176th Pennsylvania, having been assigned to a provisional brigade of the 18th army corps under General Foster, accompanied the expedition, proceeding to Newberne, N. C., whence it embarked Jan. 27, 1863, arriving at Hiltonhead, S. C., February 5th. The regiment served from this time in the department of the South and performing provost duty, and engaged in an important and valuable service upon the fortifications during the siege of Charleston. Upon the expiration of this term of service, the command returned North, and was transferred to Philadelphia, to be mustered out on the 17th and 18th of August, 1863.

Col. Lehr then returned to Allentown and again entered the service of Mr. Aschbach, who was still acting as city engineer, continuing in that position until September, 1864, when he was commissioned by Governor Curtin as recruiting agent to serve as such in the southeastern district of West Virginia, until further orders were received. The appointment was authorized by special act of Congress, which empowered governors in the several states of the Union to appoint recruiting agents to serve in the states declared to be in rebellion. The object of this service was to fill the quotas of the several sub-divisions of the states. He reported to General Wilds, at Norfolk, Va., and was assigned to Newport News, to the recruiting rendezvous and there the commanding officers received an order from General Hunter restricting the limits of the recruiting agents and removing the able-bodied colored men out of the limited district, in consequence of which order there were no recruits to be had. There were 100 agents appointed, only one of whom was from Pennsylvania. Col. Lehr then returned to Allentown, and continued in the civil engineering work under Mr. Aschbach until 1868. In that year, in company with Richard Emery, he became Mr. Aschbach's successor in his private business interests. The new firm established itself as civil engineers in Allentown. Its relation was maintained until the death of Mr. Emery, April 25, 1872, after which Col. Lehr continued alone. In the meantime, however, he had been appointed by the city council in 1869 to the position of civil engineer and he filled that position for twenty consecutive years, when he was succeeded by L. S. Jacoby. After the election of Col. Lehr as partner, Mr. Emery had carried on the private business of the firm until his death when Mr. Lehr put aside his private interests as a civil engineer, devoting his entire time and attention to the



duties of the office of city engineer until his retirement from official service. He then opened an office for the private practice of his profession and was again alone in the business until 1894, when he admitted J. Howard Martz to a partnership, under the firm name of Lehr & Martz. Later A. W. Leh, architect, became a member of the firm and the business title was Lehr, Leh & Martz, civil engineers and architects, until 1897, when the association was discontinued. Col. Lehr was then again alone in the practice of his profession until July 22, 1901, when Henry S. Bascom became his partner, and the firm became Lehr & Bascom, until the retirement of Col. Lehr on Sept. 14, 1908. For a period of 45 years Col. Lehr enjoyed a large patronage in the line of civil engineering and few men are better known in this section of the state. He is president of the Pennsylvania Loan & Building Association, having been at the head of this corporation since its inception, and the Allen Printing and Supply Company.

Col. Lehr's term of office as civil engineer of Allentown was longer than that of any other incumbency in the history of the city, but he was called by the public to serve in a still higher capacity, and in 1890 was elected mayor of the city by a vote of 2,473 to 2,234 for William F. Yeager, which office he served with ability for three years until 1893. While he was mayor in 1890, the trolley made its debut. He then retired, as he thought, from active life, but in 1897 he was chosen common councilman for a two years' term and was again elected in 1899, serving until 1901. He retired from the office of councilman as he has from the other public position, which he has filled, with the entire confidence and good will of the public, his course having ever been marked by the utmost loyalty to the trust reposed in him and the most absolute fidelity to the tasks which have devolved upon him. When Col. Lehr was a candidate for the Democratic nomination of mayor in Allentown, it took 30 ballots to make the choice, the other candidates being James F. Gallagher, William R. Henninger, W. K. Ruhe, A. D. Drescher, and J. S. Dillinger. Col. Lehr has never ceased to take a deep interest in military affairs and for many years after the Civil War, maintained active connection with military interests of the state. On June 21, 1869, he organized the Allen Zouaves, of Allentown, which organization became Company B, of the 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was elected captain of the company June 21, 1869, and retained the command until Dec. 2, 1875, resigning June 11, 1876. He took up the captaincy and commanded his company at the Reading riots. On Oct. 29, 1885,

he was elected colonel of the 4th Regiment, serving five years and being in command of the camps in this city in 1886 and at Slatington in 1888, and retired from active military life Oct. 29, 1891. On Dec. 27, 1911, by military order issued by the commander-in-chief, Governor Tener, he was put on the retired list with the rank of brigadier-general. On Nov. 4, 1913, he was again called into public life by election to the office of councilman, one of five who govern the city, and is now superintendent of the department of streets and public improvements.

He is a leading member of the E. B. Young Post, No. 87, G. A. R., and the Lehigh County Historical Society, and of the Board of Directors of the Allentown Trust Company. His political affiliation is with the Democracy and he is a member of the Democratic League.

Col. Lehr was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Engleman, of Upper Saucon, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Owen) Engleman. They have one daughter, Cora May Lehr, who is the wife of Arnon P. Miller, of West Bethlehem, Pa. They have two children: Margaret Louisa Miller and Samuel Lehr Miller.

The ship, "Two Brothers," on Sept. 14, 1749, brought to Philadelphia, Phillipus Löhr, Hans Peter Lehr, and Joh. Haubrich Löhr, one of which is the ancestor of this line. Whichever one of the aforesaid was the ancestor, had three sons, whose names have come down to us, viz: John, Peter, and Philip. Philip, according to the Federal census, had one son under 16, and one daughter, in 1790. He resided in Whitehall township.

Israel Lehr, son of Philip, resided in Allentown, conducting a shoemaker-shop on North Seventh street. He had been married twice, the first wife being Eliza Lucas, from which union there were born the following: Henry E.; Israel L.; Sallie; Annie, married to Theodore Smith, last of Philadelphia; Emma, married to Mr. Schulte, deceased, of Philadelphia.

Israel L. Lehr, son of Israel, was born in Allentown, April 16, 1843. He received but limited schooling. Working at first in the brick-yards, he later learned the trade of bricklaying. Subsequently he began contracting for himself, at which he continued until his son was taken into partnership under the firm name of I. L. Lehr & Son. The firm erected as high as fifty houses in a season and continued in business up to 1905. Since then Mr. Lehr has a number of teams employed in general hauling. He is a Democrat, serving as school director of the Tenth ward; fraternally is a member of I. O. O. F., and the Reformed Church. In 1870, he married Lovinia, daughter of Edward and Elemina (Die-



fenderfer) Seip, the issue being: Harrison F.; Edward H., deceased, married to Martha A. Remaly; Jennie A., married to Levi Stauffer, of Allentown; Annie E., married to Geo. W. Snyder, of Allentown; Robert, deceased; Elsie, deceased; Geo. O., married Catherine E. Williamson, of Allentown; Mamie, married to George Rabich, of Allentown; Thomas W., of Allentown; Frederick, of Allentown. Mr. Lehr resides at 617 North Seventh street, Allentown.

HARRISON F. LEHR, son of Israel and Lovinia (Seip) Lehr, was born in Allentown, Pa., Dec. 5 1872. Attending the public schools to the age of 15, he then learned the trade of bricklaying, at which he continued for three years. During the winter time of this period he attended the American Business College, devoting two years to designing and drafting. Thereupon he entered into partnership with his father, as general contractors, which continued to 1905. The following year he went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the bricklaying trade. Returning he was employed as foreman in the F. W. Wint & Co. Planing Mill, at Catasauqua for one year. Since then he has been engaged in the general contracting business for himself at Allentown. In politics he is a Democrat, serving as the representative of the Tenth ward on the school board for one term up to 1905; also served four years on the Board of Control. Fraternally he belongs to K. G. E., F. & A. M., and is a member of the Reformed Church. He was married to Elenora I., daughter of Wm. A., deceased, and Mary (Haas) Hartman, on July 7, 1898. He resides at 228 North Fulton street, Allentown.

#### LEIBY FAMILY.

Frederick Leiby, a Swiss, with his wife and four sons, left his native land, Switzerland, intending to go to South America. In their journey upon reaching the Rhine river, the wife was told not to go to South America, but to North America. The wife, at an opportune time, communicated this information to her husband and entreated him to go to the land of William Penn. They accordingly embarked for North America in 1733 upon the ship "Samuel," which landed at Philadelphia on Aug. 17, 1733. The movements of the family from the time of their landing until 1754 are unknown but in 1754 they were located in Greenwich township, Berks county. The tax list of 1756 records the names of Dietrich, George Michael, and Jacob Leiby. It is probable that the name of "Dietrich" Leiby is an error and should be "Frederick" Leiby. The tax list of Greenwich township in 1759 contains the names of Frederick, George, and Jacob Leiby. After the latter year (1759), the name of Fred-

erick Leiby disappears from the tax list but it contains this item: "Frederick's Leiby's widow," showing that this ancestor had died.

Near the Dunkel's church in Greenwich township, was the homestead of a Jacob Leiby, who probably was a son of (George) Michael Leiby. This farm is now the property of Wilson Heffner. Jacob Leiby was married to Margaretha Dunkel. They were both members of the German Reformed congregation of Dunkel's church and there they are buried. Their children were: Daniel, settled in Schuylkill county; Jacob, settled in Windsor (now Perry) township, Berks county; George, remained upon the homestead; Benjamin, moved to Ohio; Catharine, married George Heinley, of Greenwich township; Polly, married Heinrich Moyer, of Greenwich township; Peggy, married John Kohler, of Greenwich township; Lucena, married Isaac Wagonhurst; Hettie, married Adam Bachman; Salome, married Heinrich Lenhart, of Greenwich township.

Jacob Leiby, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1798. He settled in Windsor township, on the west side of the Ontelaunee on property which he purchased in 1825, and which is still in the family name. In 1829 he built the present house and his son, Issac, was the first person born in it. He is said to have possessed psychic powers to a high degree, and by the laying on of hands was known to relieve and cure many of the ailments of the flesh. Honest and well-meaning people testified to his helpfulness and usefulness to his community. He was a militiaman and played the flute in Captain George Heinley's company at Windsor. He and his family were members of the Reformed St. Peter's church, which he served as deacon and elder for many years. He saw the "falling of the stars" in 1833, which phenomenon made a great impression upon the minds of the people and many spoke of it as the "snowing of fire from heaven." He built several houses at Reading and was a man of more than ordinary prominence. His wife was Hannah Ulrich. They had eleven children:

Hettie, married Benjamin Bankes; Jacob, married Ann Miller; Ephraim, married Polly Strauser; John, married Hannah Wagenhorst; Hannah, married Ephraim Miller; Isaac, married Elizabeth Mengel; Joseph, married Matilda Fraunfelder; Henry, married Sophia Berg; Helena, married Jacob Miller; L. Margaret, married Frank Goldstein; Joshua, died young.

Isaac U. Leiby, who lives upon the homestead above Virginsville, in Berks county, was born there Aug. 14, 1830. He was a stone mason for many years; later he became the proprietor of the "Leiby Stone Quarry," where flat stones were quarried for curbing and building purposes and



shipped to Reading and Philadelphia and other places. He and family are Reformed members of Dunkel's church, which he served as a trustee. In 1855 he married Elizabeth Mengel, and their thirteen children were:

Catharine Ann, married Mahlon Miller; Hannah Ann, married James Baer; Samuel, married Priscilla Adam; Mary Ann, married Alfred Stertzler; Hettie Ann, married Jacob D. Dreibelbis; Susanna Ann, married Thomas G. Gruber; Elizabeth, died in infancy; Emma, died in infancy; Jacob W., married Amelia Schappel; Sariah, died in childhood; Thomas, died in childhood; Milton, married Mary Wagaman; Sarah Elmira, married Horace Smith.

Jacob Leiby, a son of the ancestor, was a farmer in Berks county. He had a son, Johannes, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted from Berks county, Aug. 23, 1778, in Captain Meeker's company, Lieutenant Colonel Spencer's regiment of the Continental troops. Between July and September, in 1779, he was transferred to Captain Abraham Mely's company. Between August and December, in 1780, he was again transferred to Captain James Gregg's company, First New York regiment, commanded by Col. George Van Schank. His name last appears upon the muster roll of the last named organization, dated May 21, 1781. He had four sons: Johann Friederick; Jacob, married to a Miss Hermann, and they settled in the Dutch Valley, Columbia county, Pa.; Andrew; and John, who moved to Ohio.

Johann Friederick Leiby was born May 18, 1779, and died upon his farm in Lynn township, March 14, 1849. He had a large tract of land which is now divided into three farms. The old homestead is still in the family name and now owned by his grandson, Jacob G. Leiby. His wife, Christiana, was a daughter of Daniel Brobst, born June 23, 1792, and died Dec. 6, 1880, in her 89th year. Their children were:

Reuben, born July 4, 1814, is still living; Daniel, settled in Iowa; John, died, aged 25 years; Jacob F., mentioned later; Isaac, settled in Ohio; Samuel, died in Lynn; Catharine, married Michael Kistler; Rebecca, married Charles Haring; Elizabeth, married Benjamin Reinhard; Polly, married John Dietrich; Sally Ann, married Jacob Frey. The above are all deceased, except Reuben, Mrs. Dietrich, and Mrs. Frey.

Andrew Leiby, son of Johannes, was born in Berks county, Feb. 8, 1783, and he died near Jacksonville, Feb. 14, 1855. He was a farmer and his farm was very large. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation of Jacob's church. His wife, Eva C. Brobst, was born in 1795, and died in 1875, in her eightieth

year. Their children were: Jacob A.; Elizabeth, married Issac Moyer; Hettie, married Jacob Everett; Sallie, married a Mr. Everett; Rebecca, married Edwin Follweiler; and Polly, married John P. Reitz.

John F. Leiby, son of Johann Friederich, succeeded his father to the homestead. In 1860 he built the present house. Originally this farm was several hundred acres, but now it is only 68 acres. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of George Bausch. Their children were: Carolina, married Daniel Billig; Elvina, married Lewis Henry; Mary, married Daniel Feinour; Nathan; Jane, married Clinton Weaver; Sarah, married Ellsworth Reitz; Malinda, married Charles Follweiler; and Jacob G., born in 1866, and owns and farms the homestead since 1891. He is married to Minerva Scherer, and they had four children: Beulah; Edward and Gertrude, both deceased; and Guy. Mr. Leiby taught school nineteen terms in Lynn.

Jacob A. Leiby, son of Andrew, was born April 7, 1819, and died Oct. 18, 1888. He was a farmer in Heidelberg and there owned the farm now owned by Alfred Fink, from 1848 until his death. This farm was 125 acres. He also owned the adjoining farm of 120 acres and another tract of 30 acres. He was an apple-jack distiller for fully half a century. He was a strong Democrat. In 1871 he was elected a county commissioner, serving the office for the full term. Many political conferences were held at his home. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation of the Ebenezer church at New Tripoli, and there he and his wife are buried. He served the church as deacon and trustee. He married Eve Neifert, born Dec. 23, 1829, and died Feb. 6, 1894. Their children were: William; Mary, m. Joseph Fink; Elvina, who died aged three years; David; Edwin, Alice, Oliver J., and Moses J.

Daniel Leiby, son of Andrew, was born Jan. 5, 1821, and died Sept. 3, 1896, in his 76th year. He was a farmer and his 148-acre farm at Mosserville, in Lynn, is now owned by his son, Daniel. He served his township as a school director, and also as a supervisor. His wife was Angelina Reitz. She was a Lutheran and he a Reformed member of the Ebenezer church, where they are both buried. Their children are: Elias; James; Daniel; Monroe; Sarah, married Charles Wetherhold; and Rosa, married to William Snyder.

David Leiby, another son of Andrew, was a life-long farmer and his farm near Lynnport is now owned by A. B. Smith. At one time he owned the land upon which the historic Fort Everett stood. He and his wife, Mary, nee

Smith, are buried at the Jacksonville church. They had two sons: Amandus; and Henry S., a farmer at Wessnersville, in Albany township.

Amandus Leiby, a farmer near Wanamaker's, in Lynn, was born April 18, 1859. He owns the Jesse Follweiler farm, where in 1855 lightning destroyed the barn where stood the old wagon upon which the historic Liberty Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown by Frederick, Leaser, in 1777. The wagon was burned with the contents of the barn. Jesse Follweiler, was a brother of Daniel Follweiler, whose wife, Dorothea, was a daughter of Frederick Leaser. Daniel Follweiler obtained the Leaser homestead, and his brother, Jesse, obtained a part of this farm. In 1855, he (Jesse) built the present barn and likewise the house. Amandus Leiby, the present owner, married Mary Kerschner, in 1880. Their children are: Minnie S.; Robert A.; and Milton D., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, class 1908. He is a public school teacher.

David Leiby, a son of Jacob A., was born in Heidelberg, March 10, 1855. He began teaching school at the age of seventeen years, in his native township, and taught there two terms. From 1876 to 1890 he farmed his father's farms. Afterwards for seven years he was engaged in the grain business at New Tripoli, and the next three years he conducted the Ashland House, at Ashland, Pa. Since 1900, he has been engaged in a large lumber business, which gives employment to a number of men. In 1890, he removed to New Tripoli, where the family are members of the Lutheran congregation of the Ebenezer church. He served as a deacon and is now a trustee. He is a Democrat and served Heidelberg township as a school director and Lynn as a supervisor. He married Messetta H. Sensinger in 1876. Their children are: Clinton E., Howard E., Allen E., and Ralph E.

William N. Leiby, son of Jacob A., was born Dec. 24, 1848, in Rush township, Schuylkill county. He learned the milling trade at the old custom mill located on the road leading from Jordan Valley in Heidelberg township to the Blue mountain, then operated by Stephen Bittner. Mr. Leiby owns and occupies the homestead of Bernhard Neff, a pioneer settler of the township, a landmark of the county, which appears elsewhere in this volume and is still standing on his farm.

Mr. Leiby was married to Sarah J. Schleicher, who died in 1911. They had the following children: Granville O., Richard F., William A., Benjamin, Mary M., and Eva J.

Benjamin Leiby, son of William A., was born Aug. 3, 1888, near Jordan Valley, at what is lo-

cally known as "Leiby's Mill." He learned the milling trade in "Leiby's Mill," which his father conducted for some years in connection with farming. He assisted his father until in 1913, when he and his brother, Richard, rented the farm and mill from their father. Mr. Leiby is also a photographer and does commercial work in his community. He was confirmed at the Heidelberg church in 1901 by Rev. N. A. Helfrich, a Reformed minister. He is actively identified with Mantz's Sunday school, which he serves as its secretary.

Clinton Elias Leiby, the oldest son of David, was born Oct. 18, 1876. He came to New Tripoli in 1898 and there he lives to this time with the exception of several years when he was a clerk in a general store at Ashfield, Pa. He was elected auditor of Lynn in 1911. He is a Democrat. In 1899 he married Ella Gildner. She is a daughter of Elias Gildner, a shoe merchant at New Tripoli.

James Leiby, a son of Daniel, was born in Lynn, Dec. 26, 1846, and he died Nov. 21, 1909, in his 63d year. He was a farmer and live-stock dealer; also a potato shipper from New Tripoli and Germansville. He married Jane C. Geary, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Kern) Geary. Geary was an Irishman and at one time lived in the coal regions, but afterwards located at Slatington, Pa. His daughter was born Jan. 26, 1852, and died April 29, 1888, in her 37th year. She and her husband are buried at New Tripoli. They had ten children: Lewis D.; Emma, married George Long; Alice; James, constable at Coplay, Pa.; William; Howard, partner of his brother Lewis D.; Henry, Edwin, Elmer, and Wilmer.

LEWIS D. LEIBY, miller at Germansville, extensive potato shipper and dealer in flour, grain, coal and cement was born in Heidelberg township, September 12, 1869. At the age of sixteen years he went into the woods to work at lumbering and this avocation he pursued until in 1892, at which time he engaged in the lumber business for himself, in which he employed from ten to fifteen men. At the same time he dealt in grain and potatoes at Germansville, and by 1899 he dealt very extensively in potatoes. In 1908 he purchased the long-established "German's Mill," at Germansville, which he operates on a large scale, employing four men.

Mr. Leiby is an enterprising and capable businessman and in connection with his various enterprises he cultivates his large farm situated near Germansville, where he resides. He and family are members of the Reformed Church. In 1892 he was married to Alice Krum, a daughter of James and Julian (Rex) Krum. They had six



children: Raymond A., Tilda J., Ida S., Minnie A., Perma J. and Lewis J.

Daniel Leiby was born in 1815 at Danville, Pa. He was a carpenter and wood-worker, and was extensively engaged in building operations. He became prominent in his community and accumulated considerable wealth which was swept away through the panic of 1873. During the Civil War he operated vessels on and about the Potomac river, carrying United States supplies, etc. Subsequent to 1873, he located in Queen Anne county, Md., where he purchased a farm and followed general farming. In his latter years he lived with his son Isaiah in Allentown, where he died, October 12, 1890, and was interred in Union cemetery. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

He married Esther Shillhart, who died January 23, 1898, while staying with her son, Isaiah, in Allentown, aged 78 years. She was also a member of the Reformed Church and was buried by the side of her husband in Union cemetery. Issue: Herman, who was drowned from the boat his father operated during the Civil War; Frank, who died in Queen Anne county, Md.; Isaiah W., who died in Allentown; Ann, deceased, married Nathaniel Butterweck, and Daniel Frey Leiby.

DANIEL FREY LEIBY, son of Daniel and Esther (Shillhart) Leiby, was born June 3, 1860, at Danville, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of that place and of Queen Anne county, Md. In his young manhood he assisted his father on the farm until the family removed to Allentown. He found employment in Dorney's furniture factory, where he remained for several years, during this time in his leisure moments he studied and read much on medicine, ultimately engaging in making and selling medicines, continuing this business for about fifteen years, up to the time of his decease, January 9, 1908. He is interred in Union cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Reformed Church and also of several fraternal organizations. He was devoted to his home and family and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Daniel Frey Leiby, Jr., married, April 2, 1882, Laura Augusta Hunter, daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Conner) Hunter, a native of Eastern Maryland. Mrs. Leiby has for twenty years followed the trade of dressmaking. She is a member of the Reformed Church. Their children are: Claude S., a farmer near Coopersburg, married, August 22, 1903, to Huldah Williams. Issue: Laura, George and Marion F. Leiby. James P., a telegrapher, married, October 12, 1910, Gwendolin Piper, no issue; Mary Esther, educated in the public schools of Allentown and Co-

lumbia University of New York. She is a teacher in the public schools of Allentown, and Coralie A., residing at home.

#### JOHN HENRY LEICKEL.

John Leickel, a native of Germany, was born June 22, 1822. When he came to America he located at Catasauqua, where he remained until he died, July 14, 1859. He was actively identified with the Presbyterian church. He followed butchering for a number of years. He was married to Lucinda Nagle, a daughter of Frederick and Peggy (Hemphill) Nagel, of Weaversville. They were the parents of the following children; Margaret, married to William Moat; Frederick, of Catasauqua; J. Henry, of Catasauqua; Elizabeth, deceased; George, deceased; John T., deceased.

John Henry Leickel, of Catasauqua, was born in that borough January 20, 1855. He learned the trade of boiler making and engineering, which he followed four years. He operated an engine for the Crane Iron Company for four years. From 1877 to 1880 he was in the butchering business, after which he engaged in the general contracting business, such as concrete work, laying pipes and excavating cellars. He filled the office of street commissioner in the borough of Catasauqua for two terms. In 1908 he was appointed Chief of Police of the borough. In 1876 he was married to Mary Gillespie, a daughter of David and Sarah (Donlap) Gillespie, a native of Coleraine, Ireland. Four children were born to them, Harry, deceased; John, of Rochester, N. Y.; Sallie, wife of Ray Weisel, of Allentown, and Mary, a teacher in the public schools of Catasauqua, a graduate of the Catasauqua High School 1907, and the West Chester State Normal School, 1909.

FREDERICK W. LEICKEL, electrician at Allentown, whose home is at Catasauqua, was born at Catasauqua, February 16, 1885, and received his education in the public schools. After working for Koch Bros., clothiers, at Allentown, as trimmer for four years, he went to Rochester, N. Y., to learn the trade of electrician and remained five years. Upon returning to Allentown he was employed by several parties for a time, then engaged in the electrical business with R. T. Uhl, and have since traded as Uhl & Leickel, with their plant at No. 131 N. Law street. Mr. Leickel is a member of the Evangelical Church, and in politics is a Republican.

His father is Frederick William Leickel, who followed the butchering business for twenty years at Catasauqua, but since recent years has been employed as a boiler-maker. He was married to Pollie Asch, of Hanover township, and they had



eight children: Frederick W.; Ella, m. Alvin Eckert; Emma, m. Arthur J. Davis; Mabel and Machetta, twins; Anna, a graduate nurse at Allentown Hospital, and two, twins, who died in infancy.

#### LEISENRING FAMILY.

The Leisenring family originates from Silesia and later located at Hildburghausen, where John Andrew Leisenring died, March 5, 1734. The name was also spelled Leisenrinck. John Conrad Leisenring, the second son, was born June 29, 1727. He emigrated to America as a young man, accompanied by a relative named Sebastian Leisenring, and landed at Baltimore. The first mention of him in the Lehigh region is on May 22, 1750, when his name appears in the list of communicants at the Upper Saucon Lutheran church. In 1755, he married Sibilla Veit. In 1765, he warranted a tract of 60 acres in Springfield township, Bucks county, where he resided until he purchased 150 acres along the Lehigh in Whitehall township from Joseph Showalter on April 1, 1771. At the time of purchase, 90 acres of the tract were cultivated. He subsequently acquired 62½ acres adjoining on the north. Conrad Leisenring died Aug. 14, 1781, and was buried in the old Egypt graveyard, where his tombstone can be seen, surrounded by an iron fence. His widow died March 14, 1821, aged 93 years. They had nine children.

I. Anna Maria, born Jan. 20, 1756, married John Grob. He was born Jan. 26, 1753 and died April 2, 1831. He was the son of Henry and Adelheit (Hitz) Grob, and was a shoemaker and farmer. The stone house and barn he built on the Leisenring tract is still standing. He had eight children: John, Joseph, Peter, Henry, Jonas, Tobias, Sarah, and Daniel. Henry Grubb was born April 26, 1785. He was a gunsmith, married Barbara Washburn and moved to Crawford county. Jonas Grubb was born Nov. 4, 1787, and died March 20, 1854. He married Sarah Wiser and moved to Crawford county, and in 1839 to Illinois. His son, George W., lived at Liberty, Ill., and had a daughter, Ella M., teacher in a high school and former county superintendent of schools of Adams county. Among the grandsons of Jonas Grubb were Hon. Scott Wike, Hon. Perry D. Grubb, and Prof. Jonathan Grubb. Tobias Grubb was born Jan. 29, 1792 and died June 15, 1872. He married (first) Hanna, and (second) Elizabeth Graff. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Jonathan Saeger, of Saegertown, Pa. Sarah Grubb, born Oct. 12, 1794, died Dec. 4, 1830, married Theodore Storb, an organist. They had a son, Albert, born 1827, who lived

at Pottstown. Daniel Grubb was born Nov. 20, 1798, and died May 31, 1883. He married Catharine Graff and moved to Crawford county. Among his children were: Joseph, of Saegertown; Stephen, of Cheney, Wash.; and Mrs. Mary Parsons, of Irving Park, Ill.

II. Elizabeth, born Sept. 11, 1757, married Jacob Herman, of Maxatawny township. Their daughter, Catharine, married Jacob Yohe.

III. John Conrad Leisenring was born Nov. 6, 1759. At the age of seventeen he served with his team in the Revolution. He received his father's farm of 212 acres under the terms of the will and in 1796 built a stone house still standing. He was a member of the Egypt Lutheran congregation and was confirmed in 1770 at Kreidersville. He died Feb. 10, 1824. He married, Oct. 7, 1783, Catharine Grob, born Aug. 3, 1759, died Sept. 11, 1828. They had nine children:

1. Daniel Leisenring, born Oct. 4, 1784, died May 30, 1844; married, Oct. 8, 1815, Anna Graff. They had three children: Edmund D., William, and Amelia, who died young. Edmund D. Leisenring, a well known editor, was born Sept. 13, 1816, and died Feb. 20, 1882. He was in the newspaper business 40 years and over 30 years editor and one of the proprietors of the *Friedensbote*. He married, (first) Matilda Blumer, and had four children: Anna C., married John S. Kessler; Olivia A., married George H. Gerhart; Mary J., married Aaron Amich; and Martha, married Charles Eidel; and (second) married Eliza Quier, and had six children: Richard D.; Martin; Stephen; Henry; Hannah, married Eugene Lochman; and Lydia E., married Charles D. Weirbach. William Leisenring was born June 5, 1818, and died April 6, 1906. He married Clarissa Schissler and had children: Lavinia, married William S. Rodearmel; and George D., of Pittston.

2. Eva Catharine, born Oct. 3, 1786, died May 31, 1866, married Jacob Schreiber.

3. Barbara, born Sept. 20, 1788, died Oct. 11, 1865; married Daniel Schreiber.

4. Peter Leisenring, born Oct. 3, 1790, married Margaret Kleppinger. His children were: Catharine, Maria, Mrs. Annie Laub, Mrs. Salome Roth, Mrs. Sybilla Gangawere, John K., Joseph, Mrs. Elizabeth Seal, Caroline M., Mrs. Charlotte Rothacker, and Emma.

5. John Leisenring, born Feb. 7, 1793, died July 9, 1853. He learned the currier trade in Philadelphia and removed to Leighton and in 1833 to Mauch Chunk, where he kept the Mansion House and later was a merchant. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married, March 6, 1814, Anna Maria Stedman, born Feb.



9, 1794, died Sept. 26, 1858. They had nine children: Conrad, born 1815, died 1839; Juliet, married Nathan Fegley; John; Theodore, born 1821, died 1846; Emelie, married Washington Salkeld; Mary A., married Andrew A. Douglas; Alexander W., born 1826, died 1893, married Ann Ruddle and had sons: John and William; Charles E. W., born 1833, died 1873; and Anna M., married Dr. George S. Wentz.

John Leisenring, son of John, was born Feb. 5, 1819. He was a civil engineer, successful coal operator, capitalist and associate judge of Carbon county. He died at Mauch Chunk in 1884. He married, May 12, 1844, Caroline Bertsch and had five children: Edward B., born 1845, died 1894, married Annie W. Wickham, and had a son and a daughter; Annie L., married Mahlon S. Kemmerer; Mary D., died Sept. 19, 1913, married John S. Wentz; Hon. John Leisenring, born 1853, died 1901, member of Congress, 1895-97, married Mary Simpson; and Mrs. Catharine Middleton.

6. Conrad Leisenring, born May 7, 1795.

7. Maria, born Aug. 26, 1797, died April 23, 1840; married, April 13, 1817, Conrad Beil, and had four sons and eight daughters.

8. Salome, born July 30, 1801, died Oct. 24, 1861; married, Nov. 10, 1822, Solomon Troxell, and had children: Peter, Alexander, Catharine, Reuben, Tilghman H., Eliza A., and David.

9. Tobias Leisenring, born Feb. 5, 1804, died Feb. 25, 1818.

Conrad Leisenring, born 1795, died Sept. 6, 1860. He was a farmer on the old homestead and married, Dec. 3, 1815, Lydia Rhoads, born Aug. 27, 1798, died May 21, 1875. They had twelve children:

1. Caroline, born Dec. 10, 1816, married William Steckel.

2. Maria, born Jan. 19, 1819, died March 4, 1859, married Reuben Fenstermacher and had a daughter, Olivia, married John Hill.

3. Catharine, born Nov. 3, 1820, died Aug. 23, 1890.

4. Sarah Anne, born Sept. 9, 1822, died 1828.

5. Reuben Leisenring, born July 7, 1824, died at Cementon, July 17, 1910, unmarried.

6. Francisca, born Jan. 16, 1826, died 1889, married Reuben Cole and had children: John Q.; Annie L.; Frances, married J. J. Bevan; Thomas; and Walter.

7. Walter Leisenring, born April 27, 1829, died May 29, 1867, married Mrs. Mary A. (Price) Kemmerer, born Aug. 27, 1823, died Feb. 6, 1899. He was a coal operator at Mauch Chunk and had five children: Gertrude H., born 1851, died 1901, married, Oct. 28, 1870, Thomas M. Righter, and had children: Jane

and Walter; Ada L., married H. M. Neale; Mary W., married Dr. W. C. Gayley; Albert C., married Lillian Jessup; and Walter, deceased.

8. Celinda, born April 28, 1832, married George W. Daniels and had children: Sabina; Josephine, married Allen Kichline; and Mahlon.

9. Edward Leisenring, born April 11, 1834, died Oct. 11, 1898, married, Oct. 12, 1875, Mary C. Gross and had one son, Charles C.

10. Abigail M., born April 27, 1836, died 1914, married, Aug. 12, 1852, Henry K. Laury, and had one son, David C. Laury.

11. Amelia, born March 28, 1838, died March 27, 1907; married Reuben Steckel and had ten children: Rev. Oscar P.; Lydia E., married Israel J. Ritter; Howard D.; Samuel L.; Reuben C.; Edmund E.; Abbie, married J. W. Ravert; Gertrude, married George Laub; Hatie G.; and Amelia.

12. Lydia B., born Jan. 29, 1842, died March 7, 1891.

IV. John Sebastian Leisenring, second son of John Conrad, the emigrant, was born April 15, 1762. In 1789 he was a potter in Maxatawny township, Berks county. He removed to Northumberland county and died at Sunbury in 1843. He had eight children: John; Elizabeth, married Jacob Singer, of New York; Sarah, married Joseph Rickert; Catharine, married Solomon Bergstresser; Hannah, married Henry Grove; Mary, married Stine Vickery; Rebecca, married Henry Roth; and Lydia, married Michael Helmbach.

His son, John Leisenring, was born in Kutztown, Sept. 27, 1784, and died in Northumberland, Pa., Jan. 24, 1859. He married (first) Mary Logue, born 1789, died 1816, and had six children, and (second) Jane Hair, born 1800, died 1878, and had ten children. The children were: 1. William, born 1808, died 1860; married Margaretta McPherson and had children; Mary, married William E. Tomlinson; John, born 1832, died 1873; Samuel M., born 1834, died 1868; James B., born 1837, died 1900; William K.; Joseph R.; and Henry M.

2. Alex, died young.

3. Samuel, who had a son, William.

4. Daniel M.

5. John Peter, born 1816, died 1875, and had children: Edward G., of Renovo; Emma; Henry H.; and Charles.

6. Mary Elizabeth.

7. Joseph H., had sons: William, Joseph, John and Robert.

8. Jacob, who had sons: John, William P., and Thomas G.



9. Henry G., who had a son, Frank, and a daughter, Anna, married Dr. Northrop.

10. Charles, whose sons are: Harry, Charles and Daniel.

11. Mrs. Rebecca Paul.

12. Christiana, died 1895.

13. Susan, born 1837, now in the Phoebe Deaconess Home, Allentown.

14. Andrew J., died young.

15. Jane, died aged thirteen.

16. Thomas Sproele, who had a son, Charles.

V. Barbara, born Jan. 1, 1764, died young.

VI. Eva Christina, born Jan. 5, 1766, married Henry Shettel.

VII. Andrew Leisenring, born Feb. 8, 1768, died 1796, in Northumberland county. Andrew and Elizabeth Leisenring had three daughters: Mrs. Hannah Beck; Mary, wife of Jonas Kern; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Shindel.

VIII. Peter.

IX. John Jacob, born Sept. 13, 1772, died young.

Peter Leisenring was born Feb. 28, 1770, and died Feb. 25, 1833, at Sunbury. He married Susanna Schad, born May 1, 1774, died May 17, 1837. They had five children:

1. Jacob Leisenring, born July 14, 1794, died May 11, 1878, married Mary Bucher, and had seven children: Lydia; Charles; Henry; Catharine; Frank; Mary L., married Dr. George Mifflin; and Peter, born 1840, died 1898, and had a son, Jacob.

2. Lydia, born Nov. 2, 1797, married Christian Baldy, and had a son, Peter L., born Sept. 22, 1815.

3. Catharine, born May 13, 1799, died May 23, 1874, married Martin Weaver. Among their children were: Mrs. Eli Bowen, mother of Elizabeth W. Bowen; Lydia, wife of Charles Seagreaves; and Mary A., wife of Thomas Keck.

4. Gideon Leisenring, born May 29, 1802, married Louisa Shindel and had seven children: Dr. Peter S., of San Diego, Cal., born May 21, 1830, married Emma Sigmund, and had children: Fred G., Dr. H. G., Mrs. S. C. Durnin, Luther M., Mrs. Lizzie H. Kennedy, Loie, and Sara; Susan C., married Frank J. Schoch; George W., married Georgia Morris, and had children: Louisa, John, and Frank; Benjamin F.; Jacob S., Esq., of Altoona; Lydia K., married (first) Dr. Alfred Sigmund, and (second) H. B. Belmar, and had children: Rev. F. S. Sigmund, and Rev. W. S. Sigmund; Rev. Edwin H. Leisenring, of Chambersburg.

5. Peter Leisenring, youngest son of Peter, was born Aug. 5, 1813, in Sunbury. He engaged in the livery business at Court and Church streets and they ran stage lines to Berwick and to Phila-

delphia. He was one of the organizers of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., having been a member of the order at Sunbury, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died Dec. 15, 1849. He married Katharine, daughter of James Seagreaves. She was born May 23, 1815, and died May 21, 1883. They had seven children:

1. Captain Thomas B. Leisenring, the eldest son, was born March 22, 1838. He was educated at the Allentown Academy and learned the printer's trade under Mifflin Hannum on the *Allentown Democrat*. He was employed for a time in North Carolina, but came North when he saw that hostilities were imminent and was employed on the *Carbon County Democrat* at Mauch Chunk, where he enlisted April 22, 1861, as a private in Captain John Craig's Company I, of the Sixth Regiment, in the three month's service. At the expiration of the term he enlisted as a sergeant in Company G, 47th Regiment, Sept. 18, 1861, at Allentown, and was promoted to First Sergeant, Sept. 19, 1864, and to Captain, Jan. 1, 1865. He was mustered out with the company, Dec. 25, 1865, at Charleston, S. C. For some years he was editor of the *Lehigh Valley Daily News*, but left journalism and engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He died at Allentown, June 13, 1887. Captain Leisenring was a member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, and Unity Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the Episcopal Church. He married Annie E., daughter of Nelson and Elemina R. (Massey) Weiser, who has been deputy factory inspector of the state for many years. They had six children: Mary K., died young; Abigail E., married John S. Correll, associate editor of the *Easton Call*, and has two children: John P., Jr., and Annie R.; Annie S., born 1877, died 1884; Louisa A.; George H. Thomas, a printer, married Esther M. Lutz; and Peter W., business manager of the *Morning Call*, who married Helen M. Yoder.

2. James Leisenring, deceased, of California.

3. Reuben S.

4. Martin W., born 1842, died Jan. 16, 1901, a printer, and member of the First Defenders, and Company B, 47th Regiment, in the Civil War. He married, Aug. 21, 1869, Mary Miller, who died July 28, 1904, and had an only daughter, Annie L., wife of Edwin D. Meixell.

5. Jacob P., born March 12, 1843, died Feb. 25, 1862.

6. Susan E., born Dec. 15, 1845, who was accidentally killed by horses on the Walnut street bridge, May 12, 1856, aged 10 years.

7. Lydia L., died Oct. 4, 1904, who conducted a private school from 1888 to 1898 in Allen-



town, and was prior to that many years a primary school teacher, considered one of the best in the city schools.

REUBEN S. LEISENRING, third son of Peter, was born in Allentown, Nov. 16, 1840. He was educated in the local schools, and in 1859 went to Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, where he learned the printer's trade, which he followed until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company C, 84th Ohio Infantry, and served nine months. He resumed his trade after the war, at Warren, as foreman of the Trumbull *Democrat*, where he remained until 1866, when he returned East and became salesman for Smith, Kline & French, wholesale druggists, travelling west to the Mississippi and east through the New England states. He then located in Allentown in 1881 and was in the real estate and insurance business with H. B. Yingling, and sales agent for the Lehigh Iron Company. On May 1, 1882, he formed a partnership with Daniel Z. Walker, as Leisenring & Walker, dealing in real estate and fire insurance, in which he continued until his death. The firm was first located on the second floor of the Second National Bank building, later in the Lawfer building, and in 1890 removed to 8 South Seventh street. For many years they had the leading trade in the county and enjoyed a large business. On May 11, 1911, Mr. Leisenring left Allentown with his wife on a trip to California and while driving through the Yosemite Valley, near El Portal, met an accidental death on June 3, 1911. The horses attached to the coach in which he was riding became fractious and Mr. Leisenring was hurled from the coach against the bluff and sustained a fractured skull.

Mr. Leisenring served two terms in common council as a Republican, was a school director in the Third ward for ten years, a member of the Board of Control for three years, a trustee of the Allentown Hospital, a member of the Board of Health from 1892, and president of the Allentown Cemetery Association. He married Mrs. Mary E. Heyl, daughter of Allen and Maria (Krause) Appel, and granddaughter of John Appel. They had no children. Mrs. Leisenring had a son in her first marriage, Allen V. Heyl, of Allentown. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, while Mr. Leisenring was a member of the Reformed Church.

James Seagreaves, father of Mrs. Peter Leisenring, was born Nov. 27, 1774, and died March 1, 1861. He married Elizabeth Schade and had ten children: Mrs. Elizabeth Stein; Abigail, born 1801, died 1887; Mrs. Euphemia Gangawere; Louisa, born 1806, died 1880; Katharine, married Peter Leisenring; Charles, born 1798,

died 1872, married Lydia Weaver and had children: James W., George W., Elizabeth, Catharine, and Charles; William, died in Fostoria, Ohio; Francis; Henry, married Eliza Schwenk and had children: Mrs. David Mattern, Anna, Mrs. W. B. Powell, Miles, Charles, and George; Reuben, died young. James Seagreaves was commissioned ensign of the 7th Co., 7th Regt., of Northampton County Militia on Sept. 11, 1798, by Governor Mifflin.

#### LIESER (LIESSER, LEASER) FAMILY.

Samuel Liesser was an early settler in Colebrookdale township, Berks county. In 1798 he lived near the Colebrookdale Iron Works. He and his wife and two children became members of Rev. Jacob Albright's second class in 1800. In 1803 the first council of the Evangelical Church met at the home of Samuel Liesser, in Berks county. Tradition states that he was related to Frederick Leaser, of Liberty Bell fame, of Lynn township.

"Father" Liesser was widely known as a man of exemplary piety. He died in the early part of the century. His wife Anna, died in 1838, at the ripe age of 82 years.—*Stapleton's Flashlight of Evangelical Church History*.

Abraham Liesser, son of Samuel, became Albright's second assistant in 1803.

The late W. H. Sallada, of Hereford, Pa., contributed an article, "The Graveyards of Hereford Township," to the *Pennsylvania German Magazine*, which was published in the January number of 1909. A part of the article germane to this family follows:

"In the southwestern part of the township there is the Lesser (now Oberholtzer) burial ground. Here about 60 graves are marked by common field stones, but unfortunately there is not a single tombstone or marker to designate who lie buried here. Seemingly about two-thirds of the graves are those of children. The writer remembers the burial of one person on this ground whose obsequies he attended some 60 odd years ago with his mother, the burial of Joseph Lesser. Short services were held at the house of mourning, after which burial took place on this graveyard. The mourners then adjourned to the barn where the funeral discourse was held on the thrashing floor. This was in the summer time. The interment was the last or one of the last on this burial ground. The writer found the name Lesser on four different burial lots in the township, showing that the Lessers, were pretty well distributed over the township in earlier days. The Oberholtzer farm is historic in connection with the early history of the Evangelical Association as the place where the Lesser Class was formed."



Jacob Leaser, a descendant of Samuel, was an early farmer in Weisenberg township. He was a Reformed member of Weisenberg church, where he probably is buried.

He was twice married. The one wife was a widow named Werley. They had two sons, viz.: John, who settled at Bremen, Marshall county, Indiana, and Elias Leaser, born April 14, 1827. He was a carpenter and laborer, and died at his home near Seipstown, February 4, 1885, in his 58th year. He is buried at the Ziegel church.

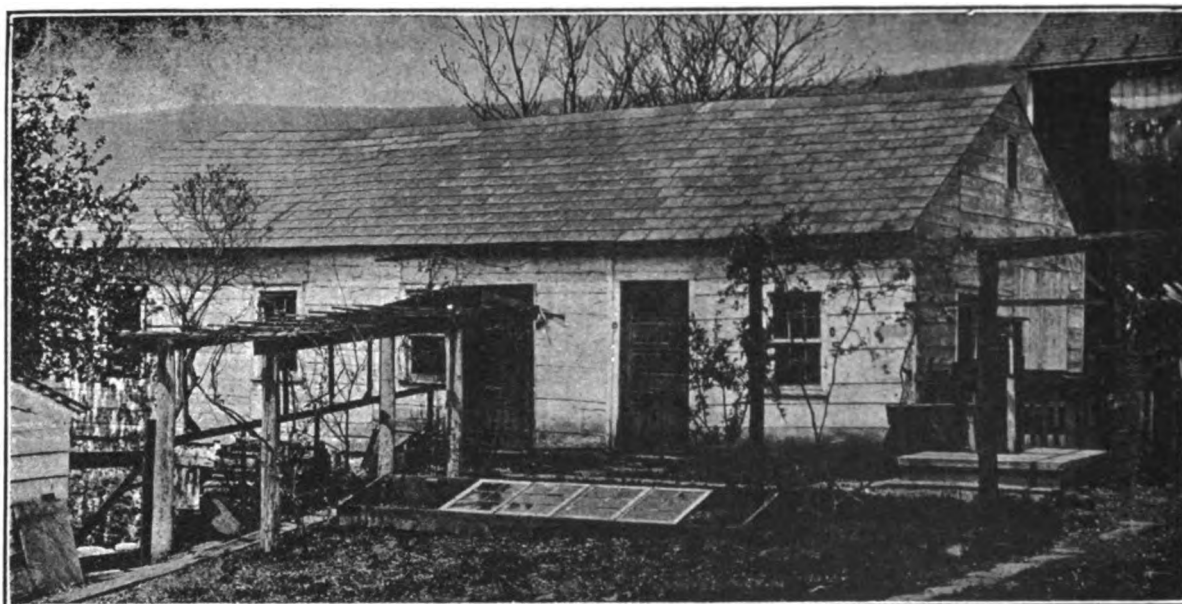
His wife, Lucy Ann Wagner, died March 23, 1902, aged 72 years, 10 months and 4 days. Their children follow: John; Henry S.; Joshua E. E.;

of the Foresters of America, whose recording secretary he has been since 1903.

On January 28, 1882, he married Hannah Haring, daughter of George and Esther (Baer) Haring. Their children are: Charles A., deceased; Stella H., Lizzie A. and Esther R.

Clinton H. D. Leaser, of Allentown, was born May 20, 1869. He was reared on the farm and lived in Weisenberg until in 1886, then came to Allentown. He is a ribbon weaver and was one of the first employees of the old Pioneer Silk Company, now known by the name of Allentown Silk Company, with which he is still employed.

He is a member of the following secret societies:



HOMESTEAD OF FREDERICK LEASER, THE PATRIOT, LYNN TOWNSHIP.

William (1861-1886); Addison J. M.; Harvin L. W.; Clinton H. D.; Anna, the wife of Milton C. Peter, of Allentown. All these children reside in Allentown.

Joshua E. E. Leaser, of Allentown, was born in Weisenberg, July 6, 1859; was a farmer until 1887, when he removed to Allentown, and began clerking, which he since follows. He was employed by William Lawfer for a period of twenty-one years.

Mr. Leaser is active in Sunday school work. He was elected president of a Bible class in 1887, and serves the honored office to this time. He has been teaching in the Sunday school many years.

He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and was the lodges representative to the Grand Lodge in 1898; member of the Knights of Friendship, and

J. O. U. A. M., A. O. K. of M. C. and the Red Men.

He and family are members of the Reformed Church. He was a deacon eight years and is now an elder in the church. He was one of the first trustees of Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home, in Allentown.

In 1888 he married Amanda C. Haup, a daughter of Adam and Salinda (Straub) Haup. They have an only son, Llewellyn C., who is a professional window decorator, employed by Hess Brothers, Allentown.

#### LEISER FAMILY.

Henry Leiser, a descendant of Samuel, conducted Albright's Tavern in South Whitehall township, this county, for some years. Later on



he moved to Allentown, where he is buried in the Union cemetery.

His wife, Sarah, died quite young, the mother of these children, Henry, Alfred, Sarah, James, Benjamin, Helen, and Mrs. Spinner.

Benjamin Leiser was born at Albright's Tavern about 1839, and died at Allentown on June 22, 1899. In partnership with John Bowen and Henry Yingling, he established the West End Brick Company at Allentown. After some years of successful business he withdrew from the company and established a brick yard at Lichtenwalner's, near Allentown, and then he was engaged in business until his retirement five years before his death.

Mr. Leiser had supplied the bricks for the erection of the Trinity United Evangelical church edifice; also for a Lutheran church at Bethlehem.

In earlier life he was a member of the Lutheran Church, but later he joined the Trinity United Evangelical church, of which his wife, Emma, a born Scheetz, was also a member. She died on January 14, 1906, aged 62 years. Their children are: Alfred, William, Frank, Warren G., Edwin, Susan, Annie, Ida, Irwin and Harvey; the last two are deceased.

#### WARREN G. LEISER.

The popular wall paper dealer at 239 North Eighth street, Allentown, was born February 11, 1882, son of the late Benjamin and Emma (Scheetz) Leiser, of Allentown.

The subject, Warren G. Leiser, was educated in the public schools of his native city, Allentown, and in the American Business College. Like many eminent and successful Pennsylvania sons, he began life at the bottom of the ladder and by persistent and honest effort he has continued to advance. At the age of eleven years he began to work for a news agency and soon had gained such a knowledge of the business that notwithstanding the agency changing ownership many times young Leiser continued to go with the business. He was employed with the predecessors and successors of Reimer's news agency for more than seven years. At the age of nineteen years Mr. Leiser learned the wall paper business, in which he has been engaged as a dealer since 1903. He employs a force of skilled mechanics in the conduct of the business, having a stock of paper which is both large and varied. He is the inventor of a water motor perforator, a mechanical device of great value used by wall paper dealers generally, not only in this country but also in Germany and Russia. The device is known as "The Leiser." He also has a half-interest in a combination folding paste table and trimmer which he invented and holds a patent upon it.

Mr. Leiser was one of the organizers of the Lehigh County Wall Paper Dealers Association, which organization has the honor of his membership from the beginning to the present time. His identification with any movement, whether commercial, social or political, is symbolic of energy and success.

His fraternal connections are with the Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., and the Independent Americans. Politically he is a strong Democrat, not only by inclination but in principle and by inheritance. He is an active member of the Lehigh Democratic Club, of several fire companies, and an aspirant for the 1915 election for the office of Register of Wills of Lehigh county.

He married, in 1904, Bertha L. Christman, daughter of Aaron and Amelia (Walbert) Christman, of Macungie. They have the following children: Amelia, born April 14, 1905; Benjamin, born October 27, 1906, died December 11, 1909; Dorothy, born September 15, 1909, died April 6, 1910; Warren G., Jr., born March 31, 1911; Irene E., born July 15, 1913.

Mr. Leiser resides with his family at 831 Tilghman street and during the summer months they occupy their cozy cottage, "Amelia," located in the circle at Waldheim Park. This summer home he built in 1913. They are active members of Salem Reformed church, Macungie, Pa.

#### CHARLES L. LEHNERT.

Germany has contributed to this country many valuable and enterprising citizens, and among those who reside in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, must be mentioned Charles L. Lehnert, whose birth occurred near Leipzig, Saxony, Germany, Oct. 21, 1867, son of Albert Lehnert, also a native of Germany, who was a brewer by trade, following in the footsteps of his father, who also engaged in the same line of business.

Charles L. Lehnert, after acquiring a practical education in the common schools of his neighborhood, served an apprenticeship at the trade of brewer, and worked as a journeyman in twenty-six breweries in his native land, thoroughly mastering all the details of the business. Being of the opinion that the United States offered better opportunities for a successful business career, he accordingly emigrated thither, arriving in New York, May 1, 1895. His first employment was in Brooklyn, N. Y., from whence he removed to Springfield, Mass. Later he attended the New York Brewing Academy, thus adding to the knowledge previously acquired. He then worked in New York City; Waterbury, Conn.; Troy, N. Y., where he was brewmeister; and at Auburn, N. Y. At the end of these various experi-

ences, Mr. Lenhart established a brewery at Sayre, Pa., where he remained two and one-half years, after which he sold his interests to the remaining stockholders, and in 1906 came to Catasauqua, there purchasing the Catasauqua Brewery from a Mr. Rice. He made many valuable improvements to the property by installing new machinery to take the place of almost all the machinery then in use, and he also erected a bottling works, and engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks. During 1913 and 1914 he built a three and one-half story brick, steel, and concrete addition, which he utilizes for cellar and storage purposes. He is conservative in his business methods, honorable in all his transactions, and the success which has attended his efforts is evidence of his ability and thorough knowledge of his special line of work. He is a member of the Board of Trade of Catasauqua, the Lehigh Saengerbund, the Lieder Krantz, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 110, all of Allentown; and the Royal Order of Moose, of Catasauqua.

Mr. Lehnert married, in March, 1897, Seraphina Vogt, daughter of Martin Vogt, of Wangen, Canton Schwyz, Switzerland. Children: Hilda, and Elsie. The family are connected both with St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Mary's Catholic church, of Catasauqua.

#### LENKER FAMILY.

The Lenker family is a large one in the German or lower section of Northumberland county, Pa. Adam (or John Adam) Lenker, the ancestor, hailed from Switzerland, and after locating in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, in Northumberland county, he settled upon a tract of land which in 1910 was owned by David Bohner. He was born Dec. 12, 1765, and died March 24, 1834. He is buried at Zion's church in Stone Valley; also his wife, Anna Maria, who was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jr., Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer), and Mary (married W. Schaffer).

Michael Lenker married Catharine Emerick, and they lived upon a farm in Lower Mahanoy township. She was born in 1791 and died in 1860. Their children were: Abraham, Polly, Isaac (born in 1818 and died in 1881), Sarah, Catharine, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Jacob.

John Adam Lenker, Jr., was born Aug. 14, 1789, and died Oct. 13 1861. He lived in Lower Mahanoy township, and his homestead is now owned by Jacob F. Lenker. He was a farmer and stonemason. He and his wife, Maria M. Bobb, are buried at the Stone-valley

church. Their children were: Rev. Nicholas, Adam, David, John B., Rev. Michael (who died at Lykens, Pa.), Jacob, Elizabeth (married Joseph Negley), Mary (married David Ditty), Lydia (married John Wetzell) and Catharine (married Jonathan Bonawitz).

Jacob Lenker, son of Adam, was born in Germany and after landing at Philadelphia soon afterward settled upon a farm in Mahantango Valley, Northumberland county, Pa., there he built a saw-mill which he operated successfully in connection with farming. He was a Lutheran and is buried at the Stone-Valley church in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a soldier. His wife was Anna Feldy, and they had eight children: Peter, Jacob, Simon, Jonathan, Philip, Mrs. Jacob Hepner Mrs. John Shaffer, and Mrs. Seaman. The son Jacob, obtained the homestead farm and there he lived until his deace.

Peter Lenker, son of Jacob, died in the house in which he was born, though he had passed, many years of his life elsewhere. He was a life-long farmer and at one time owned his own property. For thirteen years he lived near Line Mountain postoffice. He was a member of the Stone Valley church. His first wife, Susanna Bobb, and they had twelve children: John, Magdalena, Peter, Nicholas, Adam, Michael and six who died young. He married second, Esther Hetrich, daughter of George Hetrich, and they had six children: Daniel (died nineteen years old); Lydia (unmarried); Simon (deceased, eleven years old); George H.; Benjamin (who lives in Lower Augusta township), and Rebecca (who died aged six years).

George H. Lenker, son of Peter, was born in Upper Mahanoy township. He attended the old subscription school for three months and later the public schools. In 1871 he commenced farming in Washington township and there he has since continued to live. He owns 80 acres of clear land and 15 acres of woodland. He built a substantial house on his property in 1897. He is an energetic and progressive citizen. For twelve years he was auditor. Afterward, in 1895, he was elected a school director and this office he has served continuously to this time. He is a Democrat. He and family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon.

In 1871 Mr. Lenker married Henrietta Carl, daughter of John and Catharine (Diener) Carl, natives of Berks county, and they have seven children: Hiram O. (of Lavelle, Schuylkill county); Charles M. (of Shamokin); Alice R. (wife of George Thomas of Jackson township);



Nathan H. (of Mowry, Pa.); George C. (mentioned later); Isaac I. (of Washington township); and Henrietta R. (married to Monroe Bobb, of Washington township).

GEORGE C. LENKER, of Allentown, was born in Washington township, Northumberland county, Pa., Sept. 5, 1879. He learned the blacksmith trade in 1900 at Lavelle, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and this he followed at various places until in 1907 when he permanently settled at Allentown, having first come to that city in 1900. His place of business is located at Hamilton and Front streets. He is a general blacksmith and horse-shoer and employs four men. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the F. O. E. He and family are members of the Lutheran church. In November, 1907, he married Annie Kostenbader, daughter of John Kostenbader of the Little Gap, in Carbon county. They have one son, Edwin G.

Benjamin Lenker, son of Jacob, who was son of John Adam, Jr., was born Aug. 29, 1836, where Michael Lenker now lives in Lower Mahanoy. He was a stone mason for twenty-four years and also followed farming. By industry, thrift and economy from a humble beginning, he became a substantial and respected citizen of his community. He served his township as school director four years. Politically he is a Republican. He served Zion's church of Stone Valley as deacon, elder and trustee. He married Mary Wert in 1863. She died July 31, 1887, aged fifty-eight years. Their children are: Jacob F. (a justice of the peace and prosperous farmer in Northumberland county); Irving (school teacher); Gertie (married O. J. P. Harter (a grocer at Allentown); and Boaz (milk dealer of Allentown).

#### REV. E. O. LEOPOLD.

Rev. Elmer O. Leopold, a native of South Whitehall township, was educated in the local schools and the Allentown Preparatory school, and Muhlenberg College, where he graduated in 1889. He then entered Mt. Airy Theological Seminary and graduated in 1892. While a student at the college and seminary he was much interested in musical organizations. He was the college organist, played the organ in the First Ward Sunday school for three years, and in the seminary was organist and choir leader. He was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1892, and was called as pastor to Girardville, where he served eight years, until 1900. He was elected pastor of the Washingtonville, Monroe county, congregation, but on account of his father's ill health, was compelled to decline and returned to

Lehigh county, and became assistant to his father. Upon his father's death in 1904, he was elected to succeed him in the charge consisting of the Cetronia, Fogelsville, Ziegel, Weisenberg and Morgenland congregations. He served these congregations as pastor for four years, during which time he was also chaplain of the county almshouse.

In 1908, he was elected pastor of the Egypt charge, consisting of the Egypt, Cementon and Laury's congregations, and was installed Nov. 29, 1908. Rev. Leopold is a powerful and pleasing pulpit orator and has endeared himself to his parishioners. In 1911, under the new school code passed by the Legislature in that year, he was elected to a six-year term as one of the nine school directors of the city of Allentown. He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Caldwell Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.; Vienna Lodge, No. 847; and Unity Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., and Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E.

Rev. Owen Leopold, father of Rev. Elmer O., was born June 15, 1828, the son of Joseph and Annie (Miller) Leopold. He received his education at the Allentown Seminary, and after leaving his studies was teacher and organist at Shoenersville church for five years. He studied theology privately under Revs. B. M. Schmucker, C. F. Schaeffer and Joshua Yeager, and was ordained in 1859. He was pastor of the Lynnville charge for two years; and the Jordan charge for 22 years, from 1861 to 1883, and of the charge consisting of the Fogelsville, Cetronia, Ziegel, Weisenberg, and Morgenland congregations, for 43 years, from 1861 until his death, June 10, 1904. He was married, Feb. 24, 1853, to Maria Daniel, of Shoenersville, daughter of William and Maria (Laubach) Daniel, who makes her home with her son. They had six children: Mantana, married Hiram Sieger; Alice, married Rev. Edwin Smoll, of Schuylkill Haven; Elha, married Rev. Oscar Pfeuger; Martha, married Rev. I. B. Ritter; Laura, who died in infancy; and Rev. Elmer O. Leopold.

#### LENTZ FAMILY.

Conrad Lentz was born in Walderhoff, Baden, Germany, and was accompanied to America by two brothers. He settled in North Whitehall township, in what is now Lehigh county, Pa., one brother settled in Lentzdale, Montgomery county and the other in Berks county. Of the sons of the third, one and probably two located in Northumberland coun-

ty, Pa., where Lentz's church perpetuates the family name.

Conrad Lentz was a stone mason and a farmer and lived near Unionville, where he is buried on the old church graveyard. His children were: William (who lived in Heidelberg township); John (owned and conducted Lentz's Hotel at Mauch Chunk, Pa., which is now known as the American Hotel, and he was also a railroad contractor and built the C. & F. R. R. in Lehigh county); Conrad, Jr.; Daniel lived at Walnutport); Stephen; Polly; Savitz; and Mrs. J. Biechy.

Conrad Lentz, Jr., was born in North Whitehall and followed stone mason and weaver by occupation. He lived in the vicinity of the Frieden's church in Washington township and there he died but probably buried at Unionville. At one time he conducted a tavern situated near Unionville, which has long ago been abandoned. His wife was Elizabeth Hausman and their children were: Gideon; Abigail (married to David Kern); Ephraim (married to Mary Rex); Sally Ann (married to J. Leh); Peter and Janette (who died young); John (not married, was a soldier in the Civil War, wounded by a bullet in the elbow, causing lockjaw from which he died in a Southern hospital); Elizabeth (married John Newcomer, and lived at Coopersburg, Pa.); Harriet (married Jonas Hoffman and the only one of this family who survives).

Stephen Lentz, son of Conrad, Sr., lived at Fifth and Gordon streets, Allentown, for more than fifty years. He was a stone mason and died in 1862, aged 68 years. He is buried on the Union Cemetery, Allentown. His wife was Catharine Ringer, and they had the following children: Hettie (m. Tilghman Freyman); Sallie (m. Samuel Brown and now (1913) 90 years old); Joseph (lived at Shersersville); Carolina; Stephen (an aged resident of Allentown); Rev. David (a prominent minister of the Evangelical Church); Dr. Levi (died at Fleetwood, Pa.), and Lewis (of Allentown).

Carolina Lentz, a daughter of Stephen, was born beyond Rockdale, along the Lehigh river, this county on Feb. 1, 1829. In 1852 she married Edward Schantz and they had two children: D. Llewellyn and Edward H., who died in infancy. Her husband died in 1858, aged 38 years. In 1869 the widow married Paul Ehret, who was born June 29, 1829, in Baden, Germany, and emigrated to Pennsylvania Sept. 14, 1854, settling at Allentown. He was a laborer, died Nov. 16, 1907, and is buried at Allentown. His aged widow (whose sweet disposition and

Christian life was an inspiration to all who know her), made her home with her son, D. Llewellyn Schantz at Seipel's Station, this county, until her death in the spring of 1913.

Gideon Lentz, son of Conrad, Jr., in 1842 settled on the farm in Washington township, where his son Gideon now resides and where he built his present house in 1852. He served Frieden's church as a deacon and elder and is buried there. He served his country in the Civil War and his township as school director and supervisor. His wife, Mary Fenstermacher, was a daughter of John Fenstermacher who lived near Hoffman's and there followed the veterinary profession. They had issue: Lewis H. (of Freeland, Pa.); Wilson, John, Charles and Alice (who was married to W. Kunkel, now deceased); Gideon; James A. (of Eckley, Pa.); and Robert (of Freeland, Pa.)

GIDEON LENTZ, son of Gideon, of Washington township, was born in that district May 25, 1859. At the age of eighteen years he began working in the coal mines of Luzerne county, Pa., and after remaining there three years was employed in the slate quarries in Lehigh county for eleven years. Then he and his son carried on hauling for four years. In 1893 he moved upon the 33-acre farm near Hoffman's, where he has since lived. He is the road-master of the district since 1904. Socially he is a member of the J. O. U. A. M.

He and family are members of the Reformed church. In 1884 he married Maggie Lentz, a daughter of Moses and Senia (Krauss) Lentz. She died May 30, 1908, aged 46 years and is buried at Frieden's church. Their children are: Preston E.; Daisy (married Jeremiah Schneck); Stanley; Senia; Hattie, and Dewey.

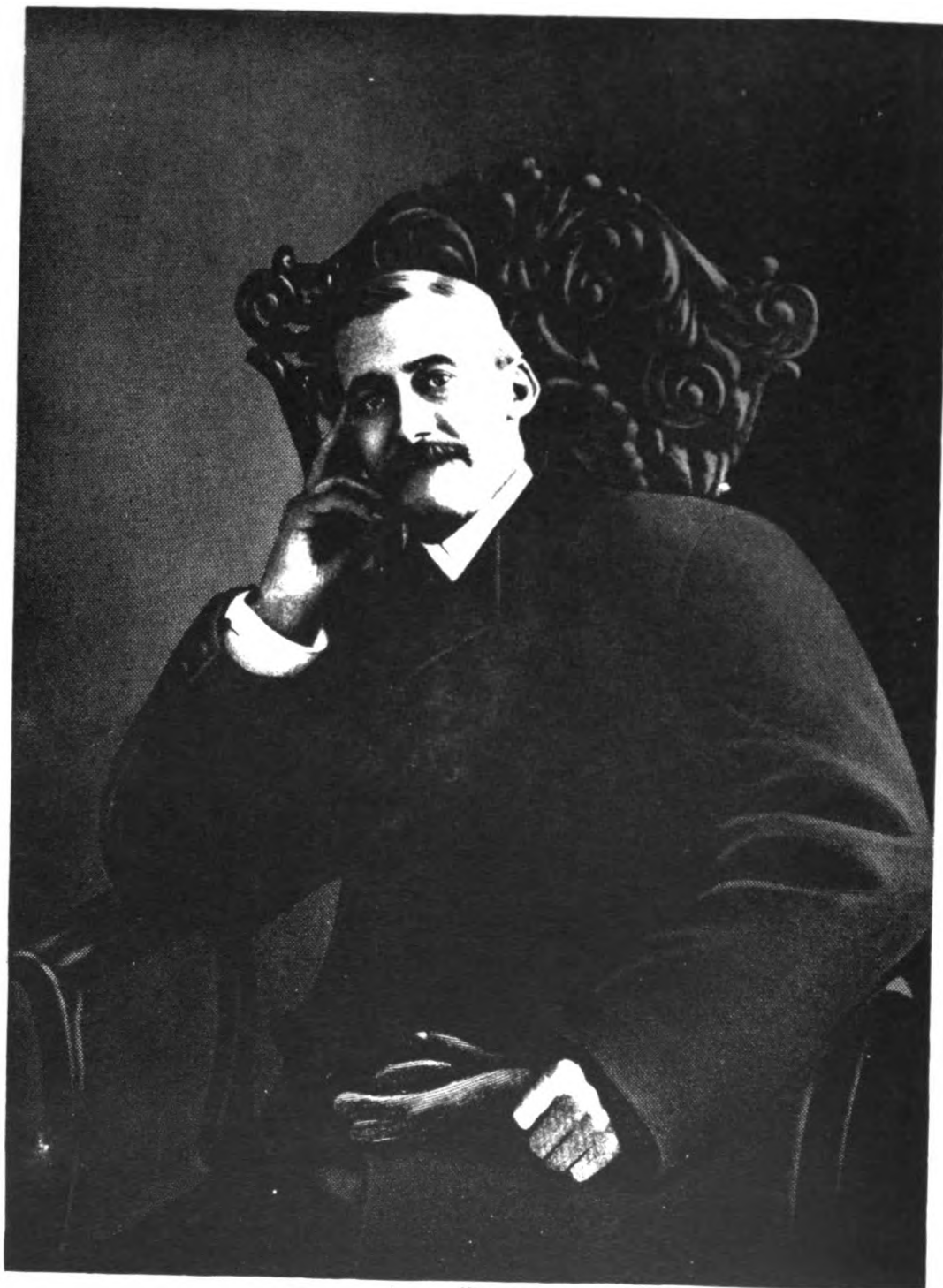
PRESTON E. LENTZ, the oldest son of Gideon, was born Sept. 10, 1884. He worked in school slate factory for six years, then carried on excavating, hauling, and levelling roadbeds for steam and trolley railroads, having had large contracts in Lehigh, Northumberland Bucks and Luzerne counties. In the contract business he was associated with his father and they employed as many as forty men. On April 3, 1908, he became the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, at Newhard. He is a member of the J. O. U. A. M., of Slatington.

On Dec. 24, 1907, he married Lillie M. Roth, daughter of Frank Roth, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume. They have an only son, Clarence H. Lentz.

(George) William Lentz, a descendant of Conrad and his wife, Magdalena, had issue: William Lentz, born April 17, 1809, in Heidel-







*John E. Leutz*



burg township, Lehigh county, after reaching manhood, located in Whitehall township, and became a farmer, dying in 1885. He married Sarah Balliet, born Oct. 10, 1834, died Dec. 4, 1876. Both were interred in the Egypt church cemetery. Issue: Fannie, 1837; an infant, 1839; Moses A., July 16, 1840; John E., of whom below; Edward H., April 8, 1844, died 1901; Francis, 1846; Amanda, 1851; Sarah A., 1853; Silas A., March 29, 1855, died April 29, 1909; Mary C., Dec. 25, 1857, died 1858; and Amanda W. and Amos D., twins, Feb. 15, 1859.

John E. Lentz, son of William and Sarah (Balliet) Lentz, was born Feb. 1, 1842. His educational advantages were limited to a few months attendance during the winter in the public schools. At an early age he learned the trade of a carriage maker. In 1860 he engaged in selling carriages in which business he continued for three years, then removed to Allentown, continuing in the building in which Daniel Mager was later located on South Seventh Street.

In 1867 he sold his interest to E. H. Blank; the same year he entered into partnership in the wholesale shoe business, and later engaged in the shoe manufacturing business with William S. Young, as Young and Lentz. William S. Young retired in 1872 and Mr. Lentz organized the firm of John E. Lentz and Co. The associates were John Seabold and William Weinsheimer. He finally conducted the shoe manufacturing business in his own building at Sixth and Hamilton streets, where he continued for seventeen years, and in 1889 Mr. Lentz acquired his partners' share in the business and continued it alone as John E. Lentz. In 1901 the business was sold to the Honest Shoe Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Lentz engaged in the wholesale rubber business, which he continued until his death.

He took a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of Allentown; was one of the organizers of the Allentown Hospital and started the permanent endowment fund by contributing a large sum and in many other ways he proved himself the friend of the institution which he served as its first treasurer and was a trustee until his death; was a member of the board of managers of the Fairview cemetery; served on the school board; was a director of the Allentown National Bank, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and a member, trustee and deacon of St. John's Reformed Church.

He was a self-made man; was enterprising and progressive, and devoted to his home and family.

The following resolutions were presented to him by his appreciative employees in 1892. They were encased in a costly frame and were signed

by more than 100 employees, who met him at the railroad station upon his return home:

1867

1892

Testimonial presented by the employees of John E. Lentz, wholesale boot and shoe manufacturer of the city of Allentown, Pa.:

"Whereas, our employer, John E. Lentz found it necessary for the benefit of his health to make an extended trip to California, and before leaving on this well-earned vacation, expressed his belief that his employees would conduct his business and manufacturing department during his absence in a manner that would reflect credit upon him and them and

Whereas, before his departure he placed the business entirely into our hands and thus manifested his confidence in our ability and integrity.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the undersigned employees, present to him this token as a testimonial of our appreciation of the confidence thus reposed in us, and in memory of his safe return."

In all his business relations he adhered strictly to the tenets and ethics which mark the upright and honorable man of commerce and business affairs and of social position. He died on Nov. 19, 1902, leaving an untarnished reputation and a name without blemish. His remains were laid away on the family plot on Fairview cemetery.

He married (first), Feb. 1, 1870, Amanda Schrieber, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Laubach) Schreiber. Issue: William S., born June 30, 1872, superintendent in his father's factory, died Sept. 23, 1902; Mary, born June 7, 1874, married John T. Little, died Nov. 29, 1912, leaving a daughter, Margaret L. Little. Mrs. Lentz died Nov. 30, 1885. Mr. Lentz married again July 10, 1888, Margaret E. Reninger, daughter of Aaron and Eliza Julia (Schreiber) Reninger, and grand-daughter of Jacob Schreiber and Eva Catherine (Leisenring), and John Reninger and Elizabeth (Gilbert). (See history of both these families in this work).

Mrs. Margaret Lentz, the widow, a most estimable lady, resides at 526 Walnut Street. She is a member of St. John's Reformed Church; and one of Allentown's esteemed and noble women.

Ephraim Lentz, son of Conrad, Jr., and Elizabeth (Hausman) Lentz, married Mary Rex. They had a son, James, who married Amanda Kern and they had a son, Julius E.

JULIUS E. LENTZ, son of James and Amanda (Kern) Lentz, was educated in the public schools and the American Business College. He became a bookkeeper at the Laury Plant of the Mauser Mill Company, continuing as such for six year; was then assistant superintendent for 3 years; and in 1911 was promoted to the office of superintendent. He married Elizabeth Schirtzinger, daughter of Julius and Emma (School) Schirtzinger. Issue: Marjorie Lentz.



## JAMES MONROE LENTZ.

James Monroe Lentz was born in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county, November 9, 1854. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native township and at the age of thirteen years commenced working in iron ore mines. Later he followed the duties of a fireman around the ore mines. In 1884 he became foreman for the Fuller Iron Company, a position he retained for a period of twenty-two years. He then accepted a position with the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Company, at first as a fireman and later as an engineer, and later filled a similar position in the furniture factory of Kurtz & Schadt for three years, then accepted his present position as engineer for the Dent Hardware Company in Fullerton in 1910. He is a Republican politically, and owns his own home in Fullerton.

## WILLIAM FRANK LENTZ.

William F. Lentz resides at Catasauqua for the past thirty-three years. He is a native of South Whitehall township and was born January 8, 1863, son of Josiah and Miranda (Sherer) Lentz, the former named having been born in the vicinity of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.

William F. Lentz attended the common schools of his native town and upon arriving at a suitable age entered the employ of his father, where he became proficient in the engineering business, and at the early age of sixteen years accepted a position as engineer at Shimersville, serving in that capacity for six years. In 1881 he took up his residence in Catasauqua, and accepted the position of engineer with McKee, Fuller & Company, at Fullerton, remaining in their employ until 1892, when he was offered the position of engineer with the Kostenbaders Brewery, at Catasauqua, and subsequently, in recognition of his valuable services, was promoted to the position of chief engineer, in which he is serving at the present time (1914). Being industrious and frugal, he has accumulated sufficient capital to invest in a home of his own, located in the residential section of Catasauqua. He is independent in his political views. He holds membership in the German Reformed Church, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Lentz married, August 13, 1881, Salina Minnig, a native of North Whitehall, daughter of Feltman and Salina (Buchanan) Minnig. Children: Harry, a machinist; Catharine, unmarried, resides at home; Acquilla, unmarried, resides at home; Minerva, unmarried, resides at home; Helen, wife of Robert Weaver, a machinist; Ruth and Arthur.

## LERCH FAMILY.

The Lerch family is descended from Andreas Lerch, who emigrated from the Palatinate, in Germany, and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1738. His sons, Anthony, Peter, and Gratius, accompanied him, and they settled in Lower Saucon township, in Northampton county. Gratius died in 1794, and with his wife, Anna Maria, had three sons: Philip, father of John and Henry; Jacob, born 1755, died 1826; and Tobias, born 1761, died 1796. Sabina, a daughter of Andreas, was born 1710, married a Mr. Freeman, and died in 1802.

Anthony Lerch, the eldest son, was born Sept. 20, 1720, and died Aug. 28, 1793. He was a prominent farmer in Lower Saucon, where he owned several hundred acres. He was active in the Revolution, being a member of the Committee of Observation. His wife, Anna Margaret, was born March 7, 1728, and died Feb. 14, 1796. They had ten children: John; Anthony (1750-1798); Catharine (1752); Anna Margaret (1754); Nicholas (1757); Frederick (1759-1826); Anna Maria (1762); Peter (1764-1813); Elizabeth (1768-1833); and Susanna (1773).

John Lerch, the eldest son of Anthony, was born Nov. 17, 1747, and died March 17, 1818. He removed from Lower Saucon to Allen township about 1770, where he became the owner of 300 acres of land which he farmed. His wife, Sybilla Christina, was born June 24, 1752, and died Dec. 30, 1817. They had nine children: Anna Margaretta (1772); John (1774-1798); Anna Mary (1776, married George Kleppinger, and had eleven children); Adam (1778, married Magdalena Waldman and had ten children); Jacob (1781-1860, married Catharine Newhart, and had eight children); Abraham (1784-1868); Joseph (1786-1856); Michael (1789-1847, married Susan Huston, and had four children); and Margaret (1792-1866, married Samuel Dietz, and had five children).

Abraham W. Lerch, son of Adam, and grandson of Anthony, Sr., was born in Allen township, Northampton county, Oct. 10, 1814. He was educated in the local school and reared on his father's farm until he became fourteen years old, when he entered the store of his uncle, Abraham Lerch, and served as a clerk and assistant until 1840. Then he became partner and continued such until 1853, when he became the sole owner. In 1870, he formed a partnership with his sons, George H. and James M., and they traded together as Lerch & Company for many years. He was also extensively engaged in the manufacture and sale of roofing slate in Lehigh township. He officiated as a justice of the peace

for a number of terms, and was a member of the State Legislature from 1878 to 1882.

In 1840, he was married to Mary, daughter of Elias and Sybilla Kleppinger, and they had five children: Sallie, married Lewis Koons; George H.; James M.; Catharine, married Dr. Clinton Sieger, at Siegfried's; and Amanda, deceased. He died in 1883. They were members of the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

Joseph Lerch, fifth son of John and Sybilla Lerch, was born Dec. 21, 1786, and died Sept. 4, 1856. He married Salome Bliem, who was born Dec. 15, 1796, and died April 24, 1847. They had eight children: Stephen; David; Joseph; Catharine M., born 1825, died 1833; Sarah, married Reuben Kuntz; John; Amandes; and Benneville. Stephen was born Feb. 12, 1820, and died Nov. 25, 1870. He removed to Stark county, Indiana, in 1853, married Margaret E. Falis, and had three children: Sarah, Martha, and Jennie L. David Lerch was born Aug. 11, 1821. He married Sallie Young and had nine children: Frank J., William H., Jacob, Tillie, Harry, George, John, Frederick, and Erwin. Amandes Lerch was born May 19, 1833, and died Jan. 6, 1896. Benneville Lerch was born June 29, 1839, married Senia Saeger, and had one son, Charles.

John Lerch was born Oct. 16, 1829, and died Jan. 16, 1886. He became a leading merchant of Bethlehem, and was the senior member of the firm of Lerch & Rice. He married Sarah E. Jones and had two children: Joseph A., died in infancy; and Frank J.

Joseph Lerch, third son of Joseph, was born Dec. 31, 1822, and died Aug. 12, 1858. He married Eliza Hummel and had three children: Amelia, Henry C., and Amandus W.

Henry C. Lerch, son of Joseph, was born near Kreidersville, Sept. 17, 1849. He conducted a general store at Cherryville, until his decease, May 16, 1886. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Paul's church at Indianland. He was married to Malinda, daughter of John and Eliza (Smith) Leibenguth, and they had three children: Emma J., married John Brader, of Treichler's; Aquilla E., married Robert Myers, now deceased, the widow residing at Allentown; and Harry J.

HARRY J. LERCH, son of Henry C., was born at Allentown, Oct. 17, 1875. He attended the public schools of Northampton county, and the high school at Mauch Chunk. He then studied telegraphy and was employed at it six years, after which he filled the position of station agent at Northampton on the Central R. R. of N. J., for two years. Later he became interested in the Mauser Milling Company, of Laury's, Treichler's, and Northampton, of which firm he is vice-president. He removed to Allentown in 1910.

He is a member of Chapman Lodge, No. 637, F. & A. M., at Siegfried; R. A. Chapter, No. 278, at Catasauqua; and Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., Allentown; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading; and Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E.

In 1899, Mr. Lerch was married to Stella R. Mauser, daughter of Jacob B. and Anna A. (Bieber) Mauser, of Treichler's, and they have four children: Josephine N., Elizabeth B., J. Mauser, and Harrison J.

Frederick Lerch, the third son of Anthony, Sr., was born April 17, 1759. He resided in Mt. Bethel township until 1788, when he secured a large farm in Forks township and this he cultivated until he died, Aug. 1, 1826. This farm is now the property of a Mr. Messinger. In 1780, he was married to Elizabeth, who was born June 18, 1761, and died Dec. 6, 1838. They had seventeen children. At the time of her decease there were 12 children, 91 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren. Among the surviving children were: Anthony, Frederick, William, Philip, Henry, Jonas, Christian, and two daughters: one married Samuel Riegel, and another married Peter Woodring.

William Lerch, third son of Frederick, was born in Mt. Bethel township, July 31, 1785. He was a farmer and owned a farm of 136 acres which he cultivated until 1811, when he removed to near Weaversville, and resided there until he died, Sept. 12, 1860, aged 75 years. He was married to Elizabeth Messinger, sister of Michael and George. She died in 1858 at the age of 66 years. They had eight children: Mary Ann, Conrad, William, Thomas, Nathan, Elizabeth, Rosanna, and Araminda. They were members of the Reformed church at Shoenersville, which he served as deacon and elder.

Nathan Lerch, the fourth son of William, was born Aug. 12, 1819, at Shoenersville. He was brought up on the farm and this he afterward owned and cultivated. He was married and had ten children: Reuben H.; Sarah A.; Cornelia C. and William A., who were twins; Lucinda H.; Mary J.; Ida L. A.; Edmond A.; Preston T.; and Alabama M. They were members of the Reformed church at Shoenersville, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

REUBEN H. LERCH, the eldest son of Nathan, was born at Shoenersville, June 12, 1842, and reared on a farm. In 1871 he leased a property in North Whitehall and there carried on farming for three years. In 1877, he removed to near Emaus, where he also farmed, and later he located in Whitehall, where he purchased a farm of 76 acres, and this he has cultivated until the present time. In 1891, he improved the premises by erecting a dwelling-house. The farm was

formerly owned by Peter Moyer. In 1864, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Miller) Lazarus, and they had four children: William H., married Lydia A. Schaffer; Emma J., married Benjamin Metzger, of Arlington, N. J.; Ida C., married Henry Rinker, of Whitehall; and Lizzie R., who died when four years old. Mr. Lerch and family are members of Mickley's church Reformed congregation, which he has served as deacon, and is now trustee.

**WILLIAM H. LERCH**, son of Reuben, was born in Northampton county, July 28, 1865, and was reared on a farm. In 1894 he began farming in Whithall, near Mechanicsville, and was a tenant farmer for nine years. In 1902 he became the manager of the farms of the American Cement Company, and since then has supervised the work on 300 acres of land.

He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, No. 97. In 1893, he was married to Lydia A., a daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Beltz) Shaffer, and they have one daughter, Lasta B., a graduate of Whitehall high school, class of 1912. They are members of the Reformed church at Mickley's, which he has served as a deacon.

#### HON. FRED E. LEWIS.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Lewis, Hon. Fred. E. Lewis, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent Lehigh county families. He was born in Allentown, Pa., February 8th, 1865, and has always resided there. He was educated in the public schools, a New England Military Institute and Muhlenberg College, after which he took up the study of law in the offices of Hon. Robert E. Wright. He was admitted to practice at Lehigh county bar in 1888, and by reason of his conspicuous talents almost immediately commanded recognition in his chosen profession.

Mr. Lewis' remarkable political career began early, so early indeed, that he was not taken seriously by the politicians, until in 1896 he secured the Republican nomination for mayor, and at the polls defeated the late Hon. William H. Sowden, a former member of congress, and a man of national reputation. Mr. Lewis was then just past thirty, but to his opponents, who had tried to make political capital out of his age and lack of experience, he soon demonstrated that he had a man's head on youthful shoulders. Indeed, self-reliant, courageous and progressive from the hour he took up the reins of government, he faithfully performed his duties as he understood them, with the result that his administration was not only masterful but notable for striking reforms and improvements.

The evils of Sunday liquor selling and drunkenness were reduced to a minimum, the Central fire and police station was built, engine houses were improved and modernized, a new fire engine, a combination chemical and hose truck, and a double line of hose were purchased and the fire department altogether placed on a higher basis of equipment and efficiency. The first serious movement for street paving was inaugurated, new sewers were built, Schantz's Spring was bought, a new standpipe was erected, the position of house sergeant and night sergeant were created, so that for the first time in the history of the city the police department was open to the public at all hours of the day and night. The city was notably free from criminals and order was maintained on the streets by one of the best organized and most efficient force of officers the police department of the city has had before or since.

Under this administration the question of increasing the debt of the city for paving and sewerage purposes was submitted to the people, and while the project was not favorably voted upon; the agitation was measurably followed by good results. Also, an ordinance, drafted by Mr. Lewis, and personally championed by him before council was passed, compelling trolley companies to vestibule their cars, thereby protecting motormen and conductors and insuring greater safety to passengers.

Needless to say, with such a record of achievements, Mr. Lewis was no longer regarded as an experiment. He had exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of his friends, as well as made himself a commanding figure in the community. Indeed, his popularity was so great that his nomination for mayor in 1902 was practically demanded by the mass of Republican voters and foreshadowed his triumph at the polls in perhaps the most desperately waged contest in local political history.

Mr. Lewis' second administration, if anything, surpassed the first in brilliancy and usefulness. There was snap, vigor, and progressiveness in abundance. Hamilton street was paved from Twelfth to Seventeenth and Chew street almost its entire length, the police force was doubled so as to give adequate protection during the day and night, the police patrol telegraph system was installed, the pipe line was laid from Schantz's Spring to the city, a new pump was purchased for the water department, the tax rate was reduced and altogether municipal affairs were conducted on sound and economical principles and for the best interests of all the citizens.

One of the secrets of Mr. Lewis' success was that he gave his almost undivided time and attention to the duties of his office, carefully studied



the needs of the municipality, conferred freely and frankly with the people, and always sincerely sought to better their conditions and promote the general welfare. Of course, he was not infallible, but his bitterest enemy could not impute to him improper motives in any plan he advocated or in any act he performed. He retired from office with the respect and confidence of the people, and it may be truly said of him without disparagement of any of his predecessors, that he was the equal of the best mayor Allentown ever had.

As a business man, Mr. Lewis has a number of notable achievements to his credit. He organized the Lehigh Telephone Company, since absorbed by the Consolidated Telephone Companies of Pennsylvania; he established the Merchants National Bank of this city, and was its first president for a period extending over seven years; and as a former president of the Allentown Board of Trade, he did much to arouse public interest and action, and so helped materially to increase the industrial and financial prosperity of the community.

Mr. Lewis was a Republican of the stalwart type, always active with his voice and influence in the interests of his party, and for years was a strong personal factor in every important campaign.

In the campaign of 1912 Mr. Lewis was nominated by the Republicans and endorsed by the Washington Party for congressman-at-large, and was elected by a large plurality. He is now serving as a member of the Sixty-third Congress as a Progressive.

At a recent conference of the Washington Party, Mr. Lewis was requested to become a candidate for the office of secretary of internal affairs, and at the primary election was nominated for that office on the ticket of the Washington Party, without opposition.

Mr. Lewis' engaging personality, generous nature, and unaffected democratic manner have made him perhaps the best known man in Allentown. He is especially popular with the working classes and on several occasions was instrumental in bringing about a settlement of serious labor dissensions, notably the Lehigh Valley Traction Company, and Pioneer Silk Mill strikes.

An enthusiastic volunteer fireman from boyhood, Mr. Lewis is one of the best known members of the State Firemen's Association, and was a member of the executive committee of that body which secured the state law, donating money for the relief of sick and injured firemen. He is also a member of many social organizations, as well as of a number of protective and beneficial societies.

Mr. Lewis was married, April 16, 1892, to Miss Juliet M. Hammersly, of Allentown, a daughter of Capt. James B. Hammersly. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have one son, Samuel Lewis, a cadet at the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pa., and one daughter, Anna Marie, a student at the Allentown College for Women at Allentown, Pa.

#### JOSEPH B. LEWIS.

Joseph B. Lewis, son of Samuel Lewis and wife, Elizabeth Balliet, and grandson of Samuel Lewis, was born May 27, 1838, in Philadelphia. He was educated in New England, at Wilberham, Mass. In 1858, he entered the employ of the Allentown Iron Company, as an assistant superintendent, where he remained until 1861, when he erected the Lehigh Rolling Mills, for the manufacture of merchant iron and continued in this business until 1866, when on August 1 of that year he left for California, where he engaged in mining until 1870. He then returned East and became superintendent of furnaces at Port Oram, Morris county, N. J. Some time later he again went West and engaged in the cattle business for a New York and Western Cattle Company, in the Cherokee strip, south of the Kansas state line, now Oklahoma, for two years. He then returned to Allentown and assisted in managing the furnaces of the Allentown Iron Company until his retirement in 1892.

Mr. Lewis married Miss Ellenora G. Schmucker. Mr. Lewis is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., Allen Chapter, No. 203, R. A. M., Allen Council, and Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., Livingston Club, and the Lehigh County Historical Society.

#### FRANCIS G. LEWIS.

Francis Garber Lewis, practicing attorney at Allentown since 1896, was born in Limerick township, Montgomery county, being of Welsh, English and German parentage. He was educated in the public schools of the township, and Washington Hall Collegiate Institute at the Trappe, from which he entered the junior class at college and was graduated in two years. After following the profession of teaching for a number of years in public schools, preparatory schools, and academies in Pennsylvania, he studied law in the offices of Hon. C. J. Erdman and Thomas F. Diefenderfer, Esq., for the prescribed course and was admitted to practice in the several courts of Lehigh and Philadelphia counties in 1896, and since then he has been in active and successful practice in the city of Allentown. He has also been admitted to practice in the Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania, and the United



States District and Circuit Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Besides his large practice he has served as solicitor for the city of Allentown, the county of Lehigh, and the borough of Catasauqua, and also Whitehall township, the only first-class township in the county, which has given him thorough qualification in municipal law.

Mr. Lewis was married to Sallie L. Rath, daughter of Rev. William Rath, minister of the Lutheran denomination, and they had two sons, one having died, and the other, William E., being a graduate of Haverford College, and now a graduate student in the Lehigh University.

#### LEVAN FAMILY.

Among the members of the Huguenot Church at Amsterdam, Holland, was Daniel Levan and his wife, Maria Bean, refugees from Picardy, France. From a baptismal certificate it seems that some of their children were born at Amsterdam. About 1715 four sons of the refugee set out for Pennsylvania. They were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, the latter, of whom died at sea. These were followed in 1727 by their brother Daniel, all of whom settled in the limits of Berks county.

(1) Abraham, son of Daniel and Maria (Bean) Levan, was born in Amsterdam in 1698, and died in 1771. He was married to Catharine Wenner, daughter of Mrs. Isaac De Turk by a former marriage. She was born in France, Feb. 22, 1706, and died Sept. 29, 1768. They had the following children: Daniel, Isaac, Esther (Bertolet), Susan (Mowry), Elizabeth (Reeser), and Catharine.

(1) Isaac Levan, son of Daniel and Maria, emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland, and located in Exeter township, Berks county, Pa., in about 1730, being one of the first settlers there. He was engaged in farming until the latter period of his life, when in 1770, he moved to Reading, Pa., where he died in August, 1786. He and his wife, Mary Margaret, had the following children: Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, Jacob, Mary (wife of Peter Feather) and Judith (wife of Samuel Weiser).

Jacob Levan, Sr., son of Isaac the emigrant, was born at the old homestead in Exeter township, Berks county, Pa., about 1736 and died there in January, 1814. He was engaged in farming all his life. He was married to Susannah Ludwig, and had the following children: Abraham, Daniel, Jacob, Margaret [m. (first) Peter Rightmeyer, (second) John Wollison], Judith (m. Henry Leese), Susannah (m. John Stitzel), Elizabeth (m. Samuel Kurst), Mary (m. Henry Werner), Hannah (m. Godfrey Kershner),

Catherine (m. Jacob Goodman), and Sarah (m. Adam Stitzel).

(1) Jacob, son of Daniel and Maria (Bean) Levan was born early in the eighteenth century, died 1768. He had the following children: Colonel Sebastian Levan, married to Susan Snyder; Jacob, married to Susanna Ludwig; Catharine, married Valentine Brobst; Elizabeth, married George Adam Snyder; Susanna, married Charles Neudorf; Eva, married Peter Yoder; Maria, married Jacob Hottenstein, second to Frederick Hill.

Jacob Levan located in Maxatawny township of which he was one of the first settlers. He was an extensive land owner, the present town of Kutztown being built on a part of his former estate. He erected the first grist mill in this region prior to 1750.

He was one of the judges of the county court from 1751 to 1762. He bore an important part in the defense of the frontiers during the French and Indian wars and was commissioned to provision Fort Allen in 1756. His son Sebastian was a man of great prominence. At the outbreak of the Revolution he represented his district in the Committee of Safety. He was a member of the State Assembly in 1779-1789, and a member of the supreme Executive Council from 1782-1784. He was also a colonel of militia. He died in 1794.

Daniel Levan, a fourth son of Daniel and Maria (Bean) Levan who came to America, also settled in Maxatawny. His son Daniel was admitted to the bar in Berks county in 1768 and became a lawyer of considerable prominence.

Jacob Levan, 2nd son of Jacob the immigrant, died in middle life and is buried in the old graveyard on the David Levan farm. He had children: Jacob Daniel, John and Maria.

Benjamin Levan was born Aug. 16, 1777, died July 6, 1858, and is buried at Kutztown. He lived in Greenwich township where he owned and operated a mill. He was married to Elizabeth Kline. They had children as follows: Jacob, lived at Reading; Daniel; George, married Adeline Donmoyer; Joshua, lived in Ohio; Harriet; Annie, married Benjamin Antrim, of Danville; Eliza, married Mr. Groff, of Harrisburg; Kate married William Fisher; Henry, married Elizabeth Bott, after his death she married Adam Scheirer, of Mickleys.

William K. Levan lived at Macungie, where he was an iron ore contractor and farmer. He also operated a grist mill in Greenwich township where he had lived earlier in life. He was born April 15, 1820, and died Sept. 15, 1902. He was married to Helena Schmoyer. To them the following children were born: Joseph, Styles,



Sarah, married Perceval Wesco; Emma, married Charles E. Wenner; Caroline, married Harrison Reber; Hannah, married Daniel Schaeffer; Alameda, married Jacob Kutz; Rosa, married Monis Boyer.

John Levan, son of Jacob (2), was born in Berks county, where he followed farming. He was married to Margaretta Kahler and had children: Daniel, John, Charles, Peter and two daughters. Daniel was born in Berks county and later moved to Schuylkill county. He was married to Lydia Stout, with whom he had the following children: Isaac, born March 2, 1800, lived at Hamburg; Lydia, born November 28, 1802; George, born April 10, 1803; Anna, born 1805; Benjamin S., born October 26, 1806; Elizabeth, born February 28, 1808, married Dr. Medler, of Orwigsburg; Joseph, born May 19, 1810; Joseph B., born December 20, 1811. He was married a second time to a sister of his first wife with whom he had the following children: Tryphena, Gustavus, William, Sarah, Catharine.

Benjamin S. Levan, son of Daniel and Lydia (Stout) Levan was born in Maiden Creek township, at an early age moved to Kutztown. He was employed for five years as a clerk in Philadelphia. He was superintendent of the Lehigh Furnace in Washington township for twenty-eight years. He then moved to Coplay, then Whitehall township, and erected the furnace for the Lehigh Valley Iron Company of which he was superintendent for thirty years.

Mr. Levan was the moving spirit in the erection of the Reformed church at Coplay, towards which he contributed liberally and wielded a great influence.

He was the father of the following children: Albert, Stephen, Francis, Paul, James Garret and Susan.

James B. Levan was born in Maxatawny township. For a number of years he followed the mercantile business at Schuylkill Haven, where he met with an accident which resulted in his death. He was a member of the Reformed church which he served as an elder.

He was married to Catharine Dieffenderfer, of Longswamp township, Berks county. They had the following children: Aaron B., of Cleveland, Ohio, member of the mercantile house of Kinney & Levan Company, and Walter F.

WALTER F. LEVAN, a son of James B. and Catharine Dieffenderfer Levan, was born in Schuylkill Haven, March 7, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill Haven. At an early age he started to work in a general store and in 1872 he moved to Coplay, where he engaged in the mercantile business which he followed until 1908. When the Coplay National

Bank was organized he was one of the organizers and was elected cashier, which position he has held ever since. He was married to Leonora A. Dangler.

Mrs. Levan has been a very prominent worker in the Sunday school of Trinity Reformed church, having been the superintendent of the infant department for twenty-five years. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Levan: M. Catharine, at home; Arthur D., a bookkeeper at Palmyra, Pa.; F. Adele, married to Thomas E. Linton, a civil engineer of Kansas City, Mo.

#### LICHTENWALNER FAMILY.

Johannes Lichtenwalner, a pioneer ancestor, together with his wife, Barbara, and a one-year-old son, arrived on the ship "Samuel of London," at Philadelphia, on Aug. 17, 1733. His passport shows that he had been a blacksmith for four years previous to his setting sail for America, at Kreuth, province of Brandenburg, Germany. When he had arrived at Philadelphia, he purchased a team, loaded on his wagon what household goods he had, together with his wife and son, and followed the tide of the immigrants, and by the newly-laid out road came to "Macungy." From Trexler's tavern (now Breinigsville), he followed an old Indian trail, and located in the western part of what is now North Whitehall township, where he settled on a 300-acre tract of vacant land along the Jordan creek, securing a patent for the same in 1738. Just how long he continued on this plantation is not certainly known, but it is evident that he was dissatisfied with the land, the same being rough and hilly, the top-soil shallow and gravelly. For these reasons he evidently concluded to take up other land and make a settlement elsewhere. He returned to what is now Upper Macungie township; and settled about 1742 on a tract of land one mile west of the present village of Fogelsville. Here he erected his log-cabin. In 1752 he obtained a patent deed for this tract. He had been an influential man, was one of the organizers of the Jordan Lutheran church, and together with George Steininger, was the first trustee of same.

Besides the son brought with him from Germany, he had the following children: Margaretta, b. Feb. 3, 1734; Maria Agatha, b. 1736, m. to Heinrich, the son of George Steininger; Johann, b. June 29, 1738; Catharine, b. Oct. 2, 1742; Anna Christina, b. May 12, 1745; Johann Tobias, b. April 23, 1747; Catharina Margaretta, b. Oct. 30, 1749; Abraham, b. July 12, 1753, m. Eva Catharine Saeger. Barbara, wife of Johannes, died in April, 1757.

Johannes Lichtenwalner (2), son of Johann,



born June 29, 1738, is the common ancestor of the Pennsylvania Lichtenwalners. When 25 years of age he married Catharina Staettler, a daughter of Daniel. He resided during his whole life in the stone-house on the old homestead, having inherited  $413\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land from his father, about one mile west of Fogelsville. Later he bought one tract after another until he owned, all told, 952 acres. He served in the Revolution, being First Lieutenant under Capt. Peter Trexler, Jr. He died Oct. 30, 1794, and was buried at the Jordan Lutheran Church. By occupation, he had been a farmer and a blacksmith. Their children: Catharine, b. May 13, 1765, d. Aug. 12, 1831, m. to Matthias Leibensperger; Johann; Anna Maria, b. Sept. 9, 1768, d. May 25, 1852, m. to George Shaffer; Barbara, b. Oct. 20, 1772, d. Jan. 10, 1838, m. to Philip Leibensperger, of Salisburg township; George; Peter; Margaret, b. Nov. 25, 1779, d. Dec. 16, 1871, m. to Henry Kline; Christopher, b. 1781, d. Jan. 1821, m. to Katharina Bortz; Mary Magdalena, b. Oct. 24, 1784, d. Sept. 28, 1854, m. to Jacob Vogel, of Bath; Jacob.

Johannes Lichtenwalner (3), son of Johann, Jr., was born near Fogelsville, Pa., Dec. 1, 1766. He married Margaret Steininger, in 1791, and was a farmer by occupation. He died Dec. 12, 1834, and is buried at the Ziegel's Church.

Their children were: Jonathan, b. Aug. 20, 1794, d. single April 6, 1817; Lydia, died in infancy; Eliza, b. Dec. 5, 1798, died young; Leah, married to John P. Smith (she died in 1886, aged 85 years, and had resided on a farm near Edesville, Kent county, Md.); John; Rebecca, b. Dec. 5, 1798, d. Dec. 16, 1889 (she had been married to John Miller); Samuel, b. Jan. 16, 1806. His first wife had been Maria Albright, who died and in 1884 he married Eliza Folk. He resided on farm near Mertztown, his death occurring March 24, 1876, and he is buried at Mertztown. Judith, b. Jan. 13, 1810 (was married to Jonathan Trexler, she died June 20, 1887, and buried at Allentown); Solomon, who died in 1824 at the age of 17 years; and an infant, which died young.

John Lichtenwalner, son of Johann (3) was born on the old homestead west of Fogelsville, June 1, 1803. He had been a farmer by occupation and a member of the Lutheran church. He married Elizabeth Schaeffer on March 30, 1828, the issue being: John H., farmer, banker, and later warden of the Lehigh county prison. He was born April 7, 1830; m. June 15, 1852, to Caroline Keck. He died June 29, 1882, and is buried at Fogelsville.

2. William C.

3. Reuben, b. Sept. 23, 1835; died June 21,

1844 and is buried at Fogelsville.

4. Caroline, b. Feb. 24, 1829. She married John H. Fogel, farmer and an ex-member of the legislature. She died Sept. 29, 1898 and is buried at Fogelsville.

John Lichtenwalner died Aug. 20, 1860, and is buried on the Fogelsville cemetery.

William C. Lichtenwalner, son of John, was born June 17, 1832. Attending the public schools he afterward engaged in farming, later as a banker. He served as a member of the legislature for two terms. On Nov. 30, 1854, he married Amelia C. Fogel, and had six children: (1) W. Allen, attorney-at-law, born Sept. 4, 1855, now residing at Los Angeles, California. (2) Ellis R., attorney at law at Macungie; died March 15, 1890, aged 33 years. (3) John B., physician and surgeon at Dunbar, Neb., was born July 8, 1859, and married Mittie J. Riale, in 1884. (4) Nora Amelia Paulina, married to Edgar C. Shimer, traveling salesman, was born March 22, 1864, and died Oct. 18, 1912. (5) Irene Anna Elizabeth, married to Lewis L. Anwalt, of the firm of L. L. Anwalt Co., of Allentown, was born March 28, 1867. (6) Fred H.

William C. died Feb. 24, 1873, and is buried at Fogelsville. His widow married T. Frank Butz. She was born April 23, 1834, and died Dec. 28, 1914.

FRED H. LICHTENWALNER, son of William C. and Amelia (Fogel), was born at Allentown, Pa., June 27, 1868. He attended the public schools to the age of 14 years. In 1882, he began his business career by becoming messenger for the Allentown National Bank. Being faithful in the discharge of his duties, he was promoted rapidly, filling every position, and for seven years being the receiving teller. His total service with this institution numbered 23 years. Recognizing his ability and fidelity to his employers, the Citizen's Deposit and Trust Company Bank, in October, 1905, called him to become its secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lichtenwalner also served as secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Loan and Building Association for 19 years, was treasurer for the Lehigh county almshouse for 12 years, and deputy county treasurer from 1899 to 1904. In politics he is a Democrat, and a member of the Reformed church.

On Aug. 23, 1888, he was married to Jennie H., a daughter of Martin and Eliza (Erdman) Seiple, the issue being: (1) Norton L., married to Anna E. Koch; he is a member of the firm of J. M. Grimley Co., and resides at 1208 Hamilton street, Allentown. (2) Lillian E., who resides with her parents at 1535 Turner street, Allentown, Pa.



George Lichtenwalner, or "Yarrick" as more commonly known, was the second oldest son of Johannes No. 2, and a grandson of Johannes, the immigrant. He had been born on the old homestead near Fogelsville, April 20, 1775. By occupation he had been a farmer, residing on a farm between Trexlertown and Fogelsville. He died Dec. 2, 1857, and is buried on the Trexlertown cemetery. His wife had been Maria Knauss and they had nine children: (1) Solomon. (2) Charles, born Sept. 12, 1811, died Jan. 29, 1885, and is buried in the West End cemetery, at Allentown; he was married to Eliza Schaad and had 13 children. (3) Margareth, born Feb. 28, 1816, who died in infancy. (4) Eli, who was a farmer, born Nov. 25, 1819, died April 23, 1897; he had married Fafienna Glick, with whom he had two children. (5) Mary Ann, born Sept. 4, 1823 and died April 20, 1890; she was married to Daniel Henninger, with whom she had seven children. (6) Judith, married to Jonas Kuhns, was born April 2, 1801, had 14 children, died Jan. 25, 1876, and is buried in the Jordan Lutheran cemetery. (7) Lydia, wife of Samuel H. Snyder, a farmer, was born May 3, 1813; she had seven children; she died Nov. 8, 1880 and is buried at Polo, Ill. (8) Anna, wife of George F. Fegely, was born Nov. 30, 1805; died Feb. 17, 1872 and is buried at Mertztown; she had ten children. (9) Pollie, married first to David Mohr, with whom she had four children, then married again to George Moll, from which union were born three children; she died April 11, 1877, and is buried on the Hereford cemetery.

Solomon Lichtenwalner, son of George, was born May 8, 1807. Receiving his education in the public school, he afterward followed farming, residing on his farm near Trexlertown. He died Jan. 2, 1869, and is buried on the Trexlertown cemetery. He had been married to Maria Ann Stettler, with whom he had seven children: (1) Jonas, born March 13, 1834; he married Adeline Haines, having two children. (2) William H., born Sept. 11, 1836, married Jan. 29, 1859 to Rebecca Schmoyer, having five children; he died Oct. 5, 1894. (3) Joseph B., born March 2, 1839, married to Ellen Moyer, having two children. (4) Amanda, married to Solomon Kuhns, of Litzenberg, had one child; she was born Sept. 1, 1841. (5) Solomon, born Aug. 10, 1843, and had been twice married—first to Sarah Kuhns, deceased, and second to Lizzie Peter. (6) Hiram A. (7) Lafenus, deceased, born Dec. 20, 1849, had been miller at Cetronia and was married to Agnes Folk.

HIRAM A. LICHTENWALNER, son of Solomon, was born Oct. 20, 1846. He was educated in

the public schools of South Whitehall township. Afterwards he taught school for two terms in Upper and Lower Macungie townships. He has been a farmer for 23 years, was owner and proprietor of the Lichtenwalner's Mill for twenty years. He is a member of the Lutheran church, serving it as deacon, trustee, as well as chairman of the building committee for the Cetronia Lutheran church. In the Sunday school he served as superintendent and teacher for a period of 40 years. On Feb. 28, 1871, he married Catharine, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Houser) Glick, the issue being: (1) Emma J., who died in infancy; (2) John H.; (3) Edna M., born July 18, 1880, married to Wilman J. Grammes, who have two children: Blanche E., b. Dec. 13, 1899 and Ethel L., b. April 25, 1904. (4) Harry C., a carpenter, born March 25, 1885, married to Mabel Shankweiler, who have a child, Alma I., b. Feb. 10, 1908. (5) Mattie S., born Aug. 30, 1890, married to John J. Wenner, who have one child: Pauline K., b. Aug. 20, 1911. (6) Morris S., born Oct. 24, 1891. Mr. Lichtenwalner resides at Cetronia.

JOHN H. LICHTENWALNER, son of Hiram A. and Catharine A. (Glick), was born in South Whitehall township, Jan. 19, 1875. He attended the public schools to 1893, afterwards the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, for two years, graduating therefrom in 1895. He taught school for three years, when he began to clerk for an insurance company. In 1911, he became letter-carrier in Allentown, which he continues to the present time. He is a Republican, a member of I. O. O. F., Encampment; I. O. O. F., and I. O. R. M., as well as of the Lutheran church. He also is the efficient secretary of the Lichtenwalner Family Reunion for a great many years. On Jan. 21, 1889, he married Lillie E., daughter of Willoughby J., deceased, and Elemina M. (Guth) Koch, the issue being: Blanche E., and Ethel L. Mr. Lichtenwalner resides at 917½ Walnut Street, Allentown.

Peter Lichtenwalner, son of Johannes No. 2, was born on the old homestead one mile west of Fogelsville, March 24, 1778. He was a saddler and farmer by occupation. In 1812, he settled on a farm near Bath in Northampton county, where he died June 25, 1851. His wife had been Susanna Oswald, with whom he had seven children: (1) Joseph. (2) Jonas, a farmer, born June 11, 1810; died Sept. 25, 1892; was married to Lydia Radwohl. (3) Esta, married to George Schlabach, was born July 6, 1804, and died Jan. 18, 1865, and is buried at Bath. (4) Eliza, married to Daniel M. Fox, was born Oct.



5, 1806 and died July 5, 1874. She is buried in Calhoun county, Mich. (5) Asa, farmer, born Sept. 18, 1812; died Feb. 16, 1891; had been married to Mary Scholl. (6) Peter, blacksmith and farmer, was born May 1, 1820, married Salome Kepler, died Aug. 3, 1891, and is buried at Clarno, Wis. (7) John, clerk, was born Sept. 3, 1822, remained single, died Jan. 22, 1859, and is buried at Bath.

Joseph Lichtenwalner, son of Peter, was born in Macungie township, June 3, 1802. When eight years of age, he together with his parents moved to Hanover township, where he was reared. At a suitable age, he began farming in Northampton county, and two years later, in 1831, he moved to Hanover township, Lehigh county, where he farmed until he retired. This last named place is now owned by Harvey Buss, being originally composed of 112 acres. He served as school-director, and also held the office of deacon and elder in the Schoenersville church, at which cemetery he is also buried, having died Aug. 2, 1878. He had been married to Anna Catherine Michael, having the following issue: (1) Balinda married to Charles Fritzinger, deceased, of Bath. (2) Reuben M., minister, of the U. B. denomination, married to Drusilla Breder, of Philadelphia. (3) Joseph, deceased, married to Mary Ann Fenner. (4) Daniel, of Nazareth, married to Susanna Scheffler. (5) James P. Tilghman married to Clara Dewalt, of Northampton, Pa.; Catherine, Violetta, Susanna and Angelina, all died young.

James P. Lichtenwalner, a retired citizen of Schoenersville, a son of Joseph, was born in Hanover, Lehigh county, Oct. 27, 1839. He was reared upon the homestead; began to farm the same in 1863, and for three years also farmed an adjoining farm. For eleven years he farmed the homestead farm of 114 acres. In 1878 he moved to Bethlehem township, later to East Allen township. He retired in 1902 and came to Schoenersville, where he purchased a home, still retaining his farm in Lower Nazareth township. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Lichtenwalner Family Reunion since its inception, is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He was married June 3, 1860, to Lena A., daughter of Jacob and Julia (Schaeffer) Huber, the issue being: Milton H., of Belfast, Pa., married to Ida Luckenbach; James P., Jr.; Owen C., carpenter of Tatamy, married to Cora C. Whitehead; Ida, married to George A. Smith, of Bethlehem; Harry H., of Clarno, Wis., married to Addie Dinges; William, who died in March, 1897, aged 24 years; Ellen, married to Victor H. Schleicher, of Hanoverville; Joseph, married to Lizzie George, of

Hecktown, and Mary C., married to Charles Bender.

JAMES P. LICHTENWALNER, JR., son of James P., a farmer of Hanover township, Lehigh county, where he was born July 25, 1862. Reared upon the farm, he began farming for himself in Hanover in 1889, removing in 1896 to the farm in Lehigh county, where he since lives. He pays particular attention to dairying, and has the best herd of Holstein cattle in the district. He also owns a 115-acre farm in Upper Saucon, where his son lives. He is president of the Lichtenwalner Family Reunion since 1911, having been vice-president for two years previous, and a member of its Executive Committee for five years. In politics, he is a Republican, a member of the Schoenersville Lutheran congregation, of which he is a deacon since 1911, and treasurer of Christ Union Sunday school since 1901. June 7, 1884, he married Ida B., a daughter of William and Mary (Rath) Crook, the issue being: Lizzie M., graduated from the township high school in 1899, married to Frank J. Seyfried, of Nazareth, Pa.; Preston, graduated in 1903, married to Helen Ernest, having two children: Ida and Wilson. He resides in Upper Saucon township on his father's farm; Mabel I., who graduated from the township high school in 1907. Besides the aforesaid James, Jr., also adopted Michael Rickert, who is married to Minnie Phillips, residing in Salisbury township; and William and Mary Meyers. William Meyers graduated from the township high school in 1911.

Jacob Lichtenwalner, the youngest son of Johannes No. 2, was born near Fogelsville, Pa., Dec. 24, 1786. He received from his father a tract of land, consisting of over 156 acres, about two miles west of Fogelsville, where he farmed. He was a member of the Lutheran church; died Jan. 24, 1866, and is buried at the Ziegel's Church. He had been married to Susanna, a daughter of Daniel Hoch, born Aug. 22, 1793; d. Dec. 20, 1869, the issue being: Daniel, b. Sept. 11, 1816, died in infancy; Levi; James, dec'd, born Dec. 3, 1835, married to Mary Schmoyer; Charles, born Dec. 23, 1824, died May 24, 1847; Maria, born Dec. 23, 1824, died Dec. 15, 1906, married to John B. Schmeyer; Lydia, born March 1, 1814, died Oct. 14, 1898, married first to Henry Schmeyer, then to David Heffner; Susanna, born Jan. 16, 1828, deceased, married to John Siegfried; Carolina, born March 24, 1831, married to Daniel Bieber, dec'd, of Kutztown.

Levi Lichtenwalner, son of Jacob, was born in Macungie township, Lehigh county, May 12, 1818. Educated in the public school, he at the proper age began to farm in Weisenberg town-



ship, later removing to Lower Macungie township, where he continued to farm. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died Jan. 21, 1894, being buried at Lehigh Church. He married Rachel Seiberling, the issue being: Eli P., married to Louisa H. Kline, dec'd; Louisa L., married to Alfred J. Clader, contractor, of Allentown; Jacob; Sarah, dec'd, married to Charles Kline, dec'd; Levi, dec'd, married to Catharine A. Leibensperger, dec'd; Susan, married to Oscar J. Schmoyer, dec'd; Frank S., of Chalfont, Pa., married to Mary A. Butz; Mary, married to James P. Schmoyer, of near Trexlertown.

JACOB C. LICHTENWALNER, ore mine operator and farmer, of Haafsville, son of Levi, was born in Weisenberg township, Feb. 27, 1844. He was educated in the public schools, and afterwards attended the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pa. Reared upon the farm, he worked for his father until 24 years of age, when he began farming on the homestead of his grandfather, Jacob Lichtenwalner. This tract consists of 114 acres. Here he is still residing. In 1871 he engaged in mining hematite ore on his farm, which had been already operated in the time of his grandfather, and has continued ever since, employing as many as 45 men. He sells his ore to the Thomas Iron Co., and the Crane Iron Co., at Hokendauqua and Catasauqua. He owns several large farms in partnership with his son Richard J. The one is located at Spring Creek and consists of 116 acres; the other in North Whitehall township, consists of 135 acres. He is a Republican, serving as school director for five years, being president and treasurer of the board; is a member of the Ziegel's Lutheran congregation, which he served as deacon and elder for a number of years. On Dec. 24, 1867, he was married to Maria, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Schreiber) Eberhard, of North Whitehall township, the issue being an only son, Richard J., who resides with his parents. He was married to Eva, a daughter of the late Charles Mosser, of near Trexlertown. She died in 1912, leaving an only daughter, Anna M.

John Lichtenwalner, the son of Johannes and grandfather of Edwin J., attorney-at-law at Allentown, was born in the same township in 1803, and in March, 1828, married Elizabeth Shaffer; and they had four children: John H., William C., Reuben, and Caroline (married to John H. Fogel), died in August, 1880, aged 57 years, 2 months and 19 days, and his wife died on May 24, 1903.

John H. Lichtenwalner, the eldest son of John, was born in the same township near Fogelsville, on April 7, 1830. He was married at Fogels-

ville in 1852 to Carolina L. Keck (born Oct. 12, 1830). He died June 29, 1882, aged 52 years, 2 months and 22 days, and his wife on Nov. 5, 1909, aged 79 years and 25 days. They had four children, all of whom were born at Fogelsville: Elda J., Laura E., Carrie A., and Edwin J. Elda J. was one of the first graduates of the Allentown College for Women in 1871 (her classmates having been Alice Losch, Mary Weiser and Sallie Massey); and after her graduation she became a teacher in the college under the Rev. William R. Hufford; and she was married to Kirk W. DeBelle. Laura was married to B. Frank Kepner, of Allentown; and Carrie to Thomas E. Groman, of Bethlehem.

EDWIN J. LICHTENWALNER, attorney-at-law and representative citizen of Lehigh county, was the son of John H., attended the public school at Fogelsville in acquiring his preliminary education, and afterward the high schools at Allentown, Pa., and Lawrenceville, N. J., and a preparatory school at Princeton, N. J., then the Muhlenberg College (entering the sophomore class in 1877) and he was graduated in 1879. After his graduation, he became deputy warden of the Lehigh county prison, under his father, the Hon. H. Lichtenwalner, who was the warden at that time. While filling this position he entered upon the study of law under the supervision of Hon. Edward Harvey, and after following the prescribed course of reading he was admitted to the Lehigh county bar in 1885. Subsequently he was also admitted to practice before the courts of Northampton, Carbon, Bucks, Berks and York counties; the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Since his admission he carried on a very successful and extended practice of his profession.

In the fall of 1901, Mr. Lichtenwalner was elected district attorney of Lehigh county and he filled the office in a distinguished manner from January, 1902, to January, 1905. During his term there were many important criminal cases which attracted much attention. At the September sessions of 1904 he disposed of 189 cases in one week. He became the counsel for defendants, in many serious cases, among them being William Keck, for the murder of William Nipsch and wife at Ironton, Pa.; William Kelly, for the murder of William Brennan; Michael Murphy, for the murder of ———; James H. Wilson for the murder of John Ebert; Sallie Raudenbush for infanticide; and William Frey for manslaughter. In the Wilson case, he prepared an exhaustive brief on "Emotional Insanity" which came to be used prominently in



contested cases of a similar nature in New Jersey, New York and other states.

In 1886, one year after his admission to practice, Mr. Lichtenwalner instituted and tried the first case in Pennsylvania against a father for alienating the affection of his son from his son's wife (*Gerner vs. Gerner*), in which a verdict for \$2,900 was recovered; and on appeal to the Supreme Court the judgment was affirmed. He established a wide reputation in divorce cases; for, of 204 cases instituted by him, he obtained favorable decrees in all of them but two.

Mr. Lichtenwalner early in life espoused the principles of the Democratic party and his activity in local politics led to his selection as chairman of the Democratic county convention in 1890, and eventually to his election as district attorney in 1901. He stumped the county on a number of occasions in the interest of his party, and has been called upon frequently to deliver memorial addresses. He was one of the first partisans in the Lehigh Valley to forcibly advocate the candidacy of Hon. Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States, and as a consequence he became a delegate to the Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg in June, 1912, where he was chosen as chairman of the delegation in behalf of Hon. George W. Guthrie and Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, and elected as an Alternate Delegate at Large to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in July, 1912, at which Wilson became the nominee of the party for President.

Mr. Lichtenwalner had become identified with the following secret societies: Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. and A. M., of Allentown (and a Past-Master by merit); Lecha Wonk Tribe, No. 291, I. O. R. M. (and a Past-Sachem); Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E.; Macungie Lodge, No. 231, I. O. O. F., at Fogelsville; Clinton Chamber, No. 44, O. K. of F., and the Allentown Lodge, No. 129, L. O. O. M., of Allentown. He was a member of the Clover Club, the Lehigh County Democratic Club, and the Rescue Hook and Ladder Co., No. 6 (of which he was a charter member); and also of the St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Allentown. He died Dec. 22, 1913.

EDWIN LICHTENWALNER, son of Charles, is a retired farmer in South Whitehall township, located near Muhlenberg College. He was born Dec. 24, 1840, on the farm he now occupies and there he spent all his life except four years during which he lived at Alburtis and in connection with farming he acted as foreman for his father who built a house and barn upon his premises. During the early seventies Mr. Lichtenwalner had been in Illinois and Missouri. Upon his re-

turn to his native county he operated an ore mine in Lower Macungie for some years until finally he leased the mine away. In 1885 he settled upon the farm where he now lives and after the death of his father the farm came into his possession. It had been 141 acres but he sold 11 acres of it which is cut up into building lots. The brick house on this farm was built in 1852 by Charles Lichtenwalner. The barn was built by Amos Bachert in 1840.

He and family are Lutheran members of the Cedarville Church which Mr. Lichtenwalner served as deacon and elder.

He was married to Amanda Knauss, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Steinanger) Knauss. The following children are born unto them: Annie J., married to Albert Hunsicker, a farmer in South Whitehall; Edwin F., married to Mabel Frey, and they have Luther and Carlie; Lewis B., married to Carrie Wenner, and they have a son, Howard W.; Laura and John E., who are both single.

Harvey P. Lichtenwalner, son of Joshua, was born at Cedarville, June 26, 1872. He was educated in the public schools and also attended Muhlenberg College. In 1894 he took charge of the Lichtenwalner farm at Cedarville and is a very successful farmer.

He married Lillie O. Sieger, a daughter of Hiram and Mantana (Leopold) Sieger, and they have these children: Naomi Q., Julia E., Luther M., Ralph A., Marion O., and Joshua, all residing with their parents.

Charles Lichtenwalner, the second son of George, was born Sept. 12, 1811, and resided on his farm near Allentown. He was married to Eliza Schaadt and had thirteen children. He died Jan. 29, 1885, and was buried in the West End cemetery. The children were: Reuben, married Amanda Sallada; Thomas, who died when five years old; Edwin, mentioned elsewhere in this family article; Sarah, married Lewis Sterner; Levina, married Stephen Kuntz; George, married Sarah Laros; Amanda, married Solomon Bortz; Maria, married Reuben H. Dech; Charles, mentioned below; Tilghman, died in 1856, aged 9 years; James, married Isabella Schmoyer; Kate, married Revelis Schmoyer; and Lizzie, married Lewis S. Lichtenwalner.

Charles Lichtenwalner, son of Charles, was born Sept. 24, 1852, and became the owner of a farm of 120 acres in Lower Macungie township, which he carried on for a number of years, and also a large lumber business. During the latter part of his life he operated a stone quarry and was there accidentally killed on March 16, 1908. He was married to Mary M. Grim, daughter of Joshua Grim, and they had nine



children: Harvey J., Maggie E., Mamie S., Cora L., Charles A., Harry E., Ellis G., Stella M., and Minnie. He was a member of the Reformed church at Macungie, which he served as a deacon, elder and trustee, and his widow resides at Macungie.

**HARRY E. LICHTENWALNER**, the second son of Charles, last named, was born in Lower Macungie township, Sept. 2, 1887. He attended the public school and also the Keystone State Normal School and was reared on his father's farm until he became of age. His father having been killed in 1908, he conducted the farm for the estate, and then worked at farming for his brother until 1910, when he purchased a 50-acre farm in Lower Macungie, which he has carried on in a successful manner, besides directing his attention to the raising of live stock. He was married to Beulah T. Frey, daughter of Alvin P. and Emma (Bittner) Frey, of Weisenberg township, and they have two children: Stanley Clarence, and Arthur Thomas. They are members of the Reformed Church. He is prominently identified with the Grange.

#### LICHTY FAMILY.

**Marx Lichty**, a native of Switzerland, was born March 16, 1753. He emigrated to Pennsylvania when a young man, settling at Kline's Corner (Farmington) in Berks county. He was a farmer. His wife was Anna B. Altenderfer of Berks county, Pa. He died in Maxatawny township, May 5, 1817, and is buried at the Ziegel's church. They were members of the Lutheran church. Their children were: Abraham (buried at Zion's church in Maxatawny); Peter (who moved West); David; Mrs. Daubenspeck; Mrs. Joseph Balliet; Mrs. Ziegler, and Mrs. Ginginger.

**David Lichty**, son of Marx, was born in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, June 5, 1777. On April 16, 1799, he married Susanna Bachman, widow of John Moyer, born March 9, 1769, died Feb. 9, 1839, and buried at the Lowhill church). He died March 3, 1813, and is buried at the Dunkel's church, in Greenwich township, Berks county, where he was a farmer. His homestead was the William Moyer farm, situated south of Klinesville, Pa. They had four children: Abraham; Rachel (married Peter Weiss); Susanna (married Reuben Schwartz and moved West); and Mrs. Daniel Leiby.

**Abraham D. Lichty**, the oldest son of David, was born May 5, 1804, in Greenwich township, and there in 1825 he married Rebecca Dietrich, born Oct. 11, 1805, and died Nov. 9, 1886, aged 81 years. She was a daughter of John Adam and

granddaughter of Johannes Dietrich, the latter having emigrated to America in 1751.

Abraham was a blacksmith and a wheelwright. He died at Krumsville, Pa., Dec. 17, 1858. He and his wife and her parents are buried at the Grimville church. The children were:

Judith married Daniel Wisser.  
David married Elizabeth Bieber.  
Lucinda married John Schlonecker.  
Daniel married Mary Altenderfer.  
Lewis married Catharine Oswald.  
Jacob married Caroline Clauss.  
J. Adam married Catharine Kroninger.

**John Adam Lichty**, of Allentown, the youngest son of Abraham, was born at Grimville, in Berks county, July 6, 1846 and for thirty-two years (from 1864 until 1896) was a public school teacher, having taught in Greenwich township eight terms, at Lyons one term, at Tipton seven terms, at Orville one term, and the rest of the time in Lehigh county, one term of which was in Allentown. From 1869 to 1889 in connection with teaching he was an organist and choir leader, stationed at Dunkel's church five years; Tipton ten years and the Lowhill church five years. In Lowhill township he served the office of justice of the peace.

In 1866 he married Catharine Kroninger, a daughter of David and Henrietta (Heiser) Kroninger, who lived in Greenwich township. She was born Aug. 20, 1846, and she died at Allentown, Aug. 24, 1904. Five of their fourteen children are deceased; those living are: Susan (m. John Petay); Thomas (of Allentown); Amon (of Pennsburg); Robert (of Allentown); Carmi K.; John (of Fullerton); Asa (of Bowmanstown); Amy (m. Harleigh Diehl); and Mark (of Allentown).

**CARMI K. LICHTY**, a school teacher in North Whitehall township, was born at Tipton, Pa., April 23, 1875, and worked on a farm until he was sixteen years old; then for three years he worked in a factory at Allentown. He was granted a license to teach school at the age of nineteen and he has been a public school teacher for nineteen consecutive terms. He was granted a professional certificate in 1911. His first term was taught at "Schadts School House" in Whitehall township and in that district he taught four terms four terms in Washington township and eleven terms in North Whitehall. Socially he is a member of the Claussville Castle, K. G. E. He is a Democrat and served the party as County Committeeman of his district for four years and for four years he was an auditor of North Whitehall township, where he has lived since 1896. He owns a valuable tract of 15 acres on

the State pike between Siegersville and Schnecks-ville.

In 1896 he was married to Jennie E. Smith, a daughter of W. H. and Caroline (Kistler) Smith, of Lynnport, Pa. They have four children: E. Juanita; Naomi R. (who died in infancy); Olivia S., and Luther S.

#### LIEBERMAN FAMILY.

The first of the family of whom we have any authentic information was Peter Lieberman, who was for many years a resident of the village of Immendingen in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and resided there until 1854, when he emigrated with his wife and family of seven children, all coming to the United States.

The family landed in New York city and soon after removed to Easton, Pa., where he spent the remaining years of his life. He married Martha ——— in the village of Immendingen in the Grand Duchy of Baden, where she too was born. Their children were as follows:

1. Joseph (of whom forward).
2. Mary who married a Schenk and had two children, Mary and Josephine Schenk. She married (2) a Hoffmeister, no issue. She died at Philipsburg, N. J.
3. Matthias, who by his first wife had no issue; (2) and had issue Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Emily. He married (3) a widow by whom he had two children, Martha and Frank Lieberman. The father, Matthias Lieberman, married a fourth time but had no issue and now resides at Easton, Pa.
4. Anthony, married a Scherk and had three children; Emma, who died in early womanhood; Martha, who married Daniel Cook and had no issue. She married (2) a Kemenever, and had no issue; Frederick Kemenever is now a practicing D.D.S. at Easton, Pa.
5. Agatha, married a Rapp; had issue two sons. She resides near Easton, Pa.
6. Mendering, who married and had a family of sons and daughters. His location is not known to the writer.
7. John.

Joseph Lieberman, eldest child and son of Peter, was born in the family homestead in the village of Immendingen, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, March 21, 1831. He was educated in the village school and spent his boyhood days with his parents. He acquired habits of industry and thrift during the years of his boyhood and thus fitted himself to earn his own livelihood. His first employment was that of a teamster and general laborer. In 1854, he accompanied his father and the rest of the family to the United States and upon their arrival in

New York City, came with them to the city of Easton, Pa., and here the young German found employment with the Cooper Furnace at Philipsburg, N. J., where he remained about a year. His next employment was as a helper in the saw mill for a short period after which he removed to Kansas and located in Leavenworth City where he remained about a year and returned to Pennsylvania, where he settled at White Haven, Luzerne county, where he was employed at general work for a time and finally became the lessee of a saw mill which he operated for a brief period. In 1860, Mr. Lieberman removed to Warren county, N. J., and a year and a half later located in Northampton county, Pa., where he engaged in farming and lumbering. In the autumn of 1864 he located in Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa., where he spent the remaining years of his active career. He was a progressive and enterprising citizen and after locating in Allentown, soon became identified with commercial and other interests. For a number of years he was successfully engaged in the brewing business and soon became recognized as the leading brewer of this county. He was a director of the Elliger Real Estate Co., and was also a director of the Standard Slate Brewery of Steinsville, Pa., and of the Jordan Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and for some time was president of the Lehigh County Safe Deposit and Trust Co., of Allentown. He was largely interested in real estate and was also active in building operations within the city limits of Allentown. Here he became well and favorably known as a reliable and enterprising business man. In 1873, Mr. Lieberman made a tour through Europe with his wife and four children, remaining ten months, and again in 1881 he made a similar trip, though limited to ten weeks, and upon his return to his adopted country he spent the remaining years of his life in the city of Allentown.

In 1889, Mr. Lieberman disposed of his brewery and seven years later again purchased the property and admitted his sons into the business under the firm name of Lieberman and Sons. He was active in establishing the wire mill at Allentown, and also assisted with his time and substance toward establishing several silk mills and other industries in the city.

He took an active interest in public and social affairs of the community but never sought or held political preference. Religiously he was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church, of Allentown, and right here it would be just to say that Mr. Lieberman at all times gave generously of his substance for church and charity.



He died July 17, 1900, at his home in Allentown, aged sixty-nine years.

He married in 1857, Walburga Danegar, who was also a native of Immendingen, where she was born Feb. 17, 1833. Their children are:

1. Mary, deceased, wife of James T. Mulqueen. Their children are Marie, James, and Catharine.

2. John B. He married Ella Kaier; had one child, Marie. He married (2) Marguerite, and had children, Charles, Joseph, and John Lieberman.

3. Frank, the second son, who died aged sixteen years.

4. Flora, married John A. Kirby and resides at Harrisburg, Pa., and has children: Helen, Louisa, Dorothy, and John Kirby.

5. Joseph A.

6. Charles L.

Joseph A. Lieberman, third son and fifth child to Joseph, was born at the family home in Allentown, Sept. 15, 1874. He received his early education at the family home in Allentown and then attended La Salle College in Philadelphia, and attended the Pierce business college at Philadelphia, Pa., graduating in 1892. While yet fifteen years of age he assisted his father as bookkeeper and after completing his commercial training was employed in the same capacity in several large establishments in the city of Philadelphia. In 1896, he returned to Allentown and became a partner with his father and brother, Charles L., under the firm name of Lieberman and Sons and operated the Lieberman brewery until 1900 when the two sons, Joseph A. and Charles L., leased the establishment and conducted the business up and until 1907 when they purchased the property from their father's estate and the two brothers conducted the brewing business up and until March 9, 1910 when they finally sold the property and since that time have been actively engaged in real estate and other business enterprises in the city of Allentown. He and family reside at 202 North Seventeenth street, a residence he built in 1911.

Joseph A. Lieberman is a member of B. P. O. E. No. 130, and of Rescue Fire Co., of Allentown.

He married June 7, 1898 Amelia M. Lieberman, born Jan. 26, 1875, adopted daughter of Matthias Lieberman of College Hill, Easton, Pa. Issue:

Martha W., born April 20, 1899.

Joseph A., Jr., born Jan. 28, 1903.

Frances Mary, born June 21, 1905; she died June 29, 1906.

Agnes A., born Sept. 12, 1906.

Charles E., born Jan. 3, 1909.

Francis A., born Oct. 26, 1910.

Catharine, born April 2, 1913.

Charles L. Lieberman, youngest child of Joseph, was born at the family home in Allentown, Oct. 25, 1876. He was likewise educated in the same schools attended by his brother, Joseph A., and completed a commercial course in Blackmans Business College, at Allentown, and in Pierce's Commercial College at Philadelphia, and upon finishing his educational career he entered the employ of his father and for some time was engaged in operating a large slate quarry at Steinsville, Pa. He next became associated with his father and brother, Joseph A., in the brewing business at Allentown, where he was actively identified with that line of enterprise until 1910, when the two brothers finally sold their interests in the brewing business.

He is a member of the B. P. O. E. No. 130 and like the other members of his family in Allentown is an attendant of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church.

He was married Nov. 17, 1898 to Mary E. Hoover, born Aug. 10, 1873, daughter of Michael A. and Miss (Baumgarten) Hoover, Lancaster, Pa. They reside at 1420 Walnut street. Issue: Regina R., born Sept. 23, 1899.

Mary E., born Aug. 3, 1909, and others who died early in life.

#### LIEBOLD FAMILY.

John George Liebold, was born in Oberamt Marbach, Reilinghaus, Germany, May 11, 1803, and died in Albany township, Berks county, Pa., April 17, 1892. He was a farmer and shoemaker. At the age of thirty years he came to America, and settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, where lived an elder brother, whose emigration had taken place some years before. He then went to Kutztown, where he bought a home and followed his trade of shoemaking. From Kutztown he located in Albany township, where he purchased a farm, but after living on it some years he sold it, and purchased the one which now belongs to his grandson, James O., and there he died. He was a well educated man, and was especially versed in the Scriptures. He was a man of progress and enterprise, esteemed in the community. He was active in Democratic politics, but refused to accept public office. He was a Lutheran member of Friedens Church at Wessnersville, where he is buried. He married Maria C. Gesi, daughter of Heinrich and Salome Gesi, of Switzerland, born Aug. 8, 1810, and died May 5, 1875. They had five children: Mary (who died soon after her marriage to Daniel Snyder); John;

Henry (who lives in Heidelberg township); Catharine (m. to Cyrus Dries, of Reading); and Elizabeth (m. to John Boyd, of Cementon, Pa.)

John (or Johan) Liebold, son of Johan George, was born in Maxatawny township March 30, 1838, and was but a child when brought by his parents to Albany township to the farm now owned by his son, James O. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that occupation up to the time of his death, Nov. 4, 1906. He conducted a farm of 55 acres. He was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at Friedens Church, and held a number of offices. During the Civil War he served in Company G. 167th Penna. Vol. Infantry. He married Maria A. Steigerwald, daughter of John Steigerwald, born Feb. 24, 1845, died Oct. 20, 1882. Their children were: Amandus A. (of Reading); Messina (deceased wife of Elmer Lutz); Frank (of Reading); Fred (deceased); William (of Erie, Pa.); Annie (m. to James Shears, of Reading); Alice (m. to William A. Bauscher, of Albany); Charles E. (of Atlanta, Ga.); and Martha L. (wife of Henry Knauss, of Allentown, Pennsylvania).

James O. Leibold, justice of the peace and farmer in Albany township, Berks county, was born in that township Sept. 14, 1876. He was educated in the township schools, and reared upon a farm, working for his parents until eighteen years of age. He was then hired out to a farmer near Allentown, Lehigh county, and when twenty years of age learned the milling trade. In 1898 he and his brother Amandus A. formed a partnership under the firm name of Leibold & Brother, and leased the Van Reed mill at West Reading. In 1900 they took charge of Shadel's mill at Shillington, which they conducted three years. The firm then dissolved, and James O. became the representative of H. R. Kearney & Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., extensive flour merchant, and he continued with them for two years, when he resigned and accepted a position with M. C. Dietrich, of Kempton, a merchant, grain and lumber dealer. He continued there from 1904 to the spring of 1907, then purchased his father's farm near Kempton, consisting of 55 acres.

Mr. Leibold is a Democrat. In the spring of 1908 he was elected a justice of the peace, an office he is now filling with ability. He is also committeeman of his township, and an influential factor in politics. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Americans at Shillington, of which he is a charter member; and of the Knights of Friendship, at Mohnton. He

and his family are members of Friedens Reformed Church at Wessnersville.

Mr. Leibold married Mantana Long, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Snyder) Long, of Wessnersville, and they have two children: Edith F. and Ethel M.

Henry Leibold was born in Albany township, Berks county, in 1833, and for a number to Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, where of years followed shoemaking at Wessnersville, and later was a farmer there. In 1888 he moved he farmed until he retired. He has his home now with his son, Albert F. He and family are Lutherans, members of the Lowhill church, which he served as an elder.

He married Mary, a daughter of Isaac Lutz, of Albany township. They have eight children: Elmer (who died in childhood); Oscar J.; Ellen (married to Thomas Hausman, and had an only daughter); Mabel (deceased); Albert F.; George (who died in infancy); Edwin D.; Morris M. (born April 28, 1877, a farmer in Washington township); and Emma (married to Herbert Knecht and lives at Quakertown, Pa.)

OSCAR J. LEIBOLD, of Washington township, was born in Lynn township, November 22, 1866. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-two years old at his trade of shoemaking, which he learned from his father. He then hired out among farmers until 1893, when he bought a 67-acre farm in Washington township, from Daniel Peter. In 1906 he purchased an adjacent farm of 167 acres, which belonged to Reuben Blose, having cultivated this latter farm since 1902. Now he owns 234 acres of land. He is an extensive potato farmer.

On May 20, 1893, he married Clara R. Roth, a daughter of William and Carolina (Miller) Roth of Washington. They are Lutherans, members of the Heidelberg church. They have three children: Minnie M., Emma (who died in second year), and Paul O.

ALBERT F. LEIBOLD was born in Albany township, Berks county, May 2, 1871, and was reared on a farm; and he continued to do farm work until in 1895, when he commenced farming for himself on the farm where he now resides. He was a tenant farmer for eleven years; and in 1906 purchased this 118-acre homestead which was in the Peter family for more than 100 years. There is a large brick dwelling-house on this farm which was built by William Clauss, a son-in-law of Levi Peter. Mr. Leibold and wife are Lutheran members of the Heidelberg church, and he served the congregation as a deacon.

On Christmas Day, 1895, he was married to



Clara E. Pfeify, the oldest daughter of Peter and Sarah (Miller) Pfeify of Lynn. They have four children: Melans H., Helen E., George P. and Charles A.

Edwin D. Leibold was born in Albany township in Berks county, August 8, 1874. He learned the machinist and milling trade from P. W. Bittner at Pleasant Corner, and was in his employ for twelve years. In 1906 he engaged in farming near Saegersville, in Heidelberg township, where he has since lived on the 64-acre farm of Henry Harter, his father-in-law. He is a member of Center Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., in which he held all the offices. He and family are Lutherans and are members of the Heidelberg church, which he served as a deacon. He also served offices in the Sunday school. In 1897 he was married to Beulah T. Harter and they have two children: Mabel A. and Florence A.

LINDAMAN FAMILY.

Jacob Lindaman was an early school master in Northampton county, Pa. He probably was a native of that county and had lived there for many years. He and family were Lutheran members of the Little Moore township church, and there he and his wife are buried. He was married and had these children: George; Jacob; Harry; Eliza, married to David Miller; Sarah (Spangler); and Mary, married to Joseph Rice.

Jacob Lindaman, Jr., was born in Northampton county, Feb. 3, 1818, and there he worked among the farmers until his removal to Lehigh county, where he lived in the vicinity of Egypt and there was a member of the Reformed congregation, which he served as a deacon, elder, and trustee. He is buried on the Egypt church cemetery. In politics he was a Republican. He was married to Eliza Rinker, a daughter of Daniel and Salome (Frantz) Rinker. They had these children: Lewis; Henry; Jacob E.; Rev. Francis S.; Eliza, married to Aaron Lobach; Sarah; Rev. John O.; and Lydia, married (first) George Keifer, and, second, to William Boyer.

Jacob E. Lindaman, of Egypt, was born in Whitehall township, July 10, 1844. He was educated in the public schools, the Keystone State Normal School, and at the Palatinate College; afterwards he taught school for five years and since 1883 he is employed as watchman by the American Cement Company, at Egypt. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Egypt church, which he has served as deacon and trustee; and for a period of thirty-five years Mr. Lindaman was the superintendent of the Schnecks Union Sunday school.

He was married to Ellen J. Troxell, a daughter

of Paul and Mary (Schneck) Troxell. They have the following children: Prof. Francis C.; David H.; Mabel E., married to Pierce Nöthstein; Maggie M., deceased, was the wife of Charles Guth; Paul J.; Joseph P.; and Frank A.

After the death of his first wife Jacob E. Lindaman married as his second wife, Lizzie, a daughter of Paul and Wilhelmina (Binder) Schaffer.

PROF. FRANCIS C. LINDAMAN, of Egypt, and principal of the Fourth ward schools of Allentown, was born in Whitehall township, Aug. 18, 1873. He was educated in the township schools, attended Ursinus College in 1893; graduated with honors from the Keystone State Normal School in 1896. He followed the profession of teaching since he left school, and taught in Lowhill, Washington, North Whitehall, and Whitehall townships. In the fall of 1897 he took charge of the schools of Egypt, and he had continued there successfully for eleven years. He was then elected supervising principal of the Whitehall township schools, and he served that position for a period of four years; after which he was elected to his present position.

Mr. Lindaman is a member of the Masonic Fraternity; the Independent Order of Red Men; and the P. O. S. of A. The former at Siegfried and the latter two at Egypt. He is also a member of the Catasauqua Club, and the Lehigh Saengerbund, the latter of Allentown. In politics he is a Republican, and he was the justice of the Peace of Whitehall township for five years.

JOHN T. LINDSTROM.

John T. Lindstrom, manufacturer of machinery supplies at Allentown since 1899, was born November 9, 1861, in Matala county, Sweden, where he learned the trade of machinist and after following it for five years took a special course of study in mechanical engineering and was awarded a diploma for efficiency. He then filled the position of chief engineer for two years on a passenger steamship plying between Sweden and England, and emigrated to America in 1883, locating in Illinois, at DeKalb, where he worked in a machine shop for three years, and afterward at Rockford as chief engineer in a furniture works for two years. Then he became constructing engineer of the C. & G. Cooper Co., at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and continued with them for eleven years, during this time having put up the large engines in the power house of the Lehigh Valley Traction Co., at Allentown, for operating the trolley cars between Allentown and Bethlehem. His temporary employment at Allentown led to his locating here in business for himself in 1899, and he ac-

cordingly established a works for manufacturing steam traps and separators after his own special patterns, which he conducts successfully at 214-216 South Third street. He is the inventor of the rubber heel, a wire staple machine and an improvement on the Corliss engine.

Mr. Lindstrom was married to Sophia Peterson, daughter of Andrew Peterson, of DeKalb, Ill., (who was a farmer by occupation), and they have five children: Dorothy M., Adna C., Carl Theodore, Leonard L. and Laura M. They are members of Grace United Evangelical church.

He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the American Order of Engineers, and the United Association of Stationery Engineers.



REV. JAMES ANDREW LITTLE, D.D.

Rev. James Andrew Little, D.D., is descended on his father's side from Scotch Presbyterian stock, and on his mother's side from the French Huguenots. He traces his paternal ancestry back to a James Little, who was knighted for bravery on the battlefield of Bannockburn. Thornhill in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, is the ancestral seat; and there lived his grandfather, Andrew Little, an honored elder in the United Presbyterian congregation.

In 1888 the Hokendauqua pastor had the pleasure of visiting the Thornhill mansion, and the church in which his father was publicly baptized in 1817.

The grandmother, Mary Rae Little, was long praying that at least one of her offspring might become a minister of the gospel; which earnest desire of her pious soul was fulfilled in the long and useful career of Dr. J. A. Little. His beloved mother, Mrs. Hannah V. Little, to whose godly influence he attributes so much, passed away to her heavenly reward September 7, 1872. Three years later, in the Scotch Presbyterian church, 34th Street, New York City, Dr. Little had the unusual honor of officiating at his own father's second marriage.

His earlier years were those of the average city boy, except being hampered by such poverty as forced him to earn his living and work his way since his fifteenth year. He attended the public schools and in July 1854 was graduated with high honors from the college of the city of New York. Next, to earn the money needed to study for the ministry, he taught the usual branches in Wooster Street public school, and also in night school. In May, 1859, he was graduated with fifty-three other young men from Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., when out of 140 students he was pronounced by a distinguished committee of examiners, one of the three highest in Hebrew language and literature. His first sermon was preached on Sunday, April 17, 1859, in Spring Street Presbyterian church, New York City, the church where he was baptized and where he had made his public profession of faith in Christ, when a college boy of near sixteen. Three words, "Behold he prayeth" (Acts 9, 11), comprised the text of his beginning sermon, which was listened to by an audience of over one thousand persons. A post-graduate course at Union Seminary occupied his time mostly for two years more, he being kept busy Sundays, supplying pulpits in city and country, far and near.

However, in June, 1861, he accepted an urgent and unexpected call from the Reformed church of Canastota, New York, which some years ago became, and now is, Presbyterian. Having been, since April, 1859, a regular licensed preacher, he was on the night of the first Bull Run Battle, Sunday, July 21, 1861, ordained to the gospel ministry by the Third Presbytery of New York. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Burchard, of "Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion" fame. The other part of the largely attended ordination services were taken by six other prominent Presbyterian clergymen.



In nearly fifty-five years of pulpit work Dr. Little has had but three pastorates: At Canastota, New York; at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and at Hokendauqua, Pa. Concerning these the *New York Observer* said editorially some time ago: "In each of these three pastoral charges he made a successful record of which any minister might well be proud." On Sunday afternoons for his first twenty-eight years of his Hokendauqua pastorate, he also preached in the Lock-Ridge Presbyterian church at Alburtis, in the Fern Dale Presbyterian church at Fullerton, and to the Union Congregation at Ironton; where his additional labors were crowned with gratifying success.

His well deserved degree of Doctor of Divinity came to him unexpectedly from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., at commencement, June, 1887. Many other honors have fallen to his lot. For four successive years he was annually elected President of the Lehigh Valley Christian Endeavor Union, which under him grew to a membership of fifty four hundred young people. He was a delegate from his denomination attending the Pan-Presbyterian Council, July, 1888 in London, England. He has also represented Eastern Pennsylvania at General assemblies in Minneapolis, Omaha, Saratoga Springs, and New York City, and at International Christian Endeavor Conventions in Montreal, Canada; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Madison Square Garden, New York City, and Detroit, Michigan. For forty-four years the Presbytery of Lehigh has every year elected him unanimously to the chairmanship of its important committee of church erection.

Dr. Little is happily married, his faithful wife having been married to him in New York City, Nov. 12, 1868. Basking in the sunshine of a Christian home and a loving congregation, they are blest with excellent children: John T. Little, married to Miss Mary E., only daughter of Mr. John E. Lentz, of Allentown, and father of Margaret Lentz Little, the only living grandchild of the Hokendauqua pastor; James E. Little, of Steelton, Pa., married to Miss Amy C., daughter of Mr. James M. Hodge, of Catasauqua; also three younger children, Dr. and Mrs. Little's daughters: Helen V., Katharine E., and Mary Rae, residing in Hokendauqua parsonage.

After three-quarters of a century of life he still carries on a minister's full work, with a healthy body, a vigorous mind, and a big, warm heart. His people love him, and he is an influential factor in our Lehigh Valley. Many friends wish he may live to become a century plant.

#### LOBACH FAMILY.

In the year 1745 a fulling mill and fifty-nine acres of land were conveyed to Peter Lobach, a pioneer. He was the founder of Lobachsville, in Pike township, Berks county. In 1759 he was the third largest tax payer in Rockland township. The territory in Pike township that embraces Lobachsville (which perpetuates the family name), was, until 1842, a part of Rockland. The village was formerly the seat of active manufacturing interests and a business place of importance, but with time and the shifting of iron ore, manufacturing localities, it has declined until but little remains. Lobach carried on the fulling-mill and was succeeded, to that business by his son, Samuel, who was the father of two sons, William and Samuel, and one daughter.

William Lobach succeeded his father in the ownership of the mill and woolen-factory; and his brother, Samuel, built and successfully carried on a chair factory for some years. Samuel Lobach substituted the present large stone woolen factory in the place of the old factory. Latterly since 1885, the building was used as a creamery. Its use as a woolen factory was abandoned when William Lobach erected the new woolen factory a short distance below. This was successfully operated by him for a number of years and then the machinery was removed. The building was demolished and the dam torn away.

Samuel Lobach, the chair-maker, started the store, and at his death it passed to his son, David, who sold it.

The Lobachsville postoffice was established in 1835. It has always been kept in the store. William Lobach built and kept the tavern opposite the store. The federal census in 1790 records "Widow" Lobach and Samuel Lobach. The latter was the head of a family.

Peter Lobach was a blacksmith and lived near East Texas, where he died. He was a member of the Reformed church, at Trexlertown, and there he is buried. He was married to Elizabeth Landis, and they had these children: Mary (Weil); Lucinda (Mertz); Emelina (Charles); Samuel; William, who died at Allentown, and was the father of six children; and Jacob.

Jacob Lobach, son of Peter, was born in Lehigh county. He was a blacksmith, and this he followed at these places in order named: Guthsville, Ironton, East Texas, where he sold out to his son, Oscar, and moved to Northampton, Allentown, Friedensville, and Allentown again, where he finally retired. He spent his last years with his son, Oscar, with whom he died. His first wife, Sarah Guth, bore him a son, Oscar, and one daughter, Lizzie, married to



Penrose Weaver. His second wife, Isabella Muthard, resides in Allentown. They had these children: Preston C.; Annie, widow of C. Tinsley Eckert, resides at Allentown; Cora; and Mabel, married Leonard Marsly, of Allentown.

**PRESTON C. LOBACH**, a consulting sanitary engineer, plumber, and heater, at 1028 Turner street, Allentown, was born at Northampton, Pa., Jan. 5, 1872. After the completion of his education in the public schools and when nineteen years of age, he learned the plumbing trade with Shafer & Willenbecher, at Allentown, and this he followed as a journeyman ever since except for six years which he spent in the employ of the United States Express Company, upon the money wagon, holding a responsible position. Afterward he went to Rock Island, Illinois, and pursued his trade, and there he was also married. Two years later he removed to Allentown and in 1905 formed a partnership with John Helfrich under the firm name of Lobach & Helfrich, which existed for one year. In 1906 he engaged in business alone at 1021 Turner street, and three years later he located at his present place. He employs five men. Mr. and Mrs. Lobach are members of Salem Reformed church, which he now serves as a deacon and treasurer. He is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain and in politics he is a Democrat. He was married Aug. 30, 1894, to Carrie L. Diehl, a daughter of Jefferson Diehl, of Allentown.

**Abraham Lobach**, a brother of Peter, was born Dec. 20, 1806. He was a farmer at Saegersville, where he died on Feb. 16, 1889. His wife was Lydia Mumbauer. She was born in 1811 and died in 1889. They are buried at the Heidelberg church. They had a son, Aaron, who lived at Saegersville who has a son, Aaron, Jr., now living at Allentown.

**Daniel Lobach**, another brother of Peter, for a time lived at Saegersville, then moved to Monroe county. His daughter, Susanna, married Paul Handwerk, and they were farming people in Heidelberg township.

**Samuel Lobach**, son of Peter, was born at East Texas, May 15, 1828. He followed the blacksmith trade at Saegersville, Trexlertown, and Breinigsville, and from the latter place removed to Ormrod, in 1870, where he owned the farm, now the property of his son, Charles. He continued to farm for four years, and at the same time he carried on the trade, dying on March 2, 1878, in his fiftieth year. He also had a large stone quarry and burned much lime. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of the Egypt church.

In the year 1855 he married Elnora Schadt, daughter of Lawrence and Polly (Laubach)

Schadt. She was born April 29, 1829, and is still well preserved. Their children are: Frank (1856-1882); Charles; Martin, deceased; Rev. Albert, who was a Reformed minister for eleven years, at Bethlehem, later had a charge at Tamaqua, where he died; Elvina, married Robert E. Newhard; Edward, of Egypt; Lovina, deceased, was the wife of Frank Wolle; and Irwin, who died small.

**CHARLES LOBACH**, of Ormrod, is extensively engaged in the limestone and crushed stone business, and operates the Keystone-Ellis stone crusher. He was born at Trexlertown, Nov. 1, 1856. As a boy he assisted his father in the stone quarry, upon the farm and in burning lime. In the year 1870 he came upon the farm which after the death of his father became his property. This valuable farm was the Henry Schadt homestead, and consists of 90 acres of most fertile land. It is successfully cultivated by Mr. Lobach in connection with his varied business interests. He crushes 550 cars of stone annually and since 1907 sells large quantities of limestone to the American Cement Company. He employs from twenty to thirty-five men. His quarry covers eight acres and is one-fourth of a mile in length. In 1882 Mr. Lobach built his own residence, besides he erected four other dwelling houses.

In politics he is a Democrat and served North Whitehall township as a school director and was the president of the school board.

He was married in 1886 to Deberia Sensinger, daughter of Moses Sensinger, of Washington township. Mr. and Mrs. Lobach and their two children, Helen M. and Willis F., are members of the Reformed congregation at Unionville.

#### LOCH FAMILY.

**Peter Loch** emigrated on the ship "Muscliffe Galley," which had seventy-six passengers and landed at Philadelphia on December 22, 1744. In 1790 he lived in Montgomery county, and had two sons over sixteen years, four sons under sixteen years, and three daughters.

**George Loch**, son of Peter, was a taxable resident of Northampton (now Lehigh) county in 1812, to which place he had come in 1807. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and owned the farm now in possession of Edwin Snyder in Lynn. He was brought to Lynn by William Fenstermacher, one of the prominent men of the county at that time, and one of the early blacksmiths. In stature he was a small man. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli, and did much to advance its cause. He served the



church as deacon, elder and trustee. His tombstone inscription in the graveyard reads thus:

Hier ruhet  
George Loch  
war  
Geboren den  
11 November  
1770 starb den  
23 März  
1847 alt 76 Jahr  
1monat 9 Tage

He married first a Miss Smith and had six children: Philip (who had two sons, Joel and Jeremiah, the latter having moved West); Peter; Henry; Charles; Elizabeth (married Elias Acker and moved to Luzerne county, Pa.); Polly (married Michael Remaly, whose second wife was Elizabeth, and they had two sons, Samuel and Jacob).

Peter Loch, son of George, was born May 29, 1799, and died November 13, 1881, aged 82 years, 5 months and 14 days. He followed his trade as a blacksmith until he became forty years old, then purchased the George Trine farm of 120 acres at New Tripoli and farmed it until he died. This farm was originally granted by the Penns to William Beisel. Trine established a tannery which stood until 1880. The large stone house on this property was built by George Trine in 1813. Peter Loch was married to Mary A. Kern, daughter of Daniel Kern, and they had five children, all having died in infancy, excepting a son, Peter, Jr.

PETER LOCH, son of Peter, of New Tripoli, was born March 1, 1844, on the homestead, where he lived. He is a farmer. In 1882 he built the present barn on his farm. He is an enterprising and intelligent citizen, possessed of a retentive memory, and conversant in local history. He owns several houses at New Tripoli.

In 1883, he married Annie, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Snyder) Heintzelman, of Lynn township, and they have nine children: Mary, Sarah (m. Edwin Kuhns); Ellen (m. John Mack); Alice (m. Homer Snyder); Pauline; Calvin (deceased); George; Howard, and Clarence (deceased).

#### SYLVESTER J. LOHRMAN.

Sylvester J. Lohrman, engineer at Lock Ridge furnace of the Thomas Iron Company is a son of Nathan Lohrman, late of Alburdis, who was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, Pa. He was a shoemaker by trade. In 1868 he removed to Alburdis and was for many years in the employ of the Thomas Iron Company, first as stable foreman, and later as watchman. He was a Democrat in politics until the Civil

War, when he espoused the cause of the Republican party to which he adhered until the time of his death. He was married to Sarah Sell, a daughter of John Sell. She resides in Alburdis and is in her eighty-fifth year. To them were born the following children: Sylvester J.; Mary, married to Alexander Pearson, a blacksmith residing at Alburdis; Arlin, and Emma, both deceased; James, of Tiffin, Ohio; Alice, married to Morgan Hartman, station agent at Alburdis; Oliver, water commissioner and health officer at Macungie, and Sadie, married to Alfred Wyandt and resides at Reading. Mr. Lohrman died in 1910, aged 84 years, and was buried on the Fairview cemetery, Macungie.

Sylvester J. Lohrman was educated in the public school; Keystone State Normal School and Blackman Business College. At the age of nine he began working during the summer and attending school during the winter. As a boy he acted as chain man for a surveyor. In 1868 he entered into the employ of the Thomas Iron Company and with the exception of two years during which time he was at school, has continued with them ever since. He began as cart driver, then had charge of the oil house. Then was oiler and later assistant engineer. In 1877 he was appointed engineer, which position he has now filled with honor and trust for more than a quarter of a century.

On Nov. 11, 1880, he was married to Mary Bickel, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Nesstor) Bickel, of Boyertown, Pa. This union was blessed with four children: Eva, married to Frank B. Kneedler, of Allentown. They have one son, Harold; Minnie, married to Ray Mertz, an electrician, and resides at Alburdis; Winnie, and Mary, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Lohrman is a trustee of the Presbyterian congregation. Socially he enjoys fellowship in the following orders: Knights of Malta; P. O. S. of A.; I. O. O. F.; Beneficial Society and Lehigh Commandery, No. 6.

#### JACOB E. LONG.

The Long family are of German origin. The founder of the family in Pennsylvania, Casper Long, emigrated from Baden, Germany, early in the Eighteenth Century, locating in Somerset or Montgomery County, Pa. The pioneer served in the War of the Revolution.

Jacob Long, son of Casper Long, was a farmer and land owner in Mulberry township, Montgomery county. He lived to the ripe old age of 88 years. He remembered shaking hands with George Washington when a lad. He was twice married. His first wife was Rosanna Kem-



merer. He had children: (1) Jacob, died young; (2) George, went West; (3) David; (4) Lydia (Mrs. Peter Miller); (5) Jonas of Salisbury township; (6) Theresa (Mrs. Sheets); (7) Mary (Mrs. Joel Schaffer); (8 and 9) Jacob K., and Charles K. Long, twins.

Charles K. Long, son of Jacob and Rosanna (Kemmerer) Long, was born Sept. 1, 1828, in Mulberry township Montgomery county, and was reared upon the farm and was educated in the common schools of that period. When quite young he learned the millers' trade and followed that vocation for some time, both in Montgomery county and in Salisbury township, Lehigh county. In 1847 he removed to Allentown and entered the employ of the Trexler-Weaver Lumber Co., first as teamster and then as shipping clerk, continuing with the firm for 21 years. He spent the balance of his life in Allentown, dying Nov. 20, 1904, and was buried in Union cemetery. He was a Democrat and at one time a constable in Upper Milford township. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

He married Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Musselman) George, b. 1838, d. April 15, 1906, and interred in Union cemetery. Issue: Leonia (Mrs. Edward S. Apple); Jacob E.; Ella (Mrs. Harry Moyer); Irwine C., and Minerva, died young.

JACOB E. LONG, son of Charles K., lacked educational opportunities. From the age of nine to fourteen he was on his Uncle Joel's farm. He then entered the employ of the Trexler-Weaver Company, continuing for five years; then was with Frederick and Butz for some time; then with Messrs. Bishop and Frey at Bethlehem, remaining until 1882. He was then with the Appel and Wingel Furniture Company until 1883, when he engaged in the manufacture of furniture on his own account at 920-930 Walnut Street. In 1891 he took as partner, D. H. Nothshue under the name of Long and Nothshue, as contractors and builders, which firm continued until 1895, when it was dissolved.

Mr. Long took his son, George C., into his business as a partner, which has since continued. Mr. Long now resides at 1506 Chew Street. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A. and of the Franklin Fire Co., for some years. In politics he is a Democrat and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Jacob E. Long married (first), Hester A. Derhermer, daughter of George and Lavinia (Santee) Derhermer, of Lehighon, Pa. Issue: (1) Sadie E. (Mrs. Raymond Beck); (2) George Charles; (3) Joseph D., died young;

and (4) Annie E. Long. Mrs. Hester A. Long died in 1905.

Jacob E. Long married (second) Sadie E. Jones, daughter of Richard and Lydia Jones, of Baltimore. No issue. Mr. Long married (third) Amanda E. Weaver, widow of Franklin Weaver.

GEORGE CHARLES LONG, son of Jacob E. and Hester A. (Derhermer) Long, was born at Allentown, Aug. 18, 1884. He was educated in the public schools, up to the age of fourteen years, when he began learning the electrical business, with Frank Addis. He subsequently engaged in business for himself, as contractor for electric wiring, etc., which vocation he continued until he became a partner with his father, under the name of J. E. Long and Son, Contractors and Builders.

George C. Long married in 1911, Daisy E. Kuntz, daughter of Benjamin and Emma (Remaly) Kuntz. Issue: Charles Henry Long.

Mr. Long is a member of the Golden Eagles, F. O. E., and Buffaloes; In politics he is a Democrat. He and wife are members of Dubbs Memorial church.

#### HENRY C. LONG.

David Long, of Mill Grove, Columbia county, Pa., was born December 11, 1841, in the neighborhood in which he still resides. He was a son of Joseph and Catharine (Helvig) Long. He was associated with his uncle, Joseph Long, in lumbering, jointly owning 1,000 acres of timber land. He followed farming for several years. Later he moved to Mill Grove, where he purchased a grist and saw mill, which he operated for a number of years. He is a Democrat and held a number of local offices in the township, such as assessor, school director, tax collector and supervisor. He and family are members of Grace Reformed Church at Mill Grove, which he served officially. He married Mary Gabel, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Hoffman) Gabel, of Roaring Creek Valley. They were the parents of the following children: Henry C., Catharine, Kimber, Ellen, Miralda, Miranda, Matilda, Clara, Nora and Tevila.

Henry C. Long, of Fullerton, Pa., was born in Mill Grove, Columbia county, December 11, 1865. He was educated in the common schools and learned the carpenter trade, which he followed a number of years. Later he became a pattern maker, working at this trade for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company eight years. In 1907 he engaged in the manufacturing of Cement ornaments, building blocks, etc., at Helfrick's Spring, and the following year he formed a partnership with J. B. Mickley, under the



name of Long & Mickley. They manufactured the blocks for the F. J. Newhard and Henry Fenstermaker residences in the immediate community. The blocks made by this firm are regarded as among the best on the market. During the busy season they employ 10 men. Mr. Long is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He has been a deacon of the Reformed congregation of Mickleys church since 1904, and for a number of years has been the secretary of the consistory. In 1888 he was married to Isabella Lindenmuth, a daughter of Adam and Catharine (Horn) Lindenmuth. Mrs. Long was born April 28, 1866, and died March 4, 1912. They had 10 children: Edna, married to John Snyder, of Coplay, and has children Myrtle and Grace; Raymond, a graduate of the Whitehall Township High School and the Allentown Business College; James; Lulu; Mary; Grace; Wilmer; Alda; Emma, and Russell.

#### REGINALD LONGNECKER.

Reginald Longnecker, mechanical engineer and builder, was born Nov. 12, 1870, at Allentown. He received his education in the public schools and the Shortledge Academy at Media, Pa., and also the Scranton School of International Correspondence, where he took a special course in the study of mechanical engineering. He was then employed by different firms at Allentown as a civil engineer and mechanical draftsman, and in the Bureau of Ordnance, at Washington, D. C., from 1900 to 1903, and afterward until 1908 with the N. J. Zinc Company, as structural engineer and designer. Since 1908, he has directed his attention more especially to building operations in Allentown, for which he executes all his own designs. He is a member of the Livingstone Club.

Mr. Longnecker was married to Cora Miller, daughter of James W. and Ellen J. (Hittel) Miller, of Allentown, and they have two children: Doris Dinmore and Marjorie Evelyn. They are members of Grace Episcopal church.

Henry C. Longnecker, his father, was a prominent lawyer, served in the Mexican War and Civil War and represented the 6th Penna. District in the 36th Congress. He was married to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Long) Lewis, and they had two children: Elizabeth, married Ralph R. Metzger; and Reginald. He died Sept. 16, 1871. See more extended sketch in Chapter on "Bench and Bar," on pp. 237-238, Volume I.

#### LONGENHAGEN FAMILY.

Peter Andrew Longenhagen, born about 1753, in Hamburg, Germany, emigrated to America

about 1773 and offered his services to the United Colonies as army doctor. He served in that capacity throughout the entire Revolutionary War. At its close he located in Heidelberg township, Northampton, now Lehigh county, on a tract of land consisting of 1,000 acres, which was granted to him by the government, as part payment for his services during the Revolution. He practiced medicine, going about on horseback, up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1810. Interment was at Heidelberg church. He was an ardent member of the Lutheran church. Peter A. Longenhagen married Susan Savitz. Their children were: John and Jonas. Jonas married Miss Trumbauer, and they had four sons, all of whom served in the Civil War; Levi; Jonas, Jr., killed at Gettysburg; William and Joseph, now deceased.

John Longenhagen, son of Peter A., and Susan (Savitz) Longenhagen, was born in 1799, in Heidelberg township. He acquired a good education under the tuition of a private teacher, Abraham Riedy, a Government surveyor, then located near his parents' home. At the age of eighteen, he was employed by the Lehigh Canal Company, where he continued for ten years, up to 1827. In 1830 he removed to Freemansburg, Pa. He subsequently engaged in farming and later was a salesman and finally he was again employed by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. John Longenhagen in 1827 married Mary Bartholomew, daughter of John and ——— (Reinex) Bartholomew. Issue: (1) William F.; (2) Owen, died aged ten years; (3) Susan; (4) Mary; (5) Monroe, died young; (6) George; (7) John; (8) Joseph D., and (9) Catharine Longenhagen.

William F. (deceased), married Christina Nonnemaker. He served three years in the Civil War. Susan married a Mr. Jones, who was killed at Gettysburg. Mary, married David Roberts, both deceased; John, married Mary Hellebrand.

He served two years in the Civil War. All three brothers were in Co. F., 47th Regiment of Penna. Volunteers.

Joseph D., of Chicago, married, (first), Eliza Wendling, and (second) Mary Miller, a native of Colorado.

Catherine married Philip King, who became a soldier, and was killed by the Indians in Mexico in 1901.

George Longenhagen, son of John and Mary (Bartholomew) Longenhagen, was born in 1841, at Smoketown, near Hecktown, Pa. As a boy, he attended the public schools and at an early age he was employed by the Crane Iron Company of Catasauqua, as boy helper. In

1854. he was apprenticed to Charles Sigley, of Catasauqua, to learn the trade of bricklayer. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. F., 47th Regiment of Penna. Volunteers. In the course of the Civil War, he was detained at Fort Jefferson Barracks, Dry Tortugas, for about 14 months. Here Mr. Longenhagen's early education was supplemented by instruction from several highly educated men, held, like himself as U. S. prisoners. In the fall of 1863, he was honorably discharged. He enlisted the same day, for another term of three years. After a furlough of thirty days, he was transferred to General Banks Army, stationed at New Orleans, La., which joined the Red River expedition, where he participated in five great battles and numerous skirmishes. He was subsequently transferred to the Army of the Potomac, under Sheridan, under whom he engaged in every battle. He was wounded at Cedar Creek. After Lee's surrender, the 47th Regiment was marched to Washington and participated in the Grand Review. They were then transported to Savannah, Ga., and from thence to Charlestown, S. C., where Mr. Longenhagen was honorably and finally discharged on Jan. 10, 1866. In 1867 he settled in Catasauqua, where he followed the occupation of contractor and bricklayer.

In 1878 he removed to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where he followed the same occupation. In 1898 he was elected a member of the Council of Plattsmouth, and was subsequently chosen for president of the Council. Mr. Logenhagen became Mayor of the City, following the decease of Mayor Butler. In 1901 he returned east, settling in Allentown, where he followed his occupation, until 1911, when he retired from business and removed to Fullerton. He holds memberships in the following named organizations: I. O. O. F., No. 269, of Catasauqua; the Bricklayers' Union; the Loyal Mystic Legion of America; Camp No. 623, Plattsmouth, Neb., McConnichi Post No. 45, G. A. R. of Plattsmouth, Neb., and of the Presbyterian church.

John Longenhagen married in 1867, Mary Best, daughter of Aaron and Catherine (Frey) Best. They had a son, Fred R., who died in infancy. They subsequently adopted a son whom they received when he was only about three weeks old, in a very peculiar manner. This child was found in a wooden box, upon a table, in the rear kitchen of the home of Joseph Conner, of Plattsmouth, Neb., where he was placed by a masked man. The child was taken by Mr. Longenhagen, baptized and given the same name as was given the deceased son. He died at the age of twenty years and his remains were disinterred and buried in Fairview cemetery at Cat-

asauqua. Mr. and Mrs. Longenhagen are living a retired life, in their home at Fullerton. Both are highly respected citizens, and are enjoying the blessings of good health.

#### LORENTZ FAMILY.

The late Edwin E. Lorentz, was the great-grandson of Wilhelm V. Lorentz, who, according to an old family Bible was born Oct. 29, 1752, in Fellbach, in the Oberant of Cannstatt, in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg. Wilhelm was twice married, with his first wife he had two sons, and with his second wife, Elisabeth Magdalena Ott, who was born Oct. 3, 1772, and whom he married Nov. 18, 1792, two sons and three daughters. When the sons grew up the mother rather than have her sons enter the army, prevailed upon her husband to migrate to America. They landed at Philadelphia, Feb. 1, 1817, after a long and tedious voyage of three months. They located in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, where they acquired a farm. It is altogether probable that Mrs. Lorentz, whose maiden name was Ott, was related to the Otts, who prior to 1800, settled in Lehigh county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lorentz reached and passed beyond the allotted years of three score years and ten; he, dying June 15, 1834, at an age of 81 years, 3 months, and 17 days, and she on the 8th of February, 1859, at an age of 87 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

The children of Wilhelm Lorentz and his second wife, Elisabeth, were: John, born Sept. 3, 1800, and married Catherine Krammer, Gottlieb (Nov. 7, 1802), was twice married, the first time to Magdalena Steininger. She died in 1858 and a second time to a Miss Hood, of Philadelphia. He, like all his sisters, spent the greater part of their lives in Philadelphia. He left no issue. Elizabeth was married to a Mr. Schuler and had one son, Jacob. Magdalena was married to a Mr. Veil, and had one son and three daughters. Barbara was married to a Mr. Seemiller, and had one son, Gottlieb, and two daughters, Louisa and Elizabeth.

To John, the eldest son of Wilhelm, and his wife, Catherine, *nee* Krammer, who resided in Upper Saucon township, and followed the occupation of farming were born the following children: William, Anna, John K., Elizabeth, Charles K., Henry, and Sarah. William, married Lucy Ann Schaeffer, resided in Upper Milford township, and raised a family of three. Sarah Elmira, married to Revere Lehman, Amelia, was married to Samuel Treichler, and Mary, was married to Henry Souder. Anna, married Peter Wagner, and raised a family of four children; Frank, Henry, Emma, Eliza. John K.



was born Nov. 3, 1833, and married Catherine Rothrock. Elizabeth married Lewis Smith and resides at Emaus. She was the mother of two sons: Edwin and ———; Charles K., married Susan Orth; their union was blessed with one son, Alfred J., who follows the trade of coach-making at East Greenville, Pa., his wife having died Oct. 3, 1870; he was married a second time to Kate Roeder, a daughter of Daniel Roeder, of Hosensack. Henry F. (June 23, 1840-Dec. 21, 1904), was married to Maria Elisabeth Ortt. They resided at East Greenville. Sarah Ann was born in the month of February, 1843; married to Daniel Dimmich, and resided at East Greenville. In January, 1896, they both took sick with diphtheria, from which he died on the 15th, and she on the 17th day of the same month, and were buried in one grave. They raised the following children: John L., Kate, Charles, Elisabeth, Sallie, and William.

John K., son of John and the father of Edwin E., was born Nov. 3, 1833, in Upper Saucon township. He was confirmed as a member of the Upper Saucon Lutheran congregation by Rev. William German. He learned the trade of wheelwrighting with John M. Ritter, of Emaus, and upon the serving of his apprenticeship, he opened a shop at Hellertown. On Oct. 10, 1857, he was married to Catherine Rothrock, a daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Derr Rothrock. In the spring of 1857 he moved to Emaus and engaged in the trade of coach making from which he retired about twelve years ago. To him and his wife were born two children: Edwin E. and Emma C., the wife of Daniel Miller. Mrs. Lorentz died September 20, 1901, aged 68 years, 4 months, and 4 days.

EDWIN E. LORENTZ, son of John K. Lorentz and his wife, Catherine, *nee* Rothrock, was born June 27, 1857, in the borough of Emaus in the house in which he resided all his life. He was baptized by the Moravian pastor, the Rev. Regemus, Aug. 23, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of Emaus, was a student of the Keystone Normal School at Kutztown, and studied bookkeeping under Mr. Blackman, at Allentown. He was a coach maker by trade, which he successfully followed for many years in the shop adjoining his residence on Main street, Emaus, until 1904, when he became the cashier of Emaus National Bank, which opened its door for business April 19, 1904. He continued to serve as its cashier up until the time of his death. He was a life-long member of the Salisbury Lutheran congregation, where he was confirmed by Rev. William Rath, Nov. 9, 1873. He was united in holy wedlock with Catherine Romig, a daughter of Reuben and Mary Wieand Romig.

This union was blessed with one son, Howard Wieand, born March 27, 1880; was baptized by Rev. William Rath, May 30, and died Aug. 16, in the same year, aged 4 months, and 17 days.

Mr. Lorentz was of a quiet and retiring disposition, happy in the comforts of his own home, which was always open to his and his faithful wife's, friends. Though he never aspired to any political honors, he, however, served his community as school director several terms and was keeper of the borough funds for many years. He died in 1913. Mrs. Lorentz deeply feels the loss of her true and devoted helpmate. She continues to reside in the old homestead and takes delight in entertaining their many friends as she was wont to do before she was bereft of her husband.

#### C. F. LOSCH.

John Losch, a native of Germany, was born Jan. 27, 1801, and emigrated to America, where he settled at Allentown. He established a nursery and was the pioneer of this industry in the county. The later years of his life were spent with his son, C. F. Losch. He died Sept. 24, 1888, and was buried in Fairview cemetery. His wife, Regina, was born Oct. 17, 1812, and died June 24, 1877. They were members of the Reformed Church. They had ten children: Constantine F.; Charles; John A., born Dec. 2, 1832, died March 6, 1897; Mary A.; William, born Aug. 25, 1836, died March 8, 1878, in California; David, born Oct. 26, 1838, died Oct. 29, 1861, in Virginia, while a member of Co. I, 47th Regt., P. V., in the Civil War; Sarah; Jacob, of West Point, Neb.; Walter, born June 16, 1845, died June 19, 1882, who also served in the Rebellion; and Alfred C., born Sept. 25, 1849, died Dec. 13, 1871, in Louisiana.

Constantine F. Losch, son of John and Regina Losch, was born Oct. 31, 1847, at Allentown. He attended the public schools and at the age of sixteen, the Rebellion having broken out, he enlisted in Co. G, 47th Regiment, in which he served three years.

Upon his return home he worked for several years for his brother, Charles; then engaged in a general teaming business at Church and Chestnut streets. He there continued for some years, until his place was burned down. He then rebuilt, and after a few years sold his freight line, and became engaged in the livery business, in which he became very successful. In politics, Mr. Losch was a Republican, and from 1890 to 1893 he served as a city assessor. He was a very popular citizen and by his cheerful disposition made many friends. He died July 2, 1896, from a stroke of apoplexy.



Constantine F. Losch was married, Feb. 22, 1876, by Rev. S. K. Brobst, to Eleanora Lydia Elizabeth Keiper, daughter of Owen and Mary Ann (Moll) Keiper. Since her husband's decease, Mrs. Losch has made her home on North Seventh street. In 1904, she accompanied the Knights Templar on their trip to California.

#### FERDINAND LORSBACH.

Ferdinand Lorsbach, merchant, of Allentown, was born October 26, 1858, in Rheinisch Prussia, the son of Heinrich Lorsbach, who was born near Cologne, in 1832. He was a merchant, hotel proprietor and farmer. His wife, Henrietta Brühle, died in 1872, aged 42 years. Their children were: Carl, Ferdinand, Maria, and Joseph.

Ferdinand Lorsbach assisted his father in his various business enterprises until he came to America in 1880. He located at Allentown and worked as a heater in the rolling mill until 1896, when he engaged in the grocery business, succeeding his mother-in-law, Pauline Stüenn. He enlarged the store and increased the business considerably. He is prominently identified with the German Catholic church, having been president of the St. Joseph Society. In 1881 he married Anna Stüenn, a daughter of Peter Stüenn, who hailed from the same place in Germany as the Lorsbach family. To Mr. and Mrs. Lorsbach the following children were born: Mary, Charles, Pauline, Rosa, Emma, Clara, Margaret and Elizabeth.

#### LOTTE FAMILY.

Edward Lotte, a native of Paris, France, was born in the year 1811, and became a leather merchant and an influential member of the Republican party. Owing to the overthrow of the French Republic in 1852, under Emperor Louis III, he was eventually forced to flee from his native country to England in 1855 and there he remained three years, when he went to the United States and located at Reading, Pa., but not finding suitable employment there, he removed to Philadelphia, and there engaged in the stamping and embroidery business, and having been a man of keen intellect and large business ability, his efforts were rewarded with great success.

Mr. Lotte died October 5, 1864, and was buried at Philadelphia. His wife was Marguerite Rufferoy, and she died in July, 1892.

Edward A. Lotte, their son, was born in Paris, France, May 28, 1845. While his father lived in Philadelphia, Edward A. was apprenticed to learn the trade of skein silk dyeing, which he made his life-work. He was in the

employ of different persons until 1879, when he began business for himself by entering into partnership with Phillip Mazeres, trading under the firm name of Lotte and Mazeres. The business was carried on successfully by Mr. Lotte until his death Sept. 12, 1884, when his interests were continued by his widow. The business was subsequently incorporated by the three sons of Mr. Lotte and Mr. Mazeres as the Lotte and Mazeres Company. Mr. Mazeres later retired from business and the corporation became the Lotte Brothers Company.

In 1866 Mr. Lotte was married to Pauline E. Gerbron, a young lady of French parentage, who was born in Liverpool, England, on September 20, 1849, and was brought to this country in her very early childhood. Her parents were John Gerbron and Anna, his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Lotte were the parents of eight children, of whom the following survive:

Edward, F. L., Charles E., Lucie C., Walter C., and Blanche M.

Mrs. Lotte resides at present at 110 South Thirteenth street, Allentown, and has five grandchildren, three residing in Paterson, and two in Allentown.

The children named were all properly educated, and as the sons attained suitable ages, their father associated them with him in business, instructing them carefully in the art and secrets of skein silk dyeing, so that upon his decease they should be able to conduct it successfully. Since his death they have carried it on along modern and progressive lines, and in a more extensive manner than heretofore had been done.

The business was continued until 1905, when the company was organized under the name of Lotte Brothers' Company, skein silk dyers, Allentown, and this company continued to prosper and expand until January 1, 1909, when it became the nucleus of the great National Silk Dyeing Company, which has come to operate six large plants and give employment to three thousand persons. The plants at Allentown and Williamsport, Pa., and Paterson, N. J., are engaged in skein-silk dyeing, and the plant of Dundee Lake, N. J., in piece dyeing and finishing. The officials of the Lotte Brothers' Company were Edward F. L. Lotte, president; Walter C. Lotte, vice president; and Charles E. Lotte, secretary and treasurer. Edward F. L. Lotte is at present general manager, and Charles E. Lotte, treasurer of the National Silk Dyeing Company, and Walter C. Lotte, manager of the Allentown Plant.

The first of their dye works was established on Second street at Philadelphia, by Edward A. Lotte, the founder of the business, and it was continued there until in 1899, when the Lotte



Brothers, wishing to be nearer the center of their trade, sold the Philadelphia plant and established the present growing plant at Allentown. At that time they employed about 100 operatives in their establishment, but now they have come to employ upwards of 700. They do much work for mills throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and the New England states. Their plants are modern with a complete equipment of machinery, and they are conducted with marked efficiency in all their various departments.

The Lotte Brothers are not only practical silk dyers, but masters in the art; and they also possess an intimate knowledge of business affairs which enables them to intelligently manage and control their large forces of men with the best obtainable results. Charles and his brother, Edward, are located in Paterson, N. J., and Walter the manager of the plant at Allentown, resides here.

They are members of the Baptist church and take an active interest in the affairs and progress of this religious denomination. Charles is a high degree Free Mason; and he and his brother, Walter, are members of the Livingston Club at Allentown.

WALTER C. LOTTE, manager of the National Silk Dye Works, at East Allentown, was born at Philadelphia, Oct. 12, 1875. He was educated in the Philadelphia High school, graduated in 1894; then he took a course in chemistry and dyeing, in the Pennsylvania museum and school of industrial arts, at Philadelphia. He engaged in the dyeing business in 1896 in connection with his brothers. Upon the incorporation of this company in 1899, he was made one of the vice presidents, which position he retained until the company was merged into the National Silk Dyeing Company. Under the new management he became the manager of the Allentown plant. In 1911 Mr. Lotte was one of the organizers of the Ridge Avenue and Deposit Bank, and he serves it as one of its directors. Socially he is a member of the Livingston Club; Lehigh Country Club; Jordan Lodge No. 673, F. & A. M. Mr. Lotte and family are members of the Zion U. B. church. He is a trustee since 1910.

In 1904 he married M. Catharine Hertz, a daughter of Obediah Hertz, whose full history appears in this volume. They have one daughter, Eleanor May.

#### LOUX FAMILY.

Among the prominent families of Pennsylvania and New York is the Loux family, who trace their family history to Philip and Nicholas, two

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brothers who came from Hesse Darmstaat, landing at New Amsterdam, now New York City, in June, 1710. Philip Laux had four sons: William, Peter, Cornelius and Andrew. Peter came to Pennsylvania in 1738. He was married to Anna Barbara Kershner. They had two sons: George and Dewald. One branch of the family settled in Bucks county, near Pipersville, where they were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Loux was married to Susan Lutz. They were the parents of six children: Peter, lived at Hilltown, Bucks county, where he operated a linseed mill and also followed farming. He was the father of the following children: Rev. Enos, a Mennonite minister, Jacob a farmer, and Samuel, a carpenter; Elizabeth; a daughter married to Jesse Alum; Christian, lived near Perkasio, where he followed farming; Martin, a farmer, residing in Tinicum township, Bucks county. John Laux was born Aug. 26, 1798, and died in Tinicum township, March 21, 1879, and is buried at Red Hill. He was married to Barbara a daughter of Jacob Frank. She was born Jan. 13, 1804, and died March 26, 1899, and is buried at Allentown. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin, born Feb. 17, 1823, died April 10, 1861; Elvey, born Feb. 12, 1825; William, born Jan. 20, 1827, died Dec. 5, 1843; Lewis born Feb. 19, 1829; Mary Ann, born July 4, 1831, died June 11, 1850; Levi, born Feb. 6, 1834; Reed, born July 27, 1836; Eliza, born April 14, 1839; John, born May 12, 1842, died Oct. 8, 1850; Emeline, born March 8, 1846.

Elvey Laux, an aged resident of Allentown, was born in Bucks county, Feb. 12, 1825. He followed farming for 25 years in his native place and in 1874 he moved to Allentown and for six years had charge of Henry Leh's shoe factory. In 1881 he and his son, Edwin M., engaged in the general merchandise business which he conducted twelve years, when he retired. Mr. Laux and family are members of Ebenezer Evangelical Church, in which he has served as an officer for a number of years. He was married in 1847 to Magdalena Mill, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Good) Mill. She died Nov. 5, 1898. To them five children were born: Edwin M., merchant of Allentown; Violetta, married to John S. Jacoby, died Feb. 22, 1895; Clara, married to V. G. Tice, and Wilson M.

WILSON M. LOUX, secretary and treasurer of the Loux Creamery Co., of Allentown, was born Feb. 16, 1870. He received his education in the public schools of Allentown and the Allentown Business College from which institution he graduated in 1887. He was engaged in various business pursuits, working for his father until he was of age. The Loux Creamery Co. was organized



in 1887 by Elvey Laux and his son, Edwin M. In 1891 the father retired and the firm was made up of E. M. Laux, W. M. Laux and V. G. Tice. In 1898 the company was incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, of which company Wilson M. is the secretary and treasurer, being the leading spirit of the company. This company manufactures a superior grade of creamery butter, operating three creameries, located at Spring Creek, Macungie and at Fogelsville. They also sell milk by the wholesale, handling 700 gallons daily. This company also manufactures Laux celebrated ice cream which is shipped extensively over eastern Pennsylvania. The factory and place of business in Allentown, is located at 429 North 8th street. The factory is equipped with all the modern machinery for the manufacturing of butter and ice cream. Mr. Laux owned and conducted the Keystone Potato Chip Company for three years, when he sold it to the present owner. He holds membership in the following fraternal organizations: Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. and A. M., Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 68; K. of G. E., P. O. S. of A.; J. O. U. A. M., all of Allentown. Mr. Laux and family are members of Ebenezer Evangelical Church. He was married Sept. 15, 1891, to Ellen Miller, daughter of Manasses and Harriett (Best) Miller, of Tannersville, Monroe Co. They are the parents of two children: Raymond M., a graduate of the Allentown Business College, assists his father in his business, and Clarence M.

#### LOY FAMILY.

Matthias and Hans Jurigh Ley, brothers, were pioneers in Pennsylvania, from the Palatinate. Matthias emigrated on the ship "Samuel," which landed at Philadelphia Aug. 17, 1733. His age on the "original list" was given as 28 years, and that of Anna Maria Ley, on same list, as 24 years, she having been his wife. Hans Jurigh came on the ship "Elizabeth," which qualified Aug. 27, 1733. Where these pioneers lived immediately after coming to Pennsylvania is uncertain; but in 1756, Matthias and George were taxables of Greenwich township, in Bucks county. The name Ley, originally may have been of French extraction and these ancestors Huguenot refugees. It is known that a number of Huguenots settled in Greenwich and Albany townships. The will of Matthias Loy, who died in 1783, is of record in the Court House at Reading, being recorded in Book B, page 74. The will is signed, Matthias Loy. It mentions the following children: George (to whom was given 150 acres of land); Matthias (whose wife was Mary) and to him was likewise given a tract of 150 acres of land;

Adam; Margaret; Catharine; and Mary. Anna Maria, the wife of Matthias, survived him until 1787. She made a will in 1786 which is also of record at Reading.

Georg Loy settled in Windsor township, where he owned 220 acres of land. His wife was Barbara Bossart, of Windsor; and they had children: Susanna (married John George Focht, who later purchased Mr. Loy's homestead); Molly (who died single); Jacob (married to a Miss Billig, and was the father of Leah, Charles and Nathan); Charles (married Deborah Leiby and was the father of Catharine, Henry W., and Alfred W., who married Esther Anna Folk, and they have two sons, Alfred B. and William D. F.).

Matthias Loy, son of Matthias, was the first of the family to settle in Albany township, where he located prior to the Revolutionary War. His homestead is now owned by Levi Sechler, at the New Bethel (Corner) Church. He was a farmer, married to Mary ———; and their children were: Adam and Michael.

Adam Loy, son of Matthias, Jr., was a weaver and farmer in Albany township, where he owned the homestead of his father. He was an officer of the New Bethel church; was overseer of the poor of Albany in 1817 and a man of prominence. He died on his farm in 1844, and his will was probated April 22, 1844. His wife was Susanna Focht and they had twelve children: Samuel, Michael, George, Jacob, Jesse, Jeremiah, William, Mary (married Samuel Unger), Susanna, Adam, Elizabeth (married Michael Hendricks), and Joseph.

Michael Loy, son of Adam, was born on his father's homestead. After owning it for some years he sold it and bought another farm, which he kept three years, then sold that and bought the one on which he died. This is now owned and occupied by his son, Phaon, in Albany. He was a democrat and for many years served as supervisor and tax-collector. He and his family were Lutheran members of New Bethel church which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, and as a member of the building committee. He married Polly Behler and their children were: Louisa (who is unmarried and has her home with her brother Phaon); William; Phaon; and Ellen (married Lenius Reinhard, a carpenter at Trexlertown).

Joseph Loy, son of Adam, was born Oct. 25, 1828, in Albany township, and he lived there until he became sixteen years old, then went to Windsor township, where he bought and carried on a plantation. He was a wheelwright by trade and did much work for the farmers of



that community. His retiring years he is spending with his son, Walter S. His wife, Catharine Smith, died Dec. 29, 1905, in her 81st year. They had an only son, Walter S., a prosperous farmer in Windsor township, whose wife is Hettie M. Kline, and they have three children: Prof. Sylvester K., Carrie, and Joseph.

William Loy, son of Michael, was a farmer near Trexler Station, in Albany township. He and his family were Lutheran members of New Bethel Church, and he served it for a time as a deacon. His wife was Mary Ann Graver, a daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Donat) Graver, and their eight children were: Frank; James W.; Herman; George; Clara, married to Nathan J. Weiss; Annie, widow of Thomas Metzger; Mary; and Herbert.

JAMES W. LOY, merchant and justice of the peace of New Tripoli, is a native of Albany township, in Berks county, born June 24, 1871. He was educated in the public schools, and reared on a farm until he was eighteen years of age; then he entered a store at Steinsville and served for three years. With this experience he went to New Tripoli and was employed in the store of W. F. Krause for four years; then he engaged in the wholesale produce business for himself at that place, which he has carried on successfully until the present time. On February 13, 1905, he also embarked in the general store business at New Tripoli, in the public house of M. O. Bachman, and this he has conducted until now, assisted by two clerks. He also operates a huckster route through the country districts, disposing of the produce collected at Allentown.

Mr. Loy is a Democrat in politics. In February, 1910, he was elected a justice of the peace of Lynn township, and by reason of his qualifications and fitness for the office he has developed considerable business in scrivining and legal matters. He has also been elected as registry and township assessor, notwithstanding the district is republican. He has served as the Democratic Committeeman of the township for two terms.

He was married on September 23, 1893, to Annie E. Follweiler, daughter of John B. Follweiler of Wanamaker, by whom he has three children: Hattie E., Ezra W., and Herman J. He and the family are members of the Lutheran denomination worshipping in the Ebenezer church. He has served the congregation as a deacon, and since 1909 has officiated as treasurer.

#### LUDWIG FAMILY.

Matthias Ludwig, born in Hesendorf, Germany, in 1735, emigrated to America in the ship

"Edinburgh," and arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 30, 1754. He settled in Macungie township, where he became the owner of 145 acres. In 1762 he was assessed £20 and in 1786 was taxed £20.00 on his land, four horses and five cows. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation at Lehigh church, where he was buried on his death, Jan. 22, 1794. His wife, Anna Elizabeth Walbert, was born Dec. 18, 1719, and died Feb. 21, 1804. They had one son, Henry, and a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, who married George Graeber.

Henry Ludwig, son of Matthias, was born March 20, 1763, and died April 18, 1820, and was buried at Lehigh church. He married Christina Barbara Saeger, a daughter of Christian Saeger. She was born Sept. 29, 1763, died Sept. 6, 1836, and is buried in the old Allentown cemetery. They had ten children: John George, Daniel, Benjamin, Peter, Elizabeth Heinly, Susan Yoder, Polly Steckel, Hettie Weaver, Hannah Weaver, and Lydia.

Peter Ludwig, fourth son of Henry, was born in Macungie township, Dec. 14, 1802. In his youth he attended the schools of the vicinity and also one at Doylestown. While a young man he opened a tannery west of Allentown, opposite what was in later years the duck farm, and operated it many years. In later years he also operated a tannery at Coopersburg. He was a man of prominence and standing in his day and generation. He died Sept. 12, 1859, and was buried in Union cemetery, with his wife. He married Anna Knauss, who was born April 18, 1808, and died Dec. 20, 1844. They had three children: Abigail, born Dec. 27, 1828, died July 25, 1854; Solomon H.; and Charles W.

Charles W. Ludwig was born near Allentown, May 31, 1834. He was educated in the local schools and became a partner in the hardware firm of Siegfried, Ludwig & Company, in which he remained until 1875. He died April 27, 1896. Mr. Ludwig married Amanda, daughter of Daniel Focht, and they had one son, Wilson P.

WILSON P. LUDWIG, son of Charles W., was born in South Whitehall township, Oct. 15, 1857. He attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, when he entered the employ of the hardware firm of Siegfried, Ludwig & Company, to learn the business. He remained with the house until 1875, when his father retired from the firm, and he then became a salesman for the newly organized firm of Siegfried, Smith & Company. Later he was with Bittner, Hunsicker & Company with whom he continued until 1879, when he entered the employ of M. S. Young & Company, iron and hardware dealers,



and was confidential clerk and buyer for the firm until January, 1893, when he was admitted into partnership with his associates, Reuben P. Steckel and Edward M. Young. The firm is one of the leading commercial concerns of Allentown.

Mr. Ludwig has been active in the upbuilding of the city and is deeply interested in its public schools. He has been a school director of the Seventh ward for seventeen years and served four terms as a member of the Board of Control of the city. His political support is given to the Republican party, and he is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., and St. John's Lutheran church. He married Mary C. Hagenbuch, a daughter of George and Barbara (Foelker) Hagenbuch, and a granddaughter of Jacob Hagenbuch. They have one son, Ralph G. Ludwig, who is associated with his father in the hardware business.

#### LUMLEY FAMILY.

Edgar J. Lumley, merchant and manufacturer, at Allentown, is of English and German descent. His grandfather, James Lumley, was a direct descendant of Lumley and Lumpley, famous barristers of London, England. He emigrated to the United States, landing at New York, May 22, 1821, and settled in Otsego county, New York, following agricultural pursuits. He was born Jan. 9, 1792, died Feb. 22, 1868, in his sixty-seventh year. He was married to Achsah Sherman on July 6, 1826. She was born Sept. 1, 1792, died March 9, 1863. She was a near kin of General William Tecumseh Sherman, and of Hon. John Sherman, both famous men in American history. Both Mr. and Mrs. James Lumley were Methodists and are buried in the cemetery at Cherry Valley, Otsego county, N. Y. Four children blessed their union, as follows: 1. Thomas, who lived at Fort Plain, N. Y. 2. Howard. 3. Achsah, was married to Mr. Storey and they lived at Cairo, N. Y. 4. James, Jr., was born April 15, 1837.

Howard Lumley, the second son of James and Achsah (Sherman) Lumley, was born in Springfield, Otsego county, New York, March 2, 1832. He came to Allentown in 1856, and there was married to Mary M., a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Rohn) Albright. Mrs. Lumley, on Oct. 20, 1914, celebrated her eightieth birthday. Howard Lumley for some years, was section foreman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, after which he was employed upon the canal until the company advanced him to the position of a conductor on the train, which position he served about eight years. He then engaged in the manufactur-

ing of soap at the East Penn Junction, and for seventeen years was engaged in that business.

Mr. Lumley had been a member of the Republican party, and served the office of street commissioner of Allentown, in a very acceptable manner, under the administration of Mayor W. H. Allison, and afterwards he was an inspector in the water department.

On Feb. 19, 1907, Howard Lumley and his companion in life celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. This was one of the happy events in the lives of this aged couple and the occasion was largely attended by their many appreciating friends. From the time of their marriage until in 1889, the couple resided at No. 150½ Hamilton street, and from that time until the death of Mr. Lumley on Aug. 5, 1909, in his seventy-seventh year, they lived together in the sacred bonds of wedlock, at No. 156 Hamilton street, and there this aged and esteemed old lady, in the evening of her life, continues to reside in the old homestead, where she is held in sacred affection, and her only child, Edgar J., administers unto her with tenderness and love, her every want. She is still hale and hearty and is possessed with a clear mind, a retentive memory and unimpaired sight and hearing.

#### EDGAR J. LUMLEY.

A widely known and representative citizen of Allentown, Pa., was born Sept. 12, 1858, on the spot where he now resides. He is the only son of Howard Lumley, a native of New York, and his wife, Mary M. Albright, who was born in Allentown. She is a great-granddaughter of Rev. Jacob Albright, the founder of the Evangelical Church in the United States. Her father, Jacob Albright, was married to Catharine, a daughter of Isaiah Rohn, whose family was widely known in Lehigh county for generations.

Edgar J. Lumley spent his early life in Allentown, attended the public and high school of the city, and graduated from the Allentown Business College in 1875. The following year (1876) he began life as a soap and candle manufacturer, at which time he bought out the John Ujehlyi establishment at the East Penn Junction and formed a partnership with E. M. Earle, of Catasauqua, under the firm name of Lumley & Earle. A year later the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Lumley continued the business up to 1890, when in March of that year he engaged in the coal and ice business, which he has continued in a most successful manner (in connection with the manufacturing of silk ribbons which he added in April, 1903) until the present time. He enjoys a very extensive trade in



the coal and ice business. Mr. Lumley is a large employer of labor and in the latter line, in season, he employs as many as one hundred and fifty people, and in the manufacturing of silk, he employs continually twenty-five people. His extensive coal yards are located at 123-25 Hamilton street, and his silk manufacturing plant at the southeast corner of Second and Hamilton streets.

Mr. Lumley has been actively identified with civic and public matters since his majority. He was elected a member of the common council from the First ward, in 1881, serving in that body for seven years, the last two years was chairman of that body; was elected, in 1888, as a member of the select council, and again served that body for seven years, the last term of which he was its chairman again. During the entire fourteen consecutive years in which Mr. Lumley was a member of the city councils, he did not miss a single session. In the latter year he was elected alderman of the First ward, and served that office with marked ability for one term of five years. He has served for years as a member of the city and county Republican executive committee, and one year was chairman of the city committee.

Mr. Lumley is also the able president of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce, which was organized Sept. 14, 1905. The organization takes an active interest in municipal affairs and has done much to make Allentown the "Queen City of the Lehigh Valley." During the administration of Mr. Lumley, the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in having the free library opened, the debt cancelled, and the much needed institution placed in a flourishing condition; the Associated Charities, an institution intended for the organized and systematic distribution of charity among the needy was established; and the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in the establishment of the Play Ground Association, the River Front Park, Fountain Park, and Jordan Park; and also in the creation of the nine play grounds in the city of Allentown. It was also one of the original spirits in the organization of the Parents' and Teachers Association, which has already proven itself to be one of the best organizations of the school system in Allentown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lumley are regular attendants of St. John's Lutheran church. Socially Mr. Lumley has attained great prominence. He is a 32° Free Mason, a Shriner, an Elk, and an Odd Fellow. His membership is in the following bodies: He was made a Mason in Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., on Feb. 15, 1900, and became one of the twenty Masons who constituted Jordan Lodge, No. 67), F. & A. M., on June 10, 1913, and is a trustee of the lodge;

member of Allen Chapter, No. 203; Allen Council, No. 23; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Caldwell Consistory; and Rajah Temple.

Mr. Lumley is a member for nearly 30 years of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; member of B. P. O. E., No. 130; P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 115; Ben Harrison Castle, No. 214, K. of M. C.; Washington Chamber, No. 18, O. K. of F. O. of E.; Allentown Lodge, No. 129, Loyal Order of Moose; Court Manhattan, No. 151, Foresters of America; and Keystone Athletic Association. Mr. Lumley has also membership in the Livingston, Clover, St. Leger, and John Hay Republican Clubs; also the Lehigh County Historical Society, the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, and a director of the Allentown Free Library Association, and the City Board of Charities. He has also been treasurer of the Allen Fire Company for a quarter of a century.

Mr. Lumley is a conservative and successful business man. His sound judgment and honest endeavors have been an asset to Allentown for many years. He is an able presiding officer and his versatility in entertaining either by prepared or impromptu speeches has always been most acceptable in the many social and business functions in which he has been a leading participant.

On Sept. 12, 1881, he married Emma L., daughter of former Mayor Herman and Matilda R. (Schimpf) Schuon, of Allentown.

#### L. W. LUTTON.

L. W. Lutton, Superintendent of the Gallia Silk Mill, Coplay, was born at Amersdam, New York, in 1869. When eighteen years of age he moved to Paterson, New Jersey, where he learned the silk business. By paying strict attention to the various details in the process of silk manufacturing he was soon promoted from one position to another and in 1900 he was made foreman of the Doughty and Wadsworth Mills at Paterson, New Jersey. One year later he was elected to a more responsible position with Dexter Lembert & Co. of the same place which company he served in various capacities until 1910. In this year he accepted the position of Superintendent of the South Bethlehem Silk Mill and one year later he was made Superintendent of the Coplay Mill. He resides at the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets in Coplay. In 1896 he was married to Sybil B. Bowie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowie, of Paterson, N. J. To Mr. and Mrs. Lutton two children have been born, Bertram Lee and John Leslie.

The Coplay Silk Mill has shown marked improvements under Mr. Lutton's skillful management.

## LUTZ FAMILY.

The Lutz family of Lynn township, is said to have had its origin from three brothers, who emigrated from Switzerland; and one of them located in the vicinity of Steinsville. One of them was Frederick, born in 1742. He was married to Elizabeth Eckroth, and they had eight children: Jacob, Peter, Frederick, John Christian, and Henry; and two daughters, Mrs. Henry Hartman, and Mrs. Hill.

The fourth son, John, was born April 11, 1773, and died July 10, 1819. He was a farmer near Steinsville. He was married to Franconia, daughter of John Hamm, and they had the following children: Samuel; Christian; Isaac; Daniel H., named below; Kate, married to Samuel Smith, and Maria, married to Christian Knepper.

Daniel H. Lutz, a native of Steinsville, Lehigh county, was born on the Lutz homestead, and there he died at the age of 56 years. He is buried at Jacksonville. He was a farmer and blacksmith. His wife, Lucinda Fegley, was a native of Lower Macungie, and died at the age of 61 years. During harvest, while going from Lynn to Lower Macungie, to assist in "sickling" grain, he made the acquaintance of his wife. They had the following children: Elihu, who conducted the Jacksonville Hotel, now a store; Amanda, deceased, who was married to Samuel Follweiler; Daniel F.; Mary, deceased, who was married to Edwin Behler; James M., of Philadelphia, cigar manufacturer; Sarah, deceased, who was married to Philip Underkoffler; and Ellen, who was married to Allen Sechler, deceased.

Daniel F. Lutz, the son, was born Nov. 30, 1841, on the homestead. He was a farmer until his retirement in 1908 and now resides at Steinsville. The farm which was in the Lutz family since 1780, was sold to his son-in-law, Nathan F. Leiby. A stone house was erected there in 1783, which remained until 1896. Mr. Lutz is a Democrat and served his district as supervisor for a number of years. He is an active member of St. Jacob's Reformed church, at Steinsville, which he served as deacon for several years.

He was married to Sarah W. Wannamaker, a daughter of Jesse and Rebecca Wannamaker. She was a twin sister of Daniel Wannamaker, formerly county treasurer of Lehigh county. They have the following children: Louisa E., who married Nathan Leiby; Missouria A., who married William Miller, of Philadelphia; George M., Esq., of Allentown; Sallie R., who married H. Ziegler, of Allentown; Lena L., who married Charles E. Fetherolf; Katie E., single, of Philadelphia; and two died in infancy.

GEORGE M. LUTZ, Esq., of Allentown, Pa., was born July 20, 1867, on the old homestead, where he received his early education. Later he taught school for a period of six years. In the meantime he attended select schools in the summer and studied Latin and Greek under the tutorship of Rev. J. N. Bachman, preparatory to entering college. In 1889 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., as a sophomore and was graduated in 1892. He then taught school for two years. During that time he pursued the study of law under Hon. M. C. L. Kline, and was admitted to the bar on Nov. 9, 1896. Afterward he also practiced in the superior and supreme courts of Pennsylvania, and in the courts of the United States. He is a Democrat in politics, and an official member of Salem Reformed church. Mr. Lutz has represented his congregation on the floor of Classis and Classis on important committees. He was married to Laura E., a daughter of Daniel H. and Kate (Specht) Nonamaker, late of Allentown, Pa.

## PHILIP R. LYNCH.

Philip R. Lynch, one of the proprietors of the Catasauqua garage, is a son of Thomas Lynch, who was born in Ireland and came to America a young man, and resided at Hazleton, where he followed the trade of shoemaker. He was married to Susan Sweeney, a daughter of William Sweeney. They were the parents of three children: Philip R.; William, in the moving picture business at Hazleton, Pa., and Margaret, married to Nicholas J. Dugan, of Catasauqua. Philip R. Lynch was born at Hazleton, Oct. 4, 1887, and was educated in the public schools of that place. For some time he worked in the coal breaker and later ran a pumping engine in the coal mines for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Hazleton. In 1906 he moved to Catasauqua, and worked three years as engineer for the Atlas Cement Company at Northampton. For a number of years he followed the machinist trade with the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, at Fogelsville. In July, 1911, he became a partner with Nicholas J. Dugan, his brother-in-law, in the Catasauqua garage. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Dugan are both practical machinists and are doing an extensive business in selling and repairing automobiles. Their place of business is on Pine street, Catasauqua. Mr. Lynch is a member of St. Lawrence Catholic church, at Catasauqua. On March 2, 1905, he was married to Anna Quinn, a daughter of Thomas and Helen McCarthy Quinn, of Catasauqua. They had an only child, Winifred, who died in infancy.



## LYNN FAMILY.

Peter Lynn or Linn, who arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1737, from Hanau, Germany, married Anna Margaret, daughter of Felix Brunner and his wife, Anna Barbara. He settled in what is now Lower Milford township where he warranted land in 1738. He was a member of the Great Swamp Reformed church, where he was buried. He died in 1761, leaving surviving, his widow and seven children: Felix; Anna Mary, born April 12, 1740, who married April 18, 1758, Adam Willauer, a carpenter of Milford township, Bucks county; Peter; Margaret, who married Nicholas Imbody, a blacksmith of District township, Berks county; John; Elizabeth, who married Jonathan Roth, of Colebrookdale, and Theobald. After Peter Lynn's death, his widow married George Schantzenbach, and had two children: George, a blacksmith of Upper Saucon, and Catharine, who married Caspar Rumfield. Felix Brunner, having had only two daughters, the children of Anna Margaret Lynn, his eldest daughter, became heirs to one-half of his estate. On July 6, 1784, they sold their share of his real estate, amounting to 137 acres to George Neifer, for 600 pounds.

Dr. Felix Lynn, eldest son of Peter Lynn, was born in what is now Lower Milford township, July 8, 1740. He studied medicine with some physician and afterwards married the widow of his preceptor. She is spoken of as a woman of culture and education. Dr. Lynn was one of the earliest doctors in Lehigh county and practiced as early as 1765, in Upper Saucon township where he then resided. In 1784 he purchased the Iron Hill lands in Lower Saucon from Dr. James Cruikshank, containing over 300 acres, for 1,994 pounds, 5s., gold and silver coin. He acquired an extensive practice and died Jan. 9, 1809. His first wife, Jacobina, was born October 22, 1730, and died March 25, 1801. His second wife was Elizabeth Olewine. He had five children, three sons and two daughters: Dr. George Felix Lynn, born Aug. 3, 1762, who practiced at Emaus; Margaret, born March 2, 1764; Catharine, born 1766, married John Green; Peter, born Feb. 12, 1769, and died Sept. 30, 1844, and John, born June 20, 1774, died Jan. 16, 1791.

Peter Lynn, second son of Peter, Sr., was born about 1745. He married, April 4, 1768, Catharine, daughter of John Kooker. He was a saddler and lived for a time in Allentown. He died in 1817, leaving three children: Gertrude, wife of David Straub; Mary, wife of Simon Shaefer, and Peter.

John Lynn, third son of Peter Lynn, Sr.,

was born in 1754, and confirmed at Great Swamp church in 1769.

Peter Lynn, son of Peter, and grandson of Peter, Sr., was born Dec. 12, 1778, and died Oct. 24, 1847. He married Hannah, daughter of William Owen. Their son, Uriah Lynn, born May 31, 1820, died Aug. 24, 1895, married Anna Maria, daughter of Charles Knauss and his wife, Hannah Jordan. Jeremiah Lynn, of Allentown, is a son.

Theobald Lynn, youngest son of Peter, Sr., was born Oct. 14, 1759. He was a saddler and removed to District township, Berks county.

John Lynn was a skindresser by occupation and lived in Lower Milford township. He and his wife Mary had children: John, born 1772, Elizabeth, born 1777; Peter and William, born 1783.

Peter Lynn, son of John, was born Feb. 9, 1781. He removed to near Danielsville and became a boatman. He and his wife, nee Schaffer, had seven children: Jonas; William; Stephen; Hugh; Mary, married a Mr. Trine; Sarah, married Noble Siegfried and Daniel, who located near Pittsburgh.

John Lynn, a son of Daniel and Catharine (Tall) Lynn, was born in Northampton county in 1837, and died in 1913. In his earlier years he worked on a farm and later moved to North Coplay and was in the employ of the Coplay Cement Company for thirty-three years. He married Miss Mary Minnich, and had children: Elizabeth C.; James S.; Amanda; Bella C.; Mary E.; Susan; Maggie B.; Ellen L.; Thomas A. and John H. The family are members of St. John's Lutheran church at Coplay.

JOHN H. LYNN, the proprietor of "Lynn's Hotel," at North Coplay, was born in Northampton county, Aug. 6, 1866. He was employed by the Coplay Cement Co. almost ten years. In 1895 he erected his present hotel building, which is equipped with all modern improvements and contains twenty-five well furnished rooms. Mr. Lynn and family are members of the Lutheran church. He is also a member of I. O. U. A. M., No. 103, of Catasauqua. Mr. Lynn married in 1886, Miss Remitta P. Millhouse and had five children, three of whom survive: Eva B.; Earl A.; and John T.

## MACK FAMILY. (SLATINGTON.)

Abraham Mack, son of Alexander, in his time was a prominent farmer at Cherryville, Northampton county. He was born Aug. 14, 1798, and died on Feb. 19, 1853. He was married to Elizabeth Grave, born Dec. 23, 1801, and died on Aug. 7, 1851. John C., a son, was born near Cherryville, April 17, 1840, and his parents

having died while he was still quite young he was employed for a number of years on a farm and also in Faber's Mill, near Howertown. In 1859 he went to Mauch Chunk and learned the tinsmith trade, which he followed until the Civil War broke out and then, on the 8th day of August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. F, in the 132d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the Battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. He was mustered out of service on May 26, 1863, and returned to Mauch Chunk, but later went to Hazleton.

On May 24, 1864, he located at Slatington and began the tinsmith and hardware business, which he conducted successfully until 1891; then lived a retired life until he died Dec. 24, 1900. He was a public spirited man and manifested much interest in a number of enterprises which tended towards the development and improvement of the community. Politically he was a staunch Republican and for a number of years served as a member of the borough council. He was a member of the Slatington Lodge, No. 640, I. O. O. F.

He was married, on Sept. 22, 1865, to Sarah A. Remaly, a daughter of John and Lovina (Wert) Remaly, of Washington township, and they had four children: Dr. John S.; J. William, slate manufacturer at Slatington; Dr. Charles B., resident physician of the German-town hospital; and Minnie E, who died when five years old. They were devoted members of the Reformed Church.

DR. JOHN S. MACK, physician and surgeon at Slatington, was born there May 6, 1870. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1887, and from the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1890, then located in his home town, where he has been exceptionally successful in securing a large practice. When the Spanish-American War broke out, he was appointed an assistant-surgeon of the United States Army, and assigned to the Fourth regiment, under Colonel Pettit, who was stationed at Manzanillo, in Cuba, with the rank of a first lieutenant. He was in the service for six months, then owing to sickness he was compelled to resign and upon receiving his honorable discharge, returned to Slatington and resumed his practice with great success.

Dr. Mack was half-owner of the Crescent Slate Co., and filled the offices of secretary and treasurer. In politics he is a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican party and has served as the committeeman of the first district, of Slatington for three years; and he also served as a school director of the borough for a number

of years, filling the office of treasurer of the board for two years. In 1909 he was elected as a member of the borough council and he is still serving this office, having earnestly advocated many public improvements.

Dr. Mack occupies great prominence as a member of different social, secret, and professional organizations: Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M., of which he became a past master by merit; Slatington Chapter, No. 292, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; Allen Council No. 23, and Allen Commandery No. 20, K. T., of which he is a past commander; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; S. P. R. S., 32°, Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, being the first lieutenant commander; Past Officer of Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Zerubbable Council, P. of J., 160; Evergreen Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°; and on Sept. 15, 1908, the 33°, the highest degree of Free Masonry, was conferred upon him, he being now one of the three only persons thus honored in Lehigh county.

The doctor is a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society, the Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and the American Medical Society; and he has one of the best equipped medical offices in the Lehigh Valley, with a large, tiled, modern, sanitary operating room, electrical appliances, and a large X-Ray machine. And he also holds membership in other organizations: B. P. O. E., No. 130, of Allentown; Knights of Pythias; Sons of Veterans; Jr. O. U. A. M.; P. O. S. of A.; Foresters of America; and Modern Woodmen.

On Jan. 31, 1889, Dr. Mack was married to Catharine Williams, daughter of Evan J. and Ellen (Williams) Williams, and they had three children: Maud G., John S. (who died in infancy), and Helen C.

J. WILLIAM MACK, son of John C., and Sarah A. (Remaly) Mack, is a slate manufacturer at Slatington. He was born in that borough July 4, 1873. He is a graduate of the local high school, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1895. From 1896 to 1903 he was engaged in the retail drug business at Wilkes-Barre; then he and his brother, Dr. John S., organized the Crescent Slate Co., for the purpose of manufacturing "Out of the ordinary" roofing slate and special slate for large building operations, and also marbleized slate, and this enterprise they carried on successfully, employing 50 and more men until 1913. He is a member of Lodge No. 440, F. and A. M., at Slatington, also Slatington Chapter and Dieu le Vewt Commandery; Irene Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, and Caldwell Consistory, 32°, of Bloomsburg; and also of the Slatington Lodge, I. O. O. F.



Mr. Mack was married on Sept. 22, 1897, to Laura J. Griffith, daughter of Richard and Margaret (Williams) Griffith, of Lansford, Carbon county, and they have two children: Richard Griffith, and Sarah Ellen.

**MACK FAMILY. (ALLENTOWN.)**

John Jacob Mack and his wife, Margaret Kurtz, natives of Germany, came to America in May, 1853. He was born at Neckerteunsling, province of Wurtemberg, in 1792. Mrs. Mack was born at the same place and died at Philadelphia, one week after landing in Pennsylvania. There he remained for about six months, when he settled on a farm of about 125 acres at what is now Mount Cobb, Lackawanna county, Pa. In Germany he was a transportation merchant, an energetic, and ambitious citizen of an ingenious turn of mind. He was affiliated with the Lutheran Church. Their children were: (1) John Christian, a cobbler by trade, who settled in Philadelphia; (2) Frederica (Mrs. Frederick Doernach); (3) John Jacob, a farmer, born in 1822, still living near Mount Cobb (1913). (4) John Michael; (5) Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Zeiler); (6) Frederick, a cabinet-maker by trade, lives in Connecticut.

John Michael Mack, son of John Jacob and Margaret (Kurtz) Mack, was born Dec. 16, 1824 in Germany. He was educated in the common schools and at an early age was a teamster for his father. He came to America with his parents and became a farmer, succeeding to his father's homestead in Jefferson township, which he successfully cultivated until his decease.

He served as a private in the Civil War, with the Pennsylvania drafted militia, from September, 1864, until the close of the war. In politics he was a Republican; and served as a school director for several years in Jefferson township. He was an active member of the Evangelical Church, serving it as a trustee, steward, class-leader, and exhorter. He was an exceedingly kind hearted man, and was very popular and highly esteemed citizen. He died Oct. 27, 1880 and was buried at Mount Cobb. He married, in February, 1855, Christina Louise Laiblin, a daughter of Christian and Christina (Reed) Laiblin, natives of Schoendorf, Wurtemberg, Germany.

Christian Laiblin was a professor and the principal of Schoendorf. He had a family of three sons and two daughters, who were all well educated. Two sons were professors and the third was a wholesale dry goods merchant. One daughter married a Mr. Schoenly, a baker. Christina L. (Laiblin) Mack was born Nov.

19, 1828 and died June 11, 1890 and was interred at Mount Cobb, by the side of her husband.

Issue: (1) Mary Louise; (2) William C., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; (3) Charles William, of San Diego, Cal.; (4) Carolina M., married Rev. D. G. Reinhold (Evangelical), of Lansdale, Pa.; (5) Harper, died, aged five years; (6) John M.; (7) Joseph S.; (8) Augustus F., of San Diego, Cal.; (9) Lillian F., died, aged 14 years.

Mary Louise was educated in both the public and private schools of Lackawanna county, Pa. She began teaching when but 17 years old and taught for 17 years in Lackawanna county. She was married, in 1891, to Jacob Schantz (deceased). Issue: Gordon Mack Schantz and Jacob Mack Schantz. She resides in Allentown.

JOHN M. MACK, the fourth son of John Michael, was born Oct. 27, 1864, in Jefferson township, Carbon county, Pa., near Mount Cobb. He was educated in the public schools up to the age of fourteen years, when he was employed as a teamster by a company, who were engaged in the construction of a branch of the Erie Railroad. He subsequently was a stationary engineer at Dunmore and New York City. About 1890 he went as second engineer on a steamer to Panama. Upon his return he entered the employ of a Mr. Fallason, a manufacturer of wagons. Subsequently in connection with his brother, Augustus F., he purchased the business, removing it to Atlantic avenue, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and continued the business there until about the year 1900, when they engaged in the automobile truck business, experimenting and manufacturing, and in 1905 they removed their works to Allentown, continuing successfully the manufacturing of auto trucks. In 1911 the business was sold to the International Motor Company, who continue it up to the present time at Allentown, employing a large force of mechanics.

Mr. Mack married, July 26, 1901, Miss Mary Murtha, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Issue: John Michael, Jr., born Aug. 28, 1902, and Carroll, born March 24, 1906.

**WILLIAM H. MANLEY.**

William Henry Manley was born at Cornwall, England, in 1835. In June, 1864, he emigrated to these United States and in the fall of 1866 he located at Friedensville, Lehigh county, Pa., where he was employed by a zinc company as a blacksmith. At the latter place all but the three oldest of his children were born. In 1874 he moved his family to Landisville, Lancaster county, where he worked for the same

company at his trade. Soon after locating at the latter place he organized a Sunday school and served it as superintendent until 1879, when his company asked him to move to their mines at Ogden, N. J. He remained at the latter place until, owing to failing health, he moved to Pittston, Pa., where he died on Dec. 28, 1884. He was active in religious work, serving both church and Sabbath school faithfully unto his death. He and family were ardent Methodists. Socially he was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Encampment. His wife, Ann Syrene Gullic, was born at Devonshire, England, on March 3, 1843, and she died March 20, 1912. Their children were: Mary G., m. James A. Jones, of Allentown; William H.; Paul; Silas, and Joseph, of Catasauqua; John, of Allentown; Minnie, m. Eugene Miller, of Catasauqua; Walter, of Fullerton, and Ann Syrene, who died at Pittston, in 1890, aged fourteen years.

William H. Manley, of Catasauqua, Pa., was born at Griggstown, New Jersey, in 1866. When he was a young man he was injured, causing him to become maimed for life. He nevertheless was steadfastly minded to make the best of life; and by making the best use of such advantages as the public schools then afforded and by the best use of spare time he succeeded in acquiring a good education. He began life by weaving carpets at Pittston, Pa., following this trade for five years. In October, 1890, he came to Catasauqua, and accepted a position as weighmaster with the Bryden Horse Shoe Company. This position he has served with marked ability to this time.

In August, 1911, he purchased the interests of John G. Sacks, in the Bijou Nicket at Front and Walnut streets, Catasauqua; and he and William Roxberry, his associate, in the summer of 1912, erected the "Palace Theatre," located at the southeast corner of Front and Walnut streets.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian church choir, Catasauqua, since 1904; but for twelve years previous to this, he sang in the choir of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member. Socially he is a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1362, of Catasauqua.

#### MANTZ FAMILY.

This is one of the early settled families of Lynn township. On the old graveyard at New Tripoli, are buried two Jacob Mantzes, born about the same time; one, Jacob Mans, was born June 17, 1741, and died April 13, 1810, aged 68 years 10 months and 14 days. His wife, Elizabeth, was born Nov. 14, 1740, and she died

Nov. 12, 1812. The inscription upon the tombstone of the other is as follows:

Hier  
ruhen in  
Gott die gebeine der  
verstorbenen Jacob  
Mansz, er war gebohren  
den 30ten November  
1749 und ist gestorben  
den 19ten March 1823,  
is alt worden 73 Jahr  
8 monate und 11 tage.

The name of a Jacob Mantz appears among the list of taxables in Lynn in 1781. In the Federal census of 1790, he was the head of a family which consisted of himself and wife, two sons over sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen years, and three daughters. The tax list of 1812 records these names among the other settlers: Jacob, Henry, and Philip Mance. The name has many different spellings.

Jacob Mantz, probably the one mentioned in the tax list of 1812, lived along the mountain in Lynn and owned the farm where Moses Ohl now lives. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation of the Ebenezer church. His wife was named Elizabeth. Their children were Jacob and David (mentioned later); Elias (who was a farmer in Heidelberg); and Catharine (married Elias Reidy, also of Heidelberg. Elias, the son, was born in 1814, and died 1871; and his wife, Anna ———, was born in 1818 and died in 1873; both are buried at the Heidelberg church.

Jacob Montz, son of Jacob, was born in Lynn April 13, 1806. He settled in Carbon county, Pa., where he died in Sept., 1875. He spelled the name with the "o" instead of "a." His wife, Leah ———, was born April 10, 1810, and died March 29, 1875. They had a son, Cassius J., who now resides at Parryville, Pa. He was born in Lynn township, this county, July 11, 1850, and married Cassanda Rinker, born in Carbon county. They have the following children: Alvena, William J., Esther, Sallie, Frank, Tillie, Robert and Eva.

WILLIAM J. MONTZ, son of Cassius J., superintendent of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, at Ormrod, Lehigh county, was born at Parryville, Pa., March 29, 1874; son of Cassius Montz. After attending the common schools until he was fourteen years old he learned the machinist trade at Parryville, which he followed there as journeyman, and also at Ormrod until in 1902; then he accepted his present responsible position, with charge of more than 1,000 persons.



He has resided at Ormrod since 1898. Socially he is a member of the Lehigh Saegerbund, and of the Order of Owls, both of Allentown; also of the J. O. U. A. M., and the P. O. S. of A.

On September 5, 1892, he married Ida Kern, daughter of Peter and Jane (Prutzman) Kern, and they have an only daughter, Florence E.

David Mantz, son of Jacob, first lived on a farm which he owned along the mountain in Lynn township, now owned by O. J. Sittler. Later he had the farm now the property of Willoughby Snyder. He served Ebenezer church at New Tripoli as deacon, elder and trustee. His wife was Julia, a daughter of John Schmidt.

Their seven children were: Angelina (married first, James Hausman, and second, Daniel Snyder); Sarah Ann (married Reuben Miller, father of Senator James A. Miller, of New Tripoli); Lewis F.; and Anna (died in infancy); Sophia; and Moses D.

Lewis F. Mantz was born April 29, 1844, and died November 10, 1910, aged 66 years. He was an invalid some years. He lived in Lynn, and was a supervisor of the township; also a deacon, elder and trustee of the Reformed congregation of Ebenezer church. His wife, Catharine, *nee* Wessner, is still living. Their children are: William D.; Charles D.; Cora (died unmarried); Agnes (married Nathan J. Weiss); and Fred L. (married Mary Frantz, who live at Summit Hill, Pa.)

Moses David Mantz, a carpenter at New Tripoli, was born in Lynn, April 9, 1854. When he was eighteen years old he learned the carpenter trade, and this he has followed to this time, working in the upper end of Lehigh county. He was a carpenter boss for several years. In 1873 he went to New Tripoli, where he has his home ever since. He was registry assessor and under the delegate system served as a Republican delegate to several county conventions.

Mr. Mantz is one of the pillars of the Ebenezer church. He served the Reformed congregation as deacon, elder, treasurer and trustee, each office four years.

In 1872 he was married to Lovina, daughter of Andrew and Lucy (Semmel) Steigerwald. They have an only daughter, Ida L., the wife of Charles F. Krause, a painter, and Democratic committeeman of Lynn township, residing at New Tripoli.

William D. Mantz, farmer in Lynn, was born January 5, 1870. He was employed by Wm. H. Hoffman for twelve years; and for eight years was a tenant farmer. In 1910 he purchased a 130-acre farm from Edwin H. Snyder, near New Tripoli, and this he now cultivates.

On April 19, 1890, he was united in wedlock with Adda A. Krause. They had six children: Herbert L. (married Minnie Snyder, who have a son, Earl W.); Robert O. (died small); Hilda E.; Wilmer H.; Raymond D.; and Lillie A.

#### BENEDICT MARK.

Benedict Mark, of Catasauqua, was born in Baden, Germany, March 25, 1836. He emigrated to the United States, landing at New York January 6, 1854; but immediately located at Easton, Pa., where he followed the blacksmith trade four years. In 1859 he went to Washington, N. J., and followed his trade for eight years. Later he lived at Hellertown, Pa., also at Phillipsburg, N. J.; and in 1880 he went to Catasauqua and conducted a "smithy" until his retirement in 1900. He and family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Mark married twice: first on March 19, 1859, Theresa Rokweiler, who died at Washington, N. J., in 1861, aged 22 years, and they had one child, Henry; the second marriage was in 1866 to Susan Ditling, a daughter of Frank and Jane Ditling, and they have four children: William Frank X., Mary (m. Frank Rieger), and Emma, who is single. All of these children reside at Catasauqua.

Thaddeus Mark, the father of Benedict, always lived in Baden, Germany. He was a farmer and died in 1840. He was married to Maria Maus, widow of Joseph Sheibley, by whom she had a number of children, including Benedict.

#### MARKS (MARCKS) FAMILY.

Kilian Merck came from Germany to America, landing at Philadelphia, May 29, 1735, then sixteen years of age. He had a son, Conrad Marks, who was born June 12, 1745, and lived in Whitehall township from 1774 until 1793, where he owned a tract of 243 acres. He then removed to Milford township, Bucks county, where he conducted a hotel and took a prominent part in the Fries Rebellion of 1798 and 1799. He died Jan. 16, 1807, and was buried at the Salisbury church, Lehigh county.

Conrad Marks and his wife, Margaret, had eight children: Peter, born Aug. 5, 1773; John, born Aug. 22, 1775; Margaret, Mary, Barbara, Catherine; Jacob, born Nov. 21, 1786; and Jonathan, born Dec. 1, 1792. Jacob Marks lived on a farm in Lower Macungie township and in the War of 1812 was sergeant of a company. He died Sept. 9, 1860. He married Maria M. Koehler, and had six children: Anna Maria; Reuben, married to Judith Schwartz; Jacob, Jr.;



Mary M., married to Reuben Ritter; Hannah, wife of Daniel Kline; Sally Ann, wife of Peter K. Henninger.

Jacob Marks, Jr., son of the above Jacob, Sr., was born in Lower Macungie township, Feb. 4, 1816, where the latter farmed and owned the farm occupied by his father before him. He was married, Aug. 25, 1839, to Maria Keck, daughter of Andreas and Magdalena Keck, from which union were born: Amandus; Anna Maria, born July 2, 1843, and died April 19, 1850; Amelia, wife of John Kline, deceased.

Amandus Marks, son of Jacob, Jr., was married Aug. 2, 1863, to Anna Maria Meyer, born Dec. 12, 1843, and died June 25, 1881, a daughter of Charles and Maria (Waltman) Meyer, whose father, Philip Meyer, had come to America from Dusseldorf, Prussia, about 1798, and later served in the War of 1812. From this marriage was born one child, Clement A. Amandus Marks later married a second time, having a son, Willard, by this marriage.

Prof. Clement A. Marks, Mus.D., son of Amandus, late of Allentown, was born in Lower Macungie township, near Emaus, Pa., May 31, 1864, receiving his education in the public schools and the preparatory school of Muhlenberg College. His interest in music was manifested in early boyhood. He became organist of the Lutheran and Reformed church at Emaus, at the age of fourteen years, and later he was organist of the Moravian Church, at the same place.

He began his musical studies with the late Prof. C. F. Hermann, which he continued for six years. Subsequently he studied under the noted instructor, Dr. Gilchrist, of Philadelphia. In 1886 he was called as organist of Zion's Reformed church, Allentown, and in 1891 assumed a similar position of St. John's Lutheran church, Allentown, which he held at the time of his death, Oct. 23, 1912. Shortly after coming to Allentown, Prof. Marks organized the Euterpean Male Octette, the success of which led to the formation of the Euterpean Club, consisting of forty male voices, in 1887. Six years later the name was changed to the Euperpean Club-Oratorio Society, composed of upwards of two hundred mixed voices. Under Prof. Mark's leadership this society attained a prominence which has placed it among the foremost Oratorio societies of the state and it has had incalculable influence in fostering and advancing the musical tastes of the community. In 1909 Muhlenberg College conferred the degree of "Doctor of Music." In this institution he also filled the chair of Professor of Music. He was also president of the State Music Teachers' Association, secretary of the Committee on Church Music of

the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as well as one of the principal members having in charge and producing the revised Sunday school book for the Lutheran Church, and was a member of the Philadelphia Croquet Club, which was made up of prominent musicians of Philadelphia, and the surrounding districts. It was truthfully said at his death, "as teacher, conductor, and promoter of musical events of a classical nature, Clement A. Marks stood unrivaled in a community where love of music is strong and where real musical ability is not rare." He was prominently identified with all the various Masonic bodies and had been the High Priest of Allen Chapter. Dr. Marks was married to Kate M. Kemmerer, a daughter of Charles Kemmerer, from which union were born Harold K. and G. Donald, a senior of Muhlenberg College.

PROF. HAROLD K. MARKS, eldest son of Prof. Clement A. Marks, Mus.D., and his wife, Kate M., *nee* Kemmerer, was born in Emaus, Pa., May 12, 1886. He was graduated from the Allentown high school in 1903 and from Muhlenberg College in 1907, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following in the footsteps of his eminent father, he took up music, becoming organist of St. Michael's Lutheran church, Allentown, in the spring of 1907, where he continued until 1910, when he became organist of Zion's Reformed church, but after his father had died in 1912, he was elected to fill the position in St. John's Lutheran church, made vacant by his father's death. His musical studies he had begun under his father, supplementing later on the piano with Prof. Albert Ross Parsons, of New York, and on the pipe organ with Prof. R. Huntington Woodman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and musical theory with Hugh A. Clarke, Mus. D., of the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. Marks had been instructor of vocal music at the Allentown College for Women from 1909 to 1911; instructor of the high school glee club and orchestra; is the present accompanist of the Allentown Oratorio Society, and in 1913 was elected to fill the position held by his father in Muhlenberg College.

Mr. Marks is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.

Politically he is an Independent voter, is a member of the Lutheran Church and the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. On Oct. 19, 1910, he was married to Edna Irene Clauss, born Feb. 13, 1887, a daughter of Lewis D. and Jane A. (Hunsicker) Clauss. Mrs. Marks is a cultured and prominent soprano singer. They reside at 314 North Franklin street, Allentown.

Peter Marks, eldest son of Conrad, was born



Aug. 5, 1773, and died April 27, 1835. He was a farmer in South Whitehall, near Sherersville, where he owned a 150-acre tract. He married, in 1796, Anna Maria, daughter of Gottfried and Anna Maria (Griesemer) Knauss. She was born May 12, 1774, and died Jan. 21, 1829. They are buried in the old Allentown cemetery. They had seven children: Magdalena, born Feb. 3, 1797, died Dec. 20, 1858, married John Wenner; Peter, born Oct. 29, 1798, died Nov. 1, 1869, married Maria Albright, and had two children; Jesse, born 1822, died 1889; and Eliza, married Thomas Yundt; Jonathan, born July 8, 1800; John, born April 1, 1803, married Anna Newhard; Hannah, born June 30, 1807, died Nov. 7, 1826; Mariana, born March 25, 1813, married David Burkhalter; and Gideon.

Jonathan Marks married, in 1825, Catharine Roth, and had children: Francis J.; Reuben, deceased, many years an invalid; Hettie, and Edward, died young. He farmed 125 acres of the Marks land and in 1868 built the barn standing on the farm, owned subsequently by his son, Francis J., and grandson, Milton H.

Gideon Marks, youngest son of Peter, was born May 7, 1810. He owned a farm adjoining that of his brother, where he died Dec. 25, 1889. He is buried at Cedarville church, where he served as deacon and elder. He married Esther Eisenhard, who was born July 15, 1842, and died April 21, 1913. They had twelve children:

Gideon, Jr., a stone mason in South Whitehall. Peter, who lived along the Wenersville Pike. John, whose sketch follows.

Lewis, died at Allentown.

Edward, died at Sherersville.

Mary, married George Scheirer.

Eliza, married Willoughby Hoffman.

Caroline, married William Roth.

Sallie, married B. Balliet.

Catharine, married Wilson Smith.

Uriah, died young.

Polly, died young.

Peter Marks, son of Gideon, was born Sept. 5, 1835. He was a laborer and farmer, having lived in South Whitehall, along the Wenersville Pike, for many years before his death, on Sept. 17, 1902. He is buried at the Cedarville church, which he had served in all its offices. He and family were members of the Reformed congregation.

He married Adeline Kratzer, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Edelman) Kratzer. Their children were: James M., Isabelle, Moulton, Rosa, Mary, Alice, Maggie, Cora, and Carrie.

JAMES M. MARKS, son of Peter, was born July 15, 1856, in South Whitehall, upon the homestead of his great-grandfather, Peter. He

farmed for some years, but from 1881 to 1883 he worked in the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Works, at Fullerton, and in the latter year, he entered the employ of the C. & F. R. R., which he has served up to the present.

He served Mickley's Reformed church congregation both as deacon and trustee. He was a school director for twelve years, and is a Democrat.

Socially he is a member of Catasaquua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., the Fraternity Encampment, No. 156, at Catasaquua; the P. & R. Veterans' Association, and the P. & R. Relief Association.

He married Emma S. J., a daughter of Henry and Polly (Roth) Bankhard. She died on March 10, 1902. They had children: Eva L., Grover P., Hannah I. J., and Mary M. A.

Francis J. Marks, son of Jonathan, was born in South Whitehall, May 4, 1834. He was a life long farmer upon the homestead, a member of the Reformed church, and of the Democratic party, which had elected him to the office of assessor.

He died Sept. 23, 1891, and was buried on the family plot on the Union cemetery at Allentown. He married Hettie Ludwig, who died Aug. 7, 1884, aged 47 years, 7 months and 26 days. They had an only son, Milton H.

Milton H. Marks was born on the homestead, Aug. 19, 1861, and there he had farmed until his death on Dec. 9, 1904. The homestead, which is 125 acres, is now owned and occupied by his widow.

He married on May 3, 1884, Isabelle Marks, a daughter of Peter Marks. Their children follow: Mabel and Elwood, both died on Jan. 21, 1892; Norman and Archie (twins); Claudie E., and Hilda L.

JOHN MARKS, son of Gideon, was born May 25, 1841, and has always lived in South Whitehall township, where he followed farming. He and family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Cedarville church, and this Mr. Marks has served both as deacon and elder.

He married Emma, a daughter of Jacob Held. She died on April 21, 1913, aged 70 years, 9 months and 6 days. She is buried at Cedarville. Their children were: Ella C.; Oliver J., of Allentown; Clara R., married Henry Schlenker; Lillie; John, of Allentown; Collie, married J. Knappenberger; George, of Chapman's; Charles, of Fullerton; and Annie S. E., married Charles Albright.

John Nicholas Marks, who lived in Whitehall township, married Eva, daughter of John Schneider. He was a shoemaker and lived above Egypt, where his house was burned by Indians



on Oct. 8, 1763, and he and his wife had narrow escapes from death. They had children: Catharine, born Sept. 5, 1766; Eva, born Nov. 8, 1771; John Peter, born June 15, 1775; and Daniel, born Dec. 12, 1778.

#### W. ROY MARSHALL.

The grandfather of W. Roy Marshall was Samuel Marshall. He was born at Wigtonshire, in Scotland, on Aug. 12, 1816; reared on a farm and carried on farming until in 1850 when he emigrated to Pennsylvania and settled at Slatington, in Lehigh county. After working in a quarry for nearly a year he visited his family at Wigtonshire and prepared them to emigrate also to Slatington. He remained abroad four months then returned; and four months afterward his wife and six children made their great journey from their native home to a home in a strange land and take chances with the father of the family in the development of a new industry in that far distant region from kindred and friends. The emigrating party consisted of the mother who was Mary Ann Davidson, a daughter of William, also of Wigtonshire; three sons—William (who married Mary Tambert), Alexander (who died six weeks after reaching Slatington), and Samuel S. (mentioned next); and three daughters—Margaret (who married William Morgan, whose parents emigrated from Wigtonshire to Slatington), Elizabeth (who married Alexander Bowman, the son of an early settled family in Lehigh county), and Agnes (who was married to Thomas Donnan, an immigrant from Scotland). The father died in 1892, aged 76 years, and the mother in 1879, aged 64 years.

The parents of Samuel Marshall's wife were William Davidson and Jean Morrow, and they had seven children: Alexander, Robert, William, Mary Ann, Agnes, Jean and Jessie, of whom only Mary Ann emigrated.

Samuel S. Marshall, the third son of Samuel, a native of Scotland, emigrated to the United States in the year 1855 and located at Slatington. For a number of years he was employed as a slate-cutter and marbleizer until in 1889 when he received an appointment to a position in the Philadelphia Mint which he filled until in 1893 and then returned to Slatington. He looked after his personal interests until his decease in 1901. In politics he was a Republican, and adhered to the party principles with fidelity. He was married to Georgie E. Lynch (born in 1848 and died in 1900); and they had four children: W. Ray; Gilbert Dean (born in 1879 and died in 1908); George Lee (born in 1881, and died in 1901); and Mary Jeannette (born in

1883 and died in 1892). He and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died March 19, 1901, and was buried in the Fairview cemetery where a unique monument marks the family plot.

Mr. Marshall became the owner of the old Armory Hall on Church street, near 2nd, in 1892 and he there established and carried on a restaurant business. In 1900 he razed the building and erected in its place a modern opera-house for the purpose of supplying a convenient auditorium for amusement, lectures and public meetings, which he conducted in connection with the restaurant until his death when he was succeeded by his sons, Roy and Gilbert.

W. Roy Marshall, proprietor and operator of the Slatington Opera-House and Cafe since 1901, was born at Philadelphia on May 10, 1877. He was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the Slatington high-school with the class of 1904. He then registered in the law offices of the late John Rupp, Esq., at Allentown, as a student, but after having studied for one year he relinquished his efforts to become a lawyer and entered the employ of the Valentine Brewing Co. as a salesman and distributing agent at Philadelphia which he followed for a time, then returned to Slatington. His father having died in 1901, he and his brother, Gilbert, continued the business of carrying on the Slatington Opera-House and Opera-House Cafe which the father had established. They continued the joint ownership and management until 1908 when Gilbert died and the sole ownership devolved upon the survivor who has since conducted both the opera-house and cafe in a successful manner.

Mr. Marshall has become a member of the following societies: B. P. O. E., of Allentown; J. O. U. A. M., of Slatington; Foresters of America; and Knights of Pythias. In politics he Knights of Pythias, P. O. S. of A., and the J. identified himself with the Republican party. In 1912 he associated with other zealous Republicans in the cause of reforming and purifying party politics and took a prominent part with the "Progressives" of Slatington towards securing the nomination and election of their candidate for president of the United States, Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

On May 15, 1900, Mr. Marshall was married to Clara Robinson, of Catasauqua, a daughter of John and Jane (McClusky) Robinson. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

#### MARSTELLER FAMILY.

The first Marsteller in America was Frederick Ludwig Marsteller, who arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Mortonhouse, on Aug. 19, 1729.



He came from Darmstadt, Germany, and sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, for the new country, where William Penn had founded a government which permitted all to worship according to the dictates of their conscience. He settled on the Skippack creek, in New Providence township, Philadelphia county, now Montgomery county, where he bought land from David Williams and Richard Jones. He was one of the founders and deacons of the Lutheran church at Trappe, and his name appears in Latin over the door of this, the oldest Lutheran church building in America, erected in 1743. He was a warm friend of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who preached an English sermon at his funeral. He died Oct. 14, 1753, and was buried near the church he loved so well. He and his wife, Barbara, had seven children: Henry, born July 31, 1730, married, Dec. 13, 1753, Barbara, daughter of Adam Voss; Anna Margaret, born Jan. 6, 1732; Daniel, born Feb. 6, 1733; Frederick, born Aug. 5, 1734; George, born May 24, 1736, married, June 25, 1761, Elizabeth Küster; Valentine, born Dec. 26, 1738, married, May 22, 1766, Magdalena Henrich; and Philip, born Jan. 1, 1742.

Philip Marsteller located in Mill Creek township, Lebanon county, in 1760, and was active in raising troops in 1775 and 1776 in Lebanon, where he then resided. He was a member of the first constitutional convention on July 15, 1776, and after this service was chosen a member of the Assembly. He was appointed paymaster of the militia, Aug. 20, 1777; the agent to superintend the purchase of flour for the French fleet, July 13, 1779; and assistant forage master, April 5, 1780. So well done was this latter service that General Washington sent Major Marsteller a letter thanking him for the faithful and prompt performance of his duty. He was one of Washington's pall-bearers, and in 1803 removed to Virginia, near Alexandria, where he died about 1809. Some of his descendants reside in Fairfax, and Prince William counties.

Peter Marsteller, brother of Frederick, arrived in America on Oct. 5, 1737, and settled near his brother. He was a member of the Trappe church, where his children were baptized and confirmed. His wife, Anna Maria, was born Oct. 26, 1707, and died Nov. 9, 1777. Among his children were: Anna Maria, born 1738, married, Dec. 16, 1756, Andrew Hirster; Catharine, born June 24, 1741; Elizabeth, born 1745, married, Jan. 27, 1763, John Keyser; Michael, born Oct. 25, 1749; and Ursula, who married, Feb. 5, 1754, John Henry Hummel.

Anna Margaret Marsteller, a sister of the brothers Frederick and Peter, married, at Trappe, Dec. 3, 1734, Nicholas Corper.

George Marsteller, brother of Frederick and Peter, probably came with his brother Frederick in 1729, although his name is not given in the ship's list, as he had a child baptized at Trappe as early as 1730. He located in Saucon township, where he had secured a warrant for 200 acres on Jan. 7, 1735. He was naturalized April 10, 1741. Four of his children were baptized at Trappe church, but after his removal to Saucon, he became affiliated with the Lutheran church in that township, known as the "Blue Church." He was born in 1695, and died Oct. 17, 1751, leaving surviving ten children. His estate was appraised at £350, of which the widow received the use of £100, the eldest son received £45.9.1., and each of the other children received £25.14.6½. His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was born Aug. 31, 1729. George, his eldest son, was born May 14, 1731. Other children were: Margaret, born Feb. 9, 1733, married Nicholas Frantz; Catharine, born Feb. 1, 1735; Frederick; Eve; Nicholas; Henry; and John. All of these children removed from the township but Henry. Henry Marsteller was a farmer and shoemaker in Lower Saucon township and died about 1796. His children were: Henry, Samuel, Mrs. Barbara Leibfried, and Mrs. Kauffman.

Samuel Marsteller, son of Henry, was born Oct. 7, 1784. He was a farmer and weaver near Friedensville, where he died Dec. 17, 1847. He married Sarah, daughter of John Dieter Miller. She was born Dec. 18, 1800, and died Aug. 23, 1882. They had twelve children: Samuel A.; Levina, died in infancy; Francis, married Caroline Clewell; Charles, of Philadelphia, married Catharine Berger, and had two daughters: Emma and Clara; Eliza, married Frederick Koons; Caroline, married Jonathan Sterner; Reuben, married Susanna Smith; Jacob; David, married Amanda George; Sarah, married Abner Campbell; Hannah, died unmarried; and William H. H., who died aged ten months.

Samuel A. Marsteller, eldest son of Samuel, was born in 1822 and died in 1879. He was for some years a school teacher and later was engaged in iron industries in a clerical capacity. He married Leah, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Seip) Lazarus, of Whitehall township. They had ten children: Samuel S., of Baltimore; James L.; Robert J., born 1864, died 1901, who was secretary of the Lehigh Iron Company; Mrs. Mary A. Edwards, of South Bethlehem; Ellen A., married Andrew J. Wester, of Philadelphia; Sarah A., married E. Lehman Ruhe, of Allentown; Elizabeth; Hannah B., married George Sircoulomb, of Lima, Ohio; Catharine, married John F. Gallagher, of Scranton; and Maude E.



**JAMES L. MARSTELLER**, son of Samuel A., was born at Fullerton, Whitehall township, Sept. 27, 1849. He spent his early youth upon a farm, and secured his education in the township schools and the Allentown Collegiate and Military Institute. He then taught school for two terms, one term in Crawford county, Ohio, from 1869-1870, and one term in Whitehall township, from 1870 to 1871. From 1872 to 1877 he was in the employ of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, first at Mauch Chunk, afterwards at Ashley. He commenced the study of law Sept. 1, 1877, in the office of Edwin Albright, who afterwards for many years was judge of the courts of Lehigh county, was admitted to the Lehigh county bar on Sept. 1, 1879, and practiced in said courts ever since.

He is a member of the Lehigh county board of law examiners since 1882 and also a member of the Lehigh County Bar Association since its formation. He served one term as a member of Allentown city councils in 1887 and 1888, representing the Second ward.

Mr. Marsteller has always taken an active part in politics as a Republican, was for years a member of the Republican county committee, chairman of the committee from 1899 to 1906, was frequently delegate to state conventions, and in 1904 was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, and served at the general sessions in 1905 and the special session in 1906. He served in this time as a member of the judiciary general, appropriations and senatorial apportionment committees. In 1907, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Allentown Trust Company, of Allentown, which position he now holds. He is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., and of several Republican clubs in the county. He is a trustee of the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, at Farview, Wayne county, by appointment from Governor Tener, having been appointed in 1906, as a member of the house, one of the commissioners to establish the hospital. He married, in 1902, Lillie L., daughter of Tilghman and Elemina Hartzell, of Allentown.

Jacob Israel Marsteller, fourth son of Samuel, Sr., married Justina Hartman and had five children: Oliver; Isaac; James F.; Emma J., married Richard D. Leisenring; and Sarah, married Milton Blose.

**JAMES FREMONT MARSTELLER**, son of Jacob I., was born in Upper Saucon township, Oct. 27, 1856. He was educated in the schools of the township, graduated from Bethlehem high school, and in 1877 graduated from Lehigh University as a civil engineer. Starting out in life without any capital but his excellent education, he then lo-

cated at Montevideo, Uruguay, South America, where he pursued his profession for one and a half years, when he returned to Pennsylvania, in 1879, and entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. He remained with the railroad company until 1881, when he became engaged in the project of constructing a railroad to Mexico City for the Mexican National Construction Company. He returned from Mexico in 1882, and again became connected with the railroad company, on the P. & N. Y. division. He then took charge of mining operations for the Bethlehem Iron Company, at Madoc, Ontario, Canada, until 1883, when he went to Cuba, and constructed a railroad from the Juragua mines to the harbor of Santiago, for the Juragua Iron Company, a branch of the Bethlehem Iron Company. Returning to the United States, he became assistant superintendent of the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company, at Pocohontas, Va., until 1884, when he became manager of the soft coal department of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Snowshoe, Centre county. From 1886 to 1887 he had charge of special mine engineering under Frederick Mercur, general superintendent of the company, at Wilkes-Barre. In 1887, he erected the large coke oven plant at Snowshoe, and in the fall of the year took charge of the Tift Farm Improvement for the L. V. R. R. Company at Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained until 1888. Upon Mr. Mercur's death in 1888, W. A. Lathrop became general superintendent and Mr. Marsteller became acting superintendent of the soft coal department of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company until 1892. In April of 1892, he removed to Friedensville, in Upper Saucon, where he purchased a 104-acre farm, which he operated.

In 1903, he became general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, and located at Ebensburg, Cambria county. This company was later consolidated with the Webster Coal and Coke Company, of which Mr. Marsteller then became general manager of the Northern division, and was also general manager of the Pennsylvania Beech Creek and Eastern Coal & Coke Company, when the Webster Company leased their holdings to it, and remained with the company until they went into the hands of a receiver, L. H. Watkins, and remained general manager until July, 1910.

Mr. Marsteller then returned to his farm and lived retired. He went extensively into the dairy business and had about forty registered Jersey cattle. In 1911, he leased the farm for three years to Titus Reiss. He resides in a fine, modern home, which, with the barns and other buildings, are considered the finest in the township.



In 1911, he became vice-president and general manager of the Rock Hill Iron & Coal Company, serving until Aug. 1, 1913, when he resigned. Mr. Marsteller is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Friedensville and is an Independent Republican in politics. He married, July 20, 1884, Minnie A., daughter of Dr. Henry S. Clemens, of Allentown, and they have one child, Justina Clemens Marsteller, born Dec. 6, 1886, a graduate of the Moravian Seminary and the Baldwin School at Bryn Mawr, who married Chester John Langdon, a mining engineer, in charge of his father's operations on the Huntingdon & Broad Top Railroad.

John Marsteller was born in Chester county in 1776, and as a young man came to Lehigh county, where he married, April 5, 1801, Elizabeth Butz and settled near Alburdis. Thomas Marsteller, his son, was born in 1802, and died in 1882. He was a carpenter and undertaker, and married Lydia Hower. They had three sons: John, H. Frank, and Thomas. John Marsteller married Sarah, daughter of James and Salome (Eisenhard) Heinley.

WALLACE H. MARSTELLER, son of John, was born near Alburdis in 1861. He received his education in the schools of Lower Macungie and the normal school at Kutztown, after which he taught school for three years in Lower Macungie, and one year in Ohio. He was then clerk in a store at Alburdis and the same period in a Mertztown store. In 1886, he removed to Allentown, where he was employed as a clerk in Bittner, Hunsicker & Co.'s, and Harry Hunsicker's bazaar store for twelve years, and in Hess Brothers' store for twelve and one-half years. In 1911 he engaged in the retail coal business at 118 Walnut street.

Mr. Marsteller was a member of the Seventh ward school board for one term and served two terms as a member of common council from that ward as a Republican. He is a member of Zion Reformed church, where he has been deacon, elder, financial secretary and trustee, as well as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and for fifteen years teacher of the Bible class. He is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; Constantine Lodge, No. 1113, I. O. O. F.; P. O. S. of A., and K. of M. C. He married Miss Ida Shafer, who died in 1908. He married the second time, Mrs. Alice, widow of Rev. William Schoener, and daughter of William Laros.

OSCAR MARSTELLER, chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley Shoe Co., was born April 18, 1866, at East Texas, in Lehigh county. He was educated in the township school and learned the trade of carpenter under his father, which he

followed until he became thirty-one years. During this time he also learned engineering, and when he discontinued carpentering he served as an engineer in the establishments of Pretz & Weinsheimer, and the American Steel and Wire Co., until 1888; then he became chief engineer of the Allentown Steam Heat and Power Co., which he filled satisfactorily for seventeen years. In 1905 he secured a similar position with the Lehigh Valley Shoe Co., and this he has served until the present time. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Shoemakers Beneficial Association, and American Order of Steam Engineers.

Mr. Marsteller was married to Lillie Mumbauer, daughter of Charles Mumbauer, of Vera Cruz, and they have four children: Franklin G., Mamie Elmira, Charles Henry, and Harry Eugene. They are members of Grace Evangelical church. He is one of the instrumental performers of the choir, playing the bass violin.

H. Frank Marsteller, his father, was born in 1827, in Lower Macungie township. He learned the trade of carpenter and cabinet-maker which he followed at Bethlehem. He then learned the undertaker business and carried it on at Cetronia and East Texas for a number of years. He lived in retirement for a time at Allentown and died July 21, 1897. He was married twice. His first wife was Elevina Schmoyer, by whom he had six children: Winfield, William, Olva, Annie, Alvin, and John, the first three having died. Upon her decease, he married Emma R. Knauss, daughter of Daniel Knauss, and by her he had also six children: Oscar; Henry B. F.; Eugene; Elizabeth, married Benjamin Lewis; and two died young. His widow is still living at the age of ninety-five years, and she resides at No. 1223 Chew street.

His grandfather, Thomas Marsteller, was also a cabinet-maker, by trade. He had three sons: H. Frank, John, and Thomas.

ALVIN P. MARSTELLER, son of H. Frank and Elemina (Schmoyer) Marsteller, was born June 6, 1858, at Alburdis. He attended school and at the same time assisted in farming his father's farm until the age of nineteen, when he began to learn the carpenter trade with his father. In 1881, he removed to Allentown and became carpenter and millwright at the Allentown Silk Mill, where he is still engaged. Mr. Marsteller married Rebecca J. E., daughter of Jonas Herman, of Allentown, and had two children: Minerva O. M., married Oliver J. Sensinger; and Sula H., married George A. Schaffer. Mrs. Marsteller died in 1889 and he married, second, Annie Roth, of North Whitehall, who died April 14, 1909. Mr. Marsteller is a member of the

Reformed Church, and of the Knights of Malta, Jr. O. U. A. M., Foresters, Moose, Pioneer Fire Company, and a beneficial society.

A member of one of the Marsteller family branches settled in Hamilton township, Monroe county, where he married a Miss Schaeffer and both were buried at a Methodist church near Snyder'sville, of which they were members. They had twelve children: Simpson, of Brodheadsville; Peter, of Hamilton township; Bolivar, moved West; Joseph, of near Stroudsburg, and later lived in the West; Barnett; Philip, of Hamilton township; Henry, of near Williamsport; Mary, married John Lesh, and lives on the homestead; Lovina, married Geo. H. Weiss, of Brodheadsville; Rebecca, married Felix Storm, of near Brodheadsville; Mrs. Henry, of Henryville; and Sophia, married John Southers, of Williamsport.

Barnett Marsteller was born in Monroe county in 1818, and was a stone mason and farmer on the farm now owned by J. Davis Weiss, near Brodheadsville. He died in 1852 and was buried at the Pleasant Valley church. He married Julia A., daughter of Henry and Mary (Huffsmith) Weiss, who died in 1877. They had four children: William H.; Rudolph W.; Mary A., died unmarried; and Moses G., died in infancy.

RUDOLPH W. MARSTELLER, son of Barnett, ticket agent of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Company, at Slatington, was born at Brodheadsville, April 5, 1850. He received his education in the schools of the town and at Schwartz Academy, Bethlehem, after which he taught school for two terms. In the fall of 1867, he became an employee of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Company, at Bethlehem, was located one year at Mahanoy City, and in 1868 was transferred to Slatington, where he has since remained. On Jan. 1, 1890, he was promoted to ticket agent, which position he still fills most acceptably.

Mr. Marsteller married, in 1875, Tillie, daughter of Samuel Rittenhouse, of Bethlehem, who died June 21, 1877. They had one child, Dr. George H. Marsteller, who married Lottie N. Hornby, of Cambridge, Md., and has four children: Sarah S., Rudolph E., Mary F., and Mamie L. Mr. Marsteller married the second time, Aug. 8, 1878, Sarah A. Rose, of Allentown. They had one child, Mary S., wife of F. F. Schoenfeld, of Mauch Chunk.

Mr. Marsteller and family are members of the Lutheran Church in which he is an elder. He was a member of the borough council from 1891 to 1893 as a Republican, and is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Knights of Malta, and Royal Arcanum.

THOMAS F. MARSTELLER, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Filtchem) Marsteller, was born in

Williams township, Northampton county, in 1838. He received a liberal education and became a farmer and then a bartender at various places, until 1875, when he built the Pacific House, in Bethlehem, and operated that, in connection with livery stables, up to 1902. He then sold out and removed to West Bethlehem, where resided four years, when he removed to Allentown and built a home. He served in the Civil War, having enlisted in September, 1861, in Co. E, 51st Regt., Capt. F. W. Bell, Col. John Hartman, of Harrisburg. He participated in many battles, notably those of Bull Run, Camden, and Antietam. He was honorably discharged Sept. 6, 1862. Mr. Marsteller was a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics adhered to Republican principles. He died June 12, 1910, and was buried in Nisky Hill cemetery, Bethlehem. He married, July 1, 1865, Catharine, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Lambert) Brotzman and had one son, Robert L. Marsteller, born Nov. 25, 1865, at Uhlersville, who died at his mother's home, 1120 Hamilton street, Allentown, on Aug. 30, 1913, leaving a son, Thomas F., born in 1907.

#### CHRISTIAN FREDERICK MARTIN.

A remarkable example of the heredity of inclination and pursuit is afforded by this family, in which there have been five successive generations of physicians, counting from Christian Frederick Martin, who was one of the very earliest practitioners in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

Christian Frederick Martin, the progenitor of the family in America, was born in Prussia, Dec. 22, 1727. He was the son of a Lutheran clergyman, who was a man of eminence outside of the ministry, and at one time a member of the higher courts or cabinet. He received a collegiate and medical education in Berlin and very soon after graduating from the University of Medicine, he came to America with Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and others, and settled at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, after having travelled over Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

He married at the Trappe, a Miss Schwartley, the daughter of a clergyman, and entered upon the practice of his profession. His wife died after she had borne six children, namely: Frederick, John, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ellen, and Mary. The eldest son removed to Otsego county, New York, and died there. The other two sons resided all their lives in Montgomery county, Pa.

Elizabeth married a Mr. Egner, and Ellen a Mr. Hartzell, while Mary became the wife of Johannes Dickenshied, and was the mother of Dr. Charles F. Dickenshied, born in 1791, and



became the head of a long line of eminent physicians.

Dr. Martin married, second, Miss Mary Miller, a native of the Trappe. Soon after this event, Mr. Miller, learning of a tract of land in Macungie township, which was to be sold at public sale, advised his daughter to purchase it. She rode on horseback to the farm near Emaus on the day of the sale, and made the purchase.

To this place Dr. Martin and his wife removed about 1762, and there all of their children were born. These were: Andrew, Jacob, George, Charles H., Peter, and Anna, who married Peter Bright. Four of the sons became physicians, whose history is mentioned elsewhere.

Dr. Martin continued to practice in Macungie and the surrounding country until near the close of his life, his "ride" covering Lehigh county, and extended far into Montgomery, Bucks, Northampton, and what is now Carbon county.

He educated his sons in medicine by lectures on anatomy, illustrated by Eustache's plates, and others on surgery, obstetrics, practice, materia medica, and botany. He was a finished scholar, owned a large library, and was fond of teaching and demonstrating. He died June 13, 1812, aged 84 years, and was buried in the graveyard of the Little Lehigh church, beyond Millerstown (now Macungie). The inscription upon the tablet at his tombstone reads thus:

"Hier 'Ruht' in Gott  
Doc Christian Frederick  
Martin  
er wurde geboren dem  
22 ten Decbr 1727  
und ist im Herrn entsclofen  
dem 13 ten Junius 1812  
er bracht sein alter zu  
84 yahr 5 M. 22 Tage"

Mrs. Martin long survived her husband. She removed to Allentown and lived with her sons until her death in 1837, at the age of 90 years.

#### DR. JACOB MARTIN.

Dr. Jacob Martin, the eldest son of Christian Frederick and Mary (Miller) Martin, was born July 31, 1776. He studied medicine under his father and commenced practice in Allentown, Pa., about 1798. He was postmaster of Allentown from 1805 to 1814. He died at Allentown, Jan. 17, 1834. He married Jane Savitz, daughter of George Savitz. They had seven sons and three daughters, as follows: Edward F., Charles H., Tilghman H., Walter, Franklin B., William, and Thomas; the daughters were: Mrs. John W. Hornbeck, Mrs. E. R. Newhard, and Elizabeth J., born 1813, died 1888, married, in 1830, to Thomas B. Wilson.

#### DR. EDWARD F. MARTIN.

Dr. Edward F. Martin was the eldest son of Dr. Jacob and Jane (Savitz) Martin. He practiced the profession at Weaversville, Pa., where he died in 1861, aged 54 years. He married Mary A. Deshler, and had a son, Walter, who also became a physician.

#### DR. CHARLES H. MARTIN.

Dr. Charles H. Martin, the second son of Dr. Jacob and Jane (Savitz) Martin, was born in Allentown, Aug. 15, 1807. He was educated in the public schools, studied medicine with his father, then took a course at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating March 6, 1830 at the same time as his cousin, Frederick A., (son of George). He practiced in Allentown all his life time.

He was at one time county treasurer; was a Democrat in politics; a member of the I. O. O. F., and a member and treasurer of St. John's Reformed church. He died Sept. 25, 1860, and was buried in the Allentown cemetery.

He married Matilda Angeline Goundie, born July 19, 1816, died March 20, 1877, daughter of Sebastian and Cornelia E. (Wagner) Goundie, of Philadelphia. Their children were: Dr. Dewees J., Dr. Edwin G., Dr. Henry F., Charles H., who died aged 9 years; Laura Adelaide, member of St. John's Lutheran church, residing with her sister; and Cornelia E. Martin.

Cornelia E. Martin, daughter of Dr. Charles H. and Matilda (Goundie) Martin, was educated in the public schools and at the Philadelphia Academy. She taught school in Allentown for several terms; is a member of Grace Episcopal church, and serves as vice-president of the Ladies' Guild. She and her sister, Laura Adelaide, reside together in the old family home at No. 416 Hamilton street, Allentown.

#### DR. DEWEES JACOB MARTIN.

Dr. Dewees Martin was the son of Dr. Charles H. Martin and the grandson of Dr. Jacob Martin, of Allentown. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858; practiced a few years in New Jersey, then settled in Allentown. He opened a drug store which he carried on until his death in 1874.

#### DR. HENRY F. MARTIN.

Dr. Henry F. Martin was the third son of Dr. Charles H. Martin, and grandson of Dr. Jacob Martin, of Allentown, Pa. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858 and practiced in Slatington, Pa., until 1862. During the Civil War in '61, he was an assistant surgeon of the 9th Penna. Reserves. He removed to Colorado and engaged in mining operations.

**DR. TILGHMAN H. MARTIN.**

Dr. Tilghman H. Martin, the third son of Dr. Jacob and Jane (Savitz) Martin, was born at Allentown, Pa., on the 6th of December, 1809. He received an academic course in Allentown, and early determined to follow the professional career of his father. He entered the latter's office as a student of medicine, and in 1829 became a student of Prof. William Horner, of the University of Pennsylvania, and also attended a course of lectures at the Philadelphia Medical Institute.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1831 and returned to Allentown, becoming associated with his father, to whose practice he succeeded.

He was married in 1836 to Miss Mary, daughter of Daniel Kramer, of Allentown, to whom were born children: Alfred J., M. Eugene, Daniel, Harvey, Thomas T., Eliza, Mary A. (Mrs. H. K. Hartzel). Alfred J. Martin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1857. He died Dec. 8, 1896.

Thomas T. Martin also graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as a physician in 1877, and engaged in practice in Allentown, occupying the office formerly his father's.

M. Eugene and Daniel Martin adopted the profession of dental surgery.

Dr. Tilghman H. Martin died on Nov. 5, 1878, in his 69th year.

**DR. EDWIN G. MARTIN.**

Dr. Edwin G. Martin was the second son of Dr. Charles H. Martin, and M. Angeline Goundie, daughter of Sebastian Goundie, a prominent member of the Moravian settlement of Bethlehem, Pa. He was born Oct. 3, 1836, in Allentown, Pa., and received his scholastic training at the Allentown Academy under the instruction of Profs. McClenehan, Chandler and Gregory. He chose for his life work the profession in which various members of the family had attained distinction, that of medicine, and first prosecuted his studies in the office of his father. Later he became a student of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the spring of 1856. He at once became associated with his father, to whose practice he succeeded at his death. Since that time he was actively engaged in professional labor and had an extensive general practice. He was a man of untiring industry, of unswerving integrity, and active and liberal in the encouragement of all projects looking to the material advancement and prosperity of the city of his residence.

His professional duties were pursued with a kindly charity and benevolence which left their

impress and marked him as a benefactor to the needy and humble.

He was a member of the Lehigh Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He manifested a commendable zeal in the furtherance of all educational enterprise; was one of the founders, and since its organization had been secretary of the board of trustees of the Allentown Female College; a trustee and secretary of the board of management of the hospital for the insane for the eastern district of Pennsylvania; was a member and first vice-president of the Lehigh Valley Medical Association. The material and business interests of Allentown also received from him a decided impulse as trustee and secretary of the Jordan Manufacturing Company, as a stockholder of the Coopersburg Turnpike Company, the Bethlehem Turnpike Company, and the Lehigh Telegraph Company, and was one of the organizers and was made the first president of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, holding that position for a number of years. Was a director of the Allentown National Bank, and president of the Board of Trade. He was, during the War of '61, appointed surgeon of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and mustered into service for the emergency. Also held the commission of surgeon of the 4th Regt. of National Guards of Pennsylvania. As a Democrat, Dr. Martin was elected mayor of Allentown, Pa., in 1880. His efficient administration insured his re-election in 1882. Was one term a coroner. Was an enthusiastic Mason; was deputy commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state; then later, elected to the high office of grand commander of the same body. In religion, a Lutheran, a member of St. John's English Lutheran church of Allentown; died at his home in Allentown, Oct. 4, 1893.

Dr. Martin was married, Aug. 29, 1861, to Miss Fannie S., born July 23, 1838, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Huntzinger Balliet, of Lehigh county. Children: Irene B., and Dr. Charles S. Martin.

Miss Irene B. Martin is prominently identified socially in the city of Allentown, and is a very active member of the D. A. R.. She and her esteemed mother occupy the Martin homestead at No. 11 South Fifth street.

**DR. CHARLES S. MARTIN.**

Dr. Charles S. Martin was the only son of Dr. Edwin G. and Fannie S. (Balliet) Martin. He was born in 1867 at Allentown, Pa.; was educated in America and abroad. After attending Muhlenberg College, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania,





*C. S. Martin*





where he graduated in 1890. He served some time as chief interne at Blockley Hospital, then continued his studies at the University of Berlin, Germany, and the Lying-in Hospital, at Dublin, Ireland. He traveled extensively on the continent of Europe. He was for eight years secretary and business manager of the Allentown Hospital; also served several terms as a member of the Board of Health of Allentown.

Dr. Martin always took a great interest in fire department matters of his home city; was an active member of Good Will Fire Engine Company, and for years a prominent member of the State Firemen's Association.

He was an active and influential Republican; was appointed, March 30, 1910, postmaster of Allentown. He had been in this office but four days, when he suddenly expired at the Martin home, at No. 11 South Fifth street, on May 4, 1910.

#### DR. FRANKLIN B. MARTIN.

Dr. Franklin B. Martin, son of Dr. Jacob and Jane (Savitz) Martin, was also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced at Fogelsville, Whitmarsh, and at Catasauqua, Pa., and died in the latter place.

Walter, the son of Dr. Jacob Martin, graduated at the University of Pennsylvania and emigrated to California, where he died on the day of his arrival.

#### DR. GEORGE MARTIN.

George Martin, son of Dr. Christian and Mary (Miller) Martin, was born May 4, 1779. He studied medicine with his father and settled about 1800 in Whitpain township, Montgomery county, Pa., where he remained until 1814, when he removed to Whitmarsh, Pa. He practiced there until 1850, when he removed to Philadelphia and retired from all practice. He died there Dec. 8, 1862. He had three sons: Frederick A., Charles, and John A., who became physicians, all receiving their preliminary education from their father.

#### DR. FREDERICK A. MARTIN.

Dr. Frederick A. Martin, son of George, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania March 6, 1830, and during the next two years practiced with his father at Whitmarsh, Pa., but subsequently removed to Coopersburg, Pa., where he practiced until 1843. He then removed to Philadelphia, and from thence, in 1850, he removed to Bethlehem, Pa., where he remained until 1867, when he returned to Philadelphia.

#### DR. CHARLES MARTIN.

Dr. Charles Martin, son of Dr. George and grandson of Dr. Christian Frederick Martin, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1833, and during the next three years practiced in Whitmarsh and Mechanicsburg, Pa. He then studied divinity at Gettysburg, Pa., Seminary. He became pastor of the St. James Episcopal church in New York City, had charge of churches at Hagerstown, Md., and other places, then became head of a ladies' seminary at St. Joseph, Mo.

#### DR. JOHN A. MARTIN.

Dr. John A. Martin, son of George and grandson of Dr. Christian Frederick Martin, also entered the University of Pennsylvania and completed his course of study in 1836. He practiced about ten years at Whitmarsh, Pa., when his health failing, he removed to California, where he practiced, and also established a hospital. After two years he returned to the East and studied law in Philadelphia, then practiced at Norristown, Pa., for a few years. He then removed to Magnolia, Del., and resumed the practice of medicine. He died there March 13, 1872, aged 57 years.

#### DR. CHARLES HUBER MARTIN.

Dr. Charles Huber Martin, son of Dr. Christian Frederick and Mary (Miller) Martin, was born Dec. 27, 1781. After completing his studies with his father, he settled in Allentown about 1812, and practiced there until his death, on May 31, 1844. He married Christianna Huber, and there were born to them these children: Rebecca, who married Dr. John Mickley, of Milton, Pa.; Matilda, who married Dr. John Romig, of Allentown, Pa.; and Charles Ludwig, who became a physician.

#### DR. CHARLES LUDWIG MARTIN.

Dr. Charles Ludwig Martin, the son of Charles H. and Christianna (Huber) Martin, was born in Allentown, Pa., Feb. 17, 1821. He early determined to follow the career of his ancestors and adopt a profession which has been represented in five successive generations of the family. After receiving a thorough academic education he entered the office of his father, a physician of skill and reputation, and attended lectures in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the spring of 1841 with distinction. He at once located in Allentown, Pa., and for three years assisted his father, to whose practice he succeeded on his death in 1844. He thus early

found open to him a wide career of usefulness, and by his skill and profound knowledge soon gained a reputation which brought an extensive practice and great responsibilities. Possessing a well store and analytical mind and mature judgment, his advice and counsel were frequently sought in consultation after he had retired from active professional labor.

Dr. Charles L. Martin was married, Feb. 20, 1845, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Dr. Henry Detwiller, of Easton, Pa. They had children as follows: Lucy (Mrs. Isaac Ash); Matilda, (Mrs. John Satterfield); Lizzie C. (Mrs. A. B. Fichter); and five sons: Dr. Constantine H., who graduated at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York, in 1866, and at the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1868; Charles D., who graduated at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1867 and associated himself with his brother, Constantine H., in practice in Allentown, Pa.; Truman J., who received his diploma from the University of Pennsylvania in 1878, attended a course in the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1879, and settled at Buffalo, and now at New York City; Norton John, who graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., in 1880, and was admitted to the bar of Lehigh county in 1883; and William E., whose sketch follows.

Dr. Martin was a Republican from the organization of the party, having previously been a Whig. He was a man of extensive and varied information. He was fair and candid in his profession, stooped to no petty advantage, employed no unworthy methods, and never appealed to prejudice. His powers of perception were keen, enabling him quickly to determine the value of a cheerful and helpful bearing with his patients. This ready tact, combined with a kindly and sympathetic nature, inspired strong confidence in his ministrations. He was an independent thinker, and the opinions he expressed on any question of medicine, science, morals, or politics, were strictly his own. He was known as a man of integrity, pure in thought, frank, manly, and gracious in all his ways. To no trust was he ever disloyal, to no principle recreant, to no friend insincere. His death occurred Nov. 26, 1883, in his sixty-third year, not less sincerely mourned in professional, than in private life.

#### HON. WILLIAM EDWARD MARTIN.

Hon. William Edward Martin, president of the Bethlehem Trust Company, president of the Bethlehem Silk Company, and the chief burgess of Bethlehem, was born at Allentown, Jan. 21, 1864, son of Dr. Charles L. and Matilda (Detwiller) Martin.

After William Edward had laid an educational foundation in the Allentown public schools, he took, in 1881, a course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania. Because of his tender age a diploma to practice medicine could not be given him. This caused him to leave the university and enter the biological course at Yale College. He graduated from Yale in the spring of 1885, with the expectation of returning to the University of Pennsylvania. During the summer vacation he assisted Mr. A. B. Fichter in starting a silk factory at South Bethlehem. This business appealed to him and instead of returning to medical lectures in the fall, he formed a partnership with Mr. Fichter for the manufacture of silks and ribbons. In 1887 he was one of the incorporators of the Bethlehem Silk Company. He succeeded to its presidency a year later. These two industries later moved into a large mill erected by Bethlehem's Board of Trade. The plant increased until today nearly three acres of floor space are under roof and nearly 800 employees at work. In religion he is an Episcopalian.

In politics a Republican, and in 1907 he was elected to the borough council and two years later he was elected by a large popular majority to the office of chief burgess of the borough of Bethlehem. His term of office expired Jan. 5, 1914. Mr. Martin is one of the trustees of the public library of his city and he was one of the organizers of the Bethlehem Trust Company in 1907, and since 1909 he has been president of this successful banking house. In 1911, he was elected to the presidency of the Industrial Commission of Bethlehem (Board of Trade) and served for two and one-half years. He is also a member of the Joint Bridge Commission, a body of prominent citizens organized to bring about better bridge facilities between the Bethlehems.

He was united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1901, to Suzanne Pomp Gross, a daughter of the late Reuben Gross, of Easton. To this union was born an only son, William Edward Martin, Jr.

#### DR. PETER MARTIN.

DR. PETER MARTIN, the fourth son of Christian Frederick Martin, who chose the medical profession, practiced a few years with his father then settled on the Little Lehigh river, in Macungie township, and practiced medicine until his death, about 1846.

#### J. H. MARTZ.

Joseph Howard Martz was born Jan. 18, 1869, in Whitehall township, near Allentown, the son of Joseph F. Martz, born in Franklin county, and his wife, Ellen J.

He was educated in the common schools and Lehigh University, and became a civil engineer,





*Portrait of W. E. Martin, 1897*

William Edward Martin





which he following up to 1911. He was identified with L. S. Jacoby, architect, and later with Col. S. D. Lehr, up to 1897. For six years he served as city engineer under Mayors Lewis and Schaadt. He also served as assistant city engineer under L. S. Jacoby.

For two years he was engaged as engineer at Bangor and then engaged in general engineering. He is now conducting the Martz general freight and hauling business, of which he is manager and stockholder. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

He was married, in 1894, to Sadie C. Gorr, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Gorr, of Macungie. They had four children: Henry, Howard, Jacob, and Catharine.

#### MAST FAMILY.

Frederick Mast, the earliest known ancestor of the family here under consideration, was a resident of Lower Saucon township, where he followed his trade of blacksmith, achieving success therein. He went on a trip to Sunbury, Pa., during which his death occurred, he being found dead on the road. He married and among his children was Isaac, of whom further.

Isaac Mast was born in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, in 1804. He was reared by Samuel Leidy, of Lower Saucon, and at an early age began earning his own livelihood, his first occupation being to drive a team to Philadelphia, loaded with whiskey, etc., and upon his return trip he brought store goods, Mr. Leidy being the proprietor of a general store, and later he served as clerk in Mr. Leidy's store. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of millwright, and after completing his term turned his attention to boating on the Lehigh river, for the Lehigh Coal Company, living on the boats, which run to Philadelphia laden with coal. Later he engaged in the coal business at Freemansville, successfully conducting the same for several years, but after his marriage he rented the Joseph B. Jones farm at Freemansburg, consisting of 33½ acres, and operated the same for thirteen years, after which he removed to Lower Saucon and rented a 200-acre farm, which he conducted for a number of years, and subsequently rented several other farms. In 1865 he moved to Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, and purchased the Joseph Mole farm, consisting of 16 acres, to which he later added several more acres, and there he followed general farming until his death at the age of seventy-eight years. His remains were interred in Blue Church cemetery. He married, in 1836, Mary Hartman. She died aged eighty, and her remains were interred in Blue Church cemetery. Children: William, of whom

further; Sarah B., married Edward Reinhard; Emma Elizabeth, now (1914) aged sixty-two years, unmarried, resides with her brother.

WILLIAM MAST was born in Shimersville, Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, Jan. 29, 1839, and is now (1914) in his seventy-sixth year, but still retains all his faculties, and is able to read the finest print without the aid of glasses. He attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, assisted his father with the labors of the home farm, and at the age of fourteen years could handle a cradle as well as a full grown man, a fact which testified to his sturdiness and ability. He worked for his father up to the time of the latter's death, and then purchased the interests of the heirs and is now the owner of the old homestead, which consists of about forty-seven acres, highly cultivated and improved, devoted to general farming purposes. He also owns and operates a feed mill, and a cider press and saw mill, operating the two latter named for a period of over forty years, deriving therefrom a goodly income.

Mr. Mast married, in 1871, Susanna Young, who died in 1903, daughter of David Young, of Bucks county, Children: Isaac, died aged seven years; Mary, unmarried, resides at home; Emma married Frank Ackerman and has one son, William Thomas; they reside in the next house to Mr. Mast, and Mr. Ackerman assists in the operation of the farm, cider press, saw and feed mills; A child, unnamed, died in infancy.

#### COL. CARSON W. MASTERS.

John Masters, the progenitor of the American branch of the family of which Colonel Carson W. Masters, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Allentown, is a worthy representative, was a native of Manchester, England, from whence he emigrated to this country in the early part of the nineteenth century, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., where he followed agricultural pursuits, his death occurring near Lititz, Pa. He was honored and esteemed in the community, where he led an active and useful life. He was the father of a number of children, among whom was Henry Martin, of whom further.

Henry Martin Masters, son of John Masters, was born at Lititz, Lancaster county, Pa., March 2, 1842, died April 5, 1906, leaving an honorable record both as a soldier and a citizen. Some time previous to his marriage he located in White Deer township, Union county, Pa., and enlisted from that county during the Civil War, in Company D, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Bucktails. On July 2, 1863, he was wounded during the Battle of Gettysburg, and

was honorably discharged from the service. Subsequently he returned to Union county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He married, in Union county, Pa., Hannah Rebecca Snyder, born June 11, 1842, resides at Williamsport, Pa., active and strong, never having had a day's sickness, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Snyder, the former named, a native of Lehigh county, Pa., removing later to Union county, and the latter named, a native of Fleetwood, Berks county, Pa. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Masters: Emma Jane; Carson Willard, of whom further; Henry Ward Beecher; Catharine Irene, who died in childhood.

Colonel Carson Willard Masters, son of Henry Martin Masters, was born in Union county, Pa., Sept. 11, 1868. He received his



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education in the public schools of Union and Columbia counties, Pa. His first employment was in a paper-making mill, where he remained until the mill was destroyed by fire. He then went to Milton, Pa., where he secured employment in Godcharles Nail Plate Mill. After a short residence in Shamokin, Pa., where he was in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, serving first as brakeman, and later promoted to the position of conductor on one of the fast freights running between Shamokin and Williamsport, being then only eighteen years of age, the youngest employee in that position. He removed to Allentown, Pa., Aug. 8, 1888, and there became

acquainted with Colonel John H. Harris, of Washington, D. C., who at that time conducted the Hotel Allen, and on September 21, 1890, Mr. Masters accepted a position in that well-known hostelry. Later, his faithfulness to duty and natural ability won for him promotion, and he was appointed manager, in which capacity he served until April, 1906, when he became proprietor, and he is still conducting the house successfully, the patronage, under his excellent management, increasing steadily year by year. He has been actively identified with every enterprise that tends toward the advancement of the interests of Allentown, and therefore ranks high in public estimation. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Progressive in politics. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Jordan Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Clover Club. He, being an accomplished musician, having taken prominent parts both in concert and opera, for a number of years.

Colonel Masters married, Aug. 5, 1897, Minnie Elizabeth Rohn Young, of Allentown, daughter of Prof. Edwin A. Young, who served at one time as county superintendent of schools. Children: Willard Harris, born Nov. 12, 1898, died Aug. 5, 1903; Jean Elizabeth, born Jan. 21, 1900; Carson Willard, Jr., born June 26, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Masters are popular in the social circles of Allentown.

#### WILLIAM F. MASTERS.

William F. Masters, a public school teacher of Lowhill, since 1908, was born at Allentown, Jan. 30, 1890, and when one year old his parents moved upon a farm in Weisenberg township where he was reared and educated in the township school, graduating in 1904. He then attended the Keystone State Normal School and was graduated in 1912. During the summer months he assisted his father on the farm; and since 1908 has taught public school in Lowhill.

In 1913, he was married to Irene Hummel, daughter of Tilghman (farmer of Weisenberg, near the Appel School, who was married to Alice Stein). She was graduated from the township schools in 1899, and since then has followed the profession of teaching in the public schools of Lowhill. He purchased the superior 20-acre farm of Sylvanus F. Heberly, in Weisenberg, half a mile west of Claussville.

Harry P. Masters, the father of William F., was born Aug. 24, 1864, at London in England, and when four years old, his parents emigrated to Pennsylvania, locating at Allentown, in Lehigh county, where he was reared and educated until he became thirteen years old; then he



worked on a farm for Oscar Troxell in Whitehall township for three years, and in the Fullerton Car Shops for two years. In 1882 he learned the trade of bricklaying and he followed this at Allentown for nine years, then he directed his attention to farming, having purchased a plantation of 85 acres in Weisenberg township, near Lyon Valley, and this he has carried on until now. From 1882 to 1888, he was interested in military affairs, and served in Co. D, N. G. P., commanded by Capt. Wm. D. Mickley, of Allentown, filling the position of corporal and O. M. Sergeant. In 1886, he was married to Mary Jane Brong, daughter of Levi, a farmer of Whitehall township, and they had three children: George (m. Athena Rupp), William F. (above), and Esther.

William H. Masters, the grandfather of William F., was born at London, in England in 1843, and there learned the trade of plasterer, and when of age he married Mary M. M. Thomas, daughter of George, a saddler, of London. In 1868 he, accompanied by his wife and three children, emigrated to Pennsylvania, locating at Allentown, where he followed his trade until his decease in 1913. He had fifteen children: Harry P. (above), Florence (m. Charles Fenstermacher), Rosa (m. E. E. Fogel), William (m. Rebecca Weimer; Charles (m. Mary Wagner); Beatrice (m. John Koch), Mamie (m. William Reeser, who was accidentally killed in 1905 in the Bethlehem Steel Works), Mabel (m. C. Shimer), Ruth (m. Ray Gehry), and six died young.

Levi Brong, his mother's father, was married to Lucinda Walp, daughter of Stephan, of Slatington, and they had eight children: George (m. Alavesta Frantz), Mary Jane (above), Miami (m. James Rau), Emma (m. Wilson Kehm), Birdie, Amanda, Alfred and Milton, the last four having died young.

#### MATCHETTE FAMILY.

The ancestors of this family were originally from Normandy and came to England during the time of William the Conqueror. Richard Matchette was born in Ireland where he engaged in business as a butcher and stock dealer. Emigrating to the United States he settled in Cumberland county, Pa., where he remained until he died. Joseph, a son of Richard, was born, reared and married in Armaugh, Ireland, whence he removed to Liverpool, England, and secured employment in a brick yard. Later he went to Seacombe, where he worked in the Ultra Marine blue factory. In 1852 he came to America with his family. Three of his sons had preceded him to this country. He located at Catasauqua where

he was employed by the Crane Iron Works. He died June 27, 1862. He was married to Susanna Truman also a native of Armaugh, Ireland. They were the parents of the following children: Richard, mentioned below; Anna B., born Nov. 12, 1812, died April 15, 1888; Susanna, John, born Oct. 13, 1836, died May 13, 1901; Elizabeth; Joseph, mentioned later; Mary, George and James. Three sons John G., George and Joseph and two brothers-in-law served in the Civil War.

Richard Machette, son of Joseph, was born in England, March 27, 1829, and died Feb. 22, 1860. He was employed as conductor by the Thomas Iron Company in hauling ore from Bethlehem to Hokendauqua. He was a member of the Methodist church and took a very active interest in church matters. He was married to Elizabeth Smith, born Sept. 23, 1833, died Jan. 15, 1871. Their children were James and Emma E. (Mrs. Wilson Keck) of Philadelphia.

JAMES MATCHETTE, son of Richard, was born in Catasauqua, Sept. 14, 1856. At the age of thirteen he started to learn the trade of machinist. After working at the trade eighteen months he returned to school for six months after which he again followed his trade and has followed it with the Thomas Iron Company ever since. In 1909 he was promoted to foreman having thirty-six men under his charge. He was auditor of Whitehall township for two terms and served ten years as school director of Hodendauqua Independent School District, being secretary of the board four years. He is a member of Catasauqua Lodge 269, I. O. O. F., being a Past Grand of the order; St. Alban Commandery No. 46, K. of M. He and family are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Catasauqua. In 1879 he was married to Mary Ellen Kay, a daughter of Joseph and Eleanore (Sharpeless) Kay. Issue: Emma, died in infancy; Richard K., of Hokendauqua; Sarah E., a graduate of Hokendauqua High School, 1899, and Millersville Normal School, 1904, died Sept. 13, 1907; Nelson Joseph Keith, Esther, who died in infancy and James G.

JOSEPH MATCHETTE, of Catasauqua, was born in Seacombe, county of Chester, England, March 18, 1841. Before coming to America he attended the Episcopalian schools of England. After coming to America he was employed for a few seasons as towboy on the canal during the summer. The winter months were spent in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he secured employment with the Crane Iron Company and was employed in various capacities: hauling iron ore, running a stationary engine, firing locomotive, etc. Later he ran an engine

between Catasauqua and Trexlertown. In 1860 he entered the machine shop of the same company. Shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in August, 1861, in a company organized by Captain Arnold C. Lewis, a veteran of the Mexican War which was known as Company C, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry. The war record of Mr. Matchette is one of which any man can justly feel proud of. As an officer of the army he received his commissions as follows: Corporal August, 1861, at Harrisburg; Sergeant, April, 1862, at Winchester; First Sergeant, winter of 1862, at Maryland Heights; First Lieutenant at Fairfax Court House; Captain May 25, 1863, at Dallas. The Captain had a number of narrow escapes and was severely wounded in the abdomen in the battle of Cedar Mountain. He took part in fifty-two battles. He was mustered out at Harrisburg, July 22, 1865. After the war he returned to Catasauqua, where he again entered the machine shop of the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railroad. Three years later he resigned and engaged in building railroads being thus engaged in the Saucon Valley, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Selina, and other Southern cities. In 1870 he located at Catasauqua again where he was engaged in a rolling mill, later in the machine shops of the Crane company, also running a steam drill in the Jordon quarry for the Crane and Thomas companies. From 1882 to 1906 he was agent for the Atlantic Dynamite Company and the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Company. He also carried a full line of quarry equipments and contractors supplies. In politics Captain Matchette is a staunch Republican and for several years has served as a member of the Republican County Committee. He was a member of the Catasauqua School Board for many years and for two years he was President of the Board. He was nominated by his party for treasurer of the county and for the Legislature. Socially he is Past Master of the Masonic fraternity and represented the Knights of Honor in the Grand Lodge. He has been Past Commander of Fuller Post No. 378, G. A. R. He is a member and has been major of the Union Veteran Legion of Allentown. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of which he has been an elder and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. On April 8, 1863, he was married to Fannie E. Lazarus, a daughter of Joseph Lazarus. Mr. and Mrs. Matchette are the parents of nine children: Minerva L., Adah S., wife of John E. Walters, of Catasauqua; J. D., who was in business with his father; Blanche T., Fannie M., Thomas T., Sophie S., John Logan and T. Sherman.

JOHN S. MATCHETTE, editor of *The Catasauqua Dispatch*, a weekly newspaper of Catasauqua, is well known among his townspeople and takes a keen interest in the progress and material development of the town, and being progressive and energetic, has attained a place among many influential and public-spirited citizens of the Iron borough.

The subject of this sketch was born in Catasauqua on May 1, 1890, where he has resided continuously ever since. His father, also named John, was born in Seacombe, County of Chester, England, in 1836, his ancestors being of Irish and French descent. The father emigrated to Catasauqua in 1850, but later removed to Canal Dover, Ohio, and was employed there in running blast engines, from which place he enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, serving in the Fifty-first Ohio Infantry Volunteers, and was honorably discharged in 1865. In 1874 he returned to Pennsylvania and located at Iron Bridge. Later he entered the employ of the Catasauqua & Fogelsville R. R. Co., and upon his retirement from this position conducted the store near the Lehigh Valley station at Catasauqua. He died in 1901. The subject's mother was Adeline E. Steiner, born at Canal Dover, Ohio, July 5, 1850, and who traced her lineage to Germany.

John S. received a good general education in the Catasauqua schools, graduating in the class of 1907. During his school days learned the rudiments of the printing business. He became newsboy for the *Dispatch*, February 1, 1900, and several years later was employed during his spare time as a compositor. Upon graduation from school he pursued the printing trade until January 1, 1908, when the Lehigh National Bank of Catasauqua, being in need of a new clerk, looked around among the ambitious young men of the town and selected him for the position. On account of his ability, personality and courteous manner, he was successively promoted and on October 1, 1912, was advanced to the bookkeeping, which position he filled with credit to himself and the institution until April 6, 1914, when he took up the editorial mantle of the *Dispatch*, and under whose capable management a successful and profitable business is being conducted. A year prior to his entering the newspaper business, Mr. Matchette became secretary of the borough, which position he relinquished upon assuming his new duties.

He is also interested in public school affairs, being treasurer of the Alumni Association of the Catasauqua High School, and in which he takes an active part.

Mr. Matchette is a self-made man, and one who by perseverance and an honorable and upright



course in life commands the esteem and confidence of the entire community. From general observance he is presumed to be the youngest editor and publisher of a newspaper within a large radius and fills the office most acceptably, having become efficient in the mechanical end of the work as well as having been thoroughly schooled in financial matters.

Socially he is a member of Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 301, P. O. S. of A.; Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., of Catasauqua, and is also identified with Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, R. A. M. He is also a member of the Phoenix Steam Fire Co.

In his religious belief he is an Episcopalian, being a vestryman in St. Stephen's church and secretary of its Sunday school.

#### MATTERN FAMILY.

*The name Mattern.*—Among the tall mountains of Switzerland, there is one by the name of "Matterhorn." Presumably some of the early people, living near, were called after this mountain. But the name was long, and inconvenient. By euphuism it was shortened. The three syllables were cut down to two. Soon more consonants were dropped, until at last, the name assumed the form it has at present.

*The Nationality of the Matterns.*—Some years ago, sixty per cent. of the people, living in this region of Europe, spoke the German language, about twenty per cent. the French, twelve per cent. the Italian, and the rest used the Roman dialects. From such a mixture of nationalities and blood, and consequently of languages, we can readily understand the origin of the people, and the change of names, from the originals.

*The First Matterns.*—The origin of the family must be traced to Peter Mattern, who landed in Philadelphia, on Sept. 26, 1732. His wife's name was Maria Catherine. She was born in the year 1702 on the 10th of February, and died on Sept. 10, 1758, bringing her age to fifty-six years and seven months. Peter Mattern must have worked his way northward slowly, for next we find him at the "Six Cornered" church, in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, where he had a son, John Peter, baptized in the year 1743. He is mentioned as one of the first members of Lehigh church in Lower Macungie township, in the region of Alburtis. Some of his sons migrated and formed the large Mattern families in Center and neighboring counties, in our state. He himself, undoubtedly remained in the region of Lower Macungie, for his wife was buried here, and in the year 1756 two sons and one daughter were confirmed as

members of Lehigh church. His children were Anna Margaret, born 1727, died 1801, married, 1753, Gottfried Diefenderfer; Margaret, born 1734; Henry; Peter; and Agnes.

#### HENRY MATTERN.

Some details in his life must necessarily be wanting, but perhaps more important matters stand out in startling distinctness. He was a blacksmith by trade, a Christian by profession, and a soldier patriotically. He served as a patriot in the eighth class, seventh company, under Captain Charles Greenmayer, in 1782. His confirmation and communion record is very clear and his occupation is undisputed. The census of Macungie township mentions him, in the year 1790, as having a wife and three children, two sons and one daughter. His wife's name was Gertrude.

*The Children of Henry Mattern.*—The two sons were George and John Mattern. The daughter, Catharine, was born in 1767. The two sons, above mentioned, lie side by side in the cemetery of Lehigh church, and both were married to two sisters by the name of Reiss, and lived all their days on a tract of land, a short distance northwest of Macungie. George was the father of five daughters, and all of them were married: Mrs. Samuel Kiefer, Mrs. Jacob Christman, Mrs. John Shaffer, Mrs. John Bower, and Mrs. Reuben Trexler, who was the mother of Edwin Jonas and Willoughby Trexler, and Mrs. Henry Leh, and the grandmother of Harry, Edwin, and Judge Frank Mattern Trexler, the present judge of the Superior Court.

John Mattern, the other brother was born Sept. 10, 1774. He was baptized on Oct. 16, of the same year. The sponsors were John Diefenderfer and Margaret Baer. He was the father of eight children. Among the daughters were Mrs. Catherine Shiffert, who died at the old homestead; Mrs. Hannah Yingling, who died in Allentown and Mrs. Mary Christman, who passed away in her home in Macungie. Among the sons were John, Isaac, and William.

John Mattern of Macungie was the father of Mrs. James Singmaster of the same place, the grandfather of Mrs. Ella Weaver, of Macungie, and Dr. John Alden Singmaster, president of the theological seminary in Gettysburg. He was also the father of Mrs. William Wetherhold, the grandfather of Mrs. Daniel Z. Walker, of Allentown, Mrs. Emma More, of Philadelphia and John A. Wetherhold, of Catasauqua.

Isaac Mattern was the father of Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. Custer, and Mrs. Harley. Most of them reside in Montgomery county and in Philadelphia. Dr.

William Mattern, the coroner's physician of Philadelphia, was the distinguished son of Isaac. He served as coroner's physician to the day of his death in April, 1896.

Leshner Mattern, a prominent business man of West Point, Montgomery county, is the remaining and youngest son of Isaac.

#### WILLIAM MATTERN.

William Mattern was born at the old homestead, a short distance northwest of Allentown, and when a young man he came to Allentown, and was apprenticed to Levi Woodring, who had his home and place of business at 623 Hamilton street, where he learned the saddler's trade, which, however, he never followed. In the course of time he became acquainted with Rebecca Eckert, one of the daughters of John Eckert, who lived on Seventh street, between Hamilton and Linden, whom he married.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Joshua Yeager, on Feb. 15, 1838. William Mattern brought his wife to Macungie. This place was not congenial to the young wife, and she became homesick. Then John Eckert, who owned a piece of ground on Linden street, gave it to his daughter. Here William Mattern built his home, which in the course of time became 727 Linden street. Here all his children were born. The young wife forgot all about her homesickness, and surrounded by relatives and familiar faces, became attached to her residence. The old home has since changed hands, and has become a business house. It has also been remodelled, but the original wall on the east side still stands.

William Mattern secured a piece of ground, comprising probably nine acres, bordering on Liberty and Sixth streets. This tract he farmed until he sold it to the Lehigh county agricultural society. A life-membership ticket was secured in partial payment for the land. Then he bought a tract of land, comprising probably fifteen acres, lying somewhat north of the Allentown hospital. This tract adjoined that of William Weaver, on the west, the Seagreaves farm on the east, the Kichline property on the north, and a public road, now abandoned, on the south. In the course of time, this tract was sold and the property known as the "Mattern brickyard" was secured. This tract consisting of a dozen acres of ground, borders on Tenth street. It is intersected by Tilghman, Green, and Washington streets, and is bounded otherwise by the old Mauch Chunk road on the north and the Guths-ville road on the south. The property holders, bordering this tract was Daniel Schmoyer, Huber and Egge, Manasses Schwartz, and Nathan

Dresher. William Mattern formed a partnership with William Egge, and together they carried on the brick-making business. In the course of time the partnership was dissolved and William Mattern continued in the business to the day of his death, Feb. 12, 1884.

At one time he was an officer in St. Paul's Lutheran church on Eighth street, and he continued his membership therein, until the church changed its synodical relationship. From prejudice and inclination, he was opposed to any synodical change. Ecclesiastical matters were never quite clear to him after that period.

He served as a borough official of Allentown in the years 1855 and 1858.

In disposition he was kind and approachable, but he always maintained a certain reserve or pride which perhaps is a trait in the family. His father was described by one who knew him personally, as the "soul of kindness," but at all times reserved and dignified. He was a good provider in his home and was judiciously fond of the good things of life. His later years were given to much reading. He was fond of his own Bible which reveals much use, and religious literature, of a general character, was acceptable to him. He was fond of company, enjoyed the companionship of others, beside those of his own family, and he was always hospitably inclined. The motto which he left behind, for his children is characteristic of him: "Whatever knowledge you acquire, you secure for yourself." Physically he was above medium in size, well-formed, weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, and in other respects a typical Pennsylvania German.

*The Descendants of William Mattern.*—The marriage of William Mattern to Rebecca Eckert was a fruitful and happy one. To them were born six children, the oldest of whom was the daughter Emma, who was married to Robert Fatzinger. Both she, her husband and a son have passed away, leaving with us Miss Jennie Fatzinger, who resides in her home on North Eighth street.

David W. Mattern is the oldest son of William. He was born at the old home on Linden Street. He attended the public schools of the city, and also the old Allentown Seminary. He learned the trade of shoemaking, but never followed it. He afterwards became a miller, in the old mill, at the east end of the Jordan Bridge. When the war broke out, though not yet of age, he entered Company D, 128th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain Dillinger. He served nine months, and participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, and Chancellorsville. He was taken prisoner and confined for a while on



Belle Island, but was soon exchanged and honorably discharged. On May 8, 1872, he married Emma, the daughter of Henry Seagreaves of our city. In 1872, he succeeded his father in his business in the brick manufacturing business, at Tenth and Allen streets. He continued until 1909, when he retired. He served in the council of St. Paul's Lutheran church, where his family worships. He lives in his home on Ninth street, near Liberty. The following are their children: William H., a plumber, who resides at Kutztown; Edwin G., whose history follows; Louise S.; Robert J., a purchasing agent of Allentown; Charles L. G., deceased; Fred G., a machinist at Allentown; and H. Roy, who is a clerk at Allentown.

EDWIN G. MATTERN, who carries on the brick-manufacturing business at the old place is a prominent citizen of Allentown. He was born Jan. 3, 1875, and at the age of eighteen years learned the plumbing trade, but as early as 1893 he began to assist his father in the brick-yards and in 1909 succeeded him to the business. Mr. Mattern employs twenty-five people and manufactures 3,000,000 bricks annually. The yards are located at Tenth and Tilghman streets.

Mr. Mattern has been the assistant fire chief under Mayor C. O. Hunsicker; and was a member of the common council from the Eighth ward in 1903 and 1904, having been elected as a Republican. During 1913 he was one of the moving spirits in the Progressive movement in Lehigh county. He was one of the state delegates to the Harrisburg convention in that year and was instrumental in having Hon. Fred E. Lewis nominated for congressman-at-large by the first Progressive convention ever held. Lewis was elected at the ensuing election. Mr. Mattern is a member of the Eighth ward executive committee and is one of the influential men in city politics.

He has membership in the following organizations: Knights of Friendship; charter member Loyal Order of Moose; Pioneer Fire Company, of which he is president since 1912; and the State Firemen's Association.

One daughter, Louisa, who resides at home; Robert, who lives in Schwenksville, and acts as agent for a tea company; Frederick, who is employed as a machinist in the works of Kutz & Gift, and Harry Roy, who is a clerk in the Allentown tea store.

The next of children of William Mattern is Sarah, who at one time served as a teacher in our public schools. She never married and resided with her brother, John, to whom she gave valuable aid in the compilation of this history.

The second son of William Mattern is John W. He received his education in the public schools of Allentown, studied for a number of years at Muhlenberg College, and graduated from Capitol University, Columbus, O. He was the honorary speaker of his class, which included quite a large number of Lutheran ministers, now serving in the state of Ohio. He received the literary degrees of A.B. from his college on graduation, and three years thereafter the degree of A.M. He also took a three years' course in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, of Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated in 1878. He was ordained to the ministry in St. John's Lutheran church of Easton and thereafter received two calls to pastorates; the one to a charge near Williamsport, Pa., and the other to Grace Lutheran church in Phillipsburg, N. J. He accepted the latter and began his ministry immediately. He served this congregation for nearly five years. It was while pastor here that he became acquainted with Miss Blanche Weller, the granddaughter of Ex-Judge Stewart, of Stewartsville, N. J., whom he married on the 13th of April 1880. It was while residing in Phillipsburg, that his oldest son, Edwin, was born. He received a call from St. John's Lutheran church, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, where he labored for nearly five years. In this town his oldest daughter, Lucy A., was born. He resided for a short time in Allentown, where he was called to the pastorate of Zion's Lutheran church of Jonestown, where he remained for ten years. While here, his two children, Christine B. and Walter I., were born. Rev. Mattern has been a regular contributor to *The Lutheran* for four years. He has also written for the *Homiletical Monthly*, and from time to time has written for the local papers in Allentown.

His son, Edwin S. Mattern, is employed in the steel-works, as weigh-master. He has studied under his father and has also attended Albright College, in Myerstown. He is an expert in ornithology and oology, and an adept in taxidermy. His collections, in his favorite studies, are quite interesting.

Walter I., the second son of Rev. Mattern, is clerk in the Allentown Platform company's office. He is fond of nature study, and makes a specialty of music. He is a member of the Oratorio Society, and is an occasional writer of light fiction, in which line he appears gifted.

Lucy A., the oldest daughter of Rev. Mattern, died in June, 1907. Christine B. is the only living daughter. She is a graduate of the Allentown high school. She sings in the choir of St. John's Lutheran church, and makes a specialty of vocal and instrumental music.

The third daughter of William Mattern was Matilda. She was married to Alfred B. Grim and died without issue on Nov. 4, 1873.

The third son of William Mattern was C. Lewis, who died Aug. 30, 1880. He left a son, who resides in Chicago.

**VERY REV. PETER MASSON, RECTOR OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, ALLENTOWN, PA.**

Very Rev. Peter Masson was born in Stadtkyll near Treves, Germany, July 31, 1867. He received his primary education in his native town. At the age of twelve years he entered St. Albert's College, Venloo, Holland; then continued his studies at the Gymnasium at Treves, Germany, from which he was graduated. Afterwards studied philosophy in the Seminary at St. Trond, Belgium; then entered the American College, Lonvain, Belgium, where he finished his theological studies. While there he distinguished himself not only by his application to study, but also by his success, easily taken the first place in all examinations and interrogations. Although his three years' course of theology did not end until the summer of 1892, he was already ordained September 19th, 1891, for the arch diocese of Philadelphia, several months in advance of his classmates. Then he took a post graduate course at the University in Lonvain, Belgium.

He was called to Philadelphia September 1, 1892, where the curateship of St. Alphonsus' German Catholic Church was assigned to him. After laboring there for over two years, he was appointed pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Minersville, Pa., November 15, 1894. There he worked nearly five years, built a nice church and enlarged the school and parsonage; also built a new church at Newtown, Schuylkill county, Pa.

July 16, 1899, Father Masson was appointed Vice Rector of the American College, Lonvain, Belgium, by the late Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Propaganda. This appointment cast a gloom of sadness on his devoted parishioners. Trying, therefore, was the parting hour.

Father Masson arrived at Lonvain, August 13, 1899, and entered upon his vice-rectorial functions. Also the stewardship and the class of pastoral theology fell to Father Masson's lot. These duties added to the vice-rectorship and to the teaching of liturgy put quite a burden upon him. Far from shrinking from that burden, he took it up with alacrity and never failing cheerfulness. During vacation in 1902, he visited his friends and former students in the United States.

After spending eight years in the American College, Louvain, Belgium, he was anxious to re-

turn to America, and the necessary permission was granted by the Roman Authority.

Arriving at Philadelphia before Christmas, 1907, he had but a short vacation, when his Grace, Archbishop Ryan, appointed him pastor of Lansdale, Pa., January 4, 1908. During his pastorate there he established a Catholic school, built a new rectory, enlarged the churches of Sellersville and Quakertown, then found a new congregation with resident pastor at Quakertown, Pa., October 18, 1908.

His assiduous task was hardly finished when he was sent to East Mauch Chunk, Pa., to take charge of St. Joseph's German congregation, April 4, 1910. During his short stay there, he remodeled the rectory and beautified the church. His Grace appointed him Archiepiscopal Commissary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

A year had scarcely passed by when Father Masson was summoned to Allentown, Pa., to take charge of the German Parish of the Sacred Heart, which was vacated by the death of Rev. Joseph Nerz, April 3, 1911. However, retaining the same office, he was also appointed Rural Vicar for Lehigh and Northampton counties. Under his direction the church was rebuilt and tastefully enriched with statuary. The basement was also renovated and is now used as a chapel in which services are held during the week. He is active and progressive, and an indefatigable worker. In the pulpit, at divine services, and especially among the poor and infirm, the sick and the dying, as friend and counselor, he is ever ready to minister to the spiritual needs of his people. He speaks several languages with unusual fluency.

**MAUSER FAMILY.**

The Mauser family is prominently identified with the milling industry of the Lehigh Valley. The American ancestor of this family is George Adam Mauser, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 19, 1798, a son of John and Rosina (Kubler) Mauser. In 1816 George Adam came to America, the voyage lasting three months. He located in Palmer township, Northampton, where he secured a tract of land which he cleared and afterwards cultivated. He was an energetic and upright farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation in Forks township. He was married to Anna Maria Werner, with whom he had three children, namely: Susannah, wife of John Lawall; Jacob B.; and George S. George A. Mauser died in August, 1883, and his wife died in November, 1876.

George S. Mauser, son of George A. and Anna Maria (Werner) Mauser, was born in Palmer township, Northampton county, Aug. 26,



*Peter Mann*





*Frank B. Mauser*

1839. He grew up on his father's farm, attended the district school, afterward learned the trade of locksmith. He followed agricultural pursuits until twenty-eight years of age, when he went to Lehigh county and was employed as shipping clerk for John Schall & Co., at Laury's. For four years he was employed in that capacity in the grist-milling business, after which he went to Ironton and became one of the partners and principal manager of the Lehigh Grain, Coal, and Lumber Co. Later on he entered into partnership with his brother, Jacob B., in the milling business at Treichlers, but afterward disposed of his share to the Mauser Milling Company. In 1875 Mr. Mauser moved to Bath, where he was engaged in the grain, coal, and lumber business for fifteen years, having John R. Schall as a partner for a few years.

George R. Mauser was married, in 1863, to Sarah Ackerman, a daughter of Isaac and Eve (Hahn) Ackerman. Four children were born to them: Anna A., is deceased; Clara Maria, wife of Allen H. Cressman; Frank B., and Margaret E., wife of Louis Kreidler.

FRANK B. MAUSER, son of George S. and Sarah (Ackerman) Mauser, was born at Laury's Sept. 4, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of Bath, after which he attended a preparatory school for two years. After he had grown to manhood he was placed in charge of the Bath Knitting Mills as manager and superintendent, for the concern of which his father was a member. He continued in this capacity for five years. In 1895 he formed a partnership with Allen H. Cressman, under the firm name of Mauser and Cressman. They are engaged in the milling business at Lower Catasauqua, and their principal business aside of merchant milling is the manufacture of a high grade of flour. Among their leading brands are: Cressman's Best, and Pride of the Valley. They are also engaged in the grain, coal, and lumber business at Bath, succeeding George S. Mauser after his retirement.

Mr. Mauser is one of the directors of the Lehigh National Bank, of Catasauqua, Pa., since its organization. He is the vice-president of this successful institution and is chairman of the executive committee.

Mr. Mauser is a member of Trinity Lutheran church, at Catasauqua. He holds membership in the following organizations: Monocacy Lodge, No. 413, F. & A. M., Bath, Pa.; Catasauqua Chapter, No. 216; Allen Commandery, No. 20, of Allentown; Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; Porter Club, of Columbia, Pa., and B. P. O. E., No. 116, at Allentown.

In 1891 he was married to Kate Kern, a

daughter of William and Catherine (Schaeffer) Kern. Mr. and Mrs. Mauser have one son, Guy Edmond, who was educated in the Catasauqua public schools, River View Military Academy, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Princeton Preparatory School, and is now a member of the sophomore class of Lafayette College.

Jacob B. Mauser, son of George A. and Anna Maria (Werner) Mauser, was born in Northampton county, June 14, 1837. He was reared to manhood in the vicinity of Easton, where he received his education. In 1856 he went to Kansas, where he remained until 1860 when he returned to Pennsylvania, where he taught in the public schools for a period of eight years. In 1863 he was appointed superintendent of the grist mill at Laury's, after which he became the secretary and treasurer of the Lehigh Grain, Coal and Lumber Company. In 1879 Mr. Mauser bought the Frank Bough mill property at Treichlers, also the store and slate factory in the same village where he became postmaster. Later the business was conducted under the name of George S. Mauser & Co., and still later it was incorporated as the Mauser Milling Company. In 1890 Mr. Mauser purchased the John R. Schall flour mill property which was the first mill he became identified with. The Laubach mill at Northampton was later purchased and the property has since been conducted under the name of Mauser Milling Company. In 1902 Mr. Mauser sold his property to his two sons, J. Mark and George B., who have conducted it very successfully ever since.

In 1910 the Hazleton mill was purchased and in 1914 the Hower mill. The daily capacity of the company is 1,000 barrels and they employ forty hands. This trade extends through New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. Their most popular brand is "Mausers Best," for which they have a registered trade mark.

In 1865 Mr. Mauser was married to Anna A. Bieber, daughter of Henry Bieber, a native of Bath. They were the parents of five children: Elsie, wife of Dr. Horace F. Livingood, of Womelsdorf; J. Mark, of Laury's; Stella M., wife of Harry J. Lerch; George B., of Treichlers, and Carl, who died aged five years.

#### MCALLISTER FAMILY.

In the colonization of the northern part of Ireland by the English, were representatives of the family of McAllister, who settled in Londonderry and its immediate vicinity. The family under discussion here is descended from them.

Alexander McAllister, born in Ireland, came to the United States as a young man and, having made his home at Guths Station, worked there as a laborer during the active years of his

life, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. He was buried in the graveyard of the Jordan Reformed church, of which he had been a devout member. He married Mary J. McCandless, also a native of Ireland, and they were blessed with children as follows: Mary, married and is living at Bethlehem; James, resides at Cornwall, Lebanon county; William, deceased; Ellen; Maggie; Maria; Lizzie; William George F., of further mention; Davie; Sarah, and three others now deceased.

William George F., son of Alexander and Mary J. (McCandless) McAllister, was born at Guths Station, January 31, 1875. His educational advantages were very limited, as he was obliged to go to work from the time he was ten years of age. He found a position at the coal breakers, where he was employed until he had reached the age of nineteen years, then spent one year in the employ of the Catasauqua Dye Works Company. His next employment was with the Atlas & Lawrence Cement Companies, where he remained about ten years, then worked for the Thomas Iron Company as engineer and boiler tender for one year. In 1907 he went to Fullerton, becoming engineer for McBride Brothers, a position he is still holding at the present time. He is a member of the Reformed Church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. McAllister married, in 1900, Sarah, a daughter of James McMacon, and they have had children: James and Mary.

#### EUGENE MCAVOY.

John McAvoy was born in 1848, at Penn Haven, Carbon Co., Pa., and was engaged in railroad business at Delano, Pa., from early manhood until his decease, in 1911. He married Mary Garrity, who survives. Issue: J. F., graduate from the Medical Dept. of the University of Pennsylvania in 1903, and is now a practicing physician at Catasauqua, Pa.; Nellie, married Frank A. Willet, of East Orange, N. J.; Edward J., a locomotive engineer on the Lehigh Valley R. R., and residing at Buffalo, New York; Eugene V.; J. B., who graduated from the Medico Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, and is practicing at South Bethlehem, Pa.; and R. E., who is an employee of the L. V. R. R. Co., and resides at Newark, New Jersey.

Eugene V. McAvoy, son of John and Mary (Garrity) McAvoy, was born at Delano, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of Delano and at the Hazleton Business College. In 1907 he matriculated as a student in the Dental Dept., of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, graduating in 1910. He located in Allentown

where he is practicing his profession. He is a member of the County and State Dental Societies, and also of the Phi Omega National Dental Fraternity.

#### MCBRIDE FAMILY.

John McBride, of the firm of McBride Brothers, silk manufacturers of Fullerton, was born in Catasauqua, January 10, 1873. His father, John McBride, a native of County Derry, Ireland, came to America when a young man, locating at Catasauqua. He was employed by the Catasauqua Gas Company for 28 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church which he served as elder and was active in all that pertained to the welfare of the church. He was married to Jane Miller, a daughter of William Miller, a native of Ireland. Mr. McBride died December 11, 1902. They were the parents of three children: John, Jane, and William J.

JOHN MCBRIDE, JR., was educated in the public schools of Catasauqua. He started to work in the silk mill in 1887 and has been employed in the old Unicorn Silk Manufacturing Co., of Catasauqua, for fifteen years, at which time the company voluntarily retired from business. Mr. McBride was their oldest employee in length of service. In 1902 he became the foreman for D. G. Dery. He filled this position three years after which he was promoted to superintendent and served until 1911 when he and his brother, William J., formed a partnership and erected a silk mill on Grape street in Fullerton, where they manufacture dress silks and linings and employ upwards of sixty people. This firm has been successful from the beginning and has always enjoyed a ready market for their superior product.

WILLIAM J. MCBRIDE, of Catasauqua, is a member of the firms of Young's Boiler Compound at Catasauqua, and McBride Brothers, silk manufacturers, at Fullerton. He was born in the "Iron City," on July 12, 1877, son of John McBride.

At the age of fourteen William J. McBride began working as shipping clerk for the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, serving them for two years, after which he accepted a similar position with the Bryden Horse Shoe Works, whom he served for seventeen years. In 1909 he became associated with Harry R. Young, in the manufacture of Young's Boiler Compound in which he has one-half interest.

In politics he is an independent voter, and he served as treasurer of Catasauqua from 1905 to 1912. On April 27, 1902, he was married to Katie L. Kleppinger, a daughter of James and Mary (Gammel) Kleppinger. They have a



daughter, Marion Elizabeth, and are members of the First Presbyterian church.

FRANK P. McCARTY.

Frank P. McCarty, the proprietor of the Farmer's Hotel, 735 Front street, Catasauqua, is a grandson of Daniel McCarthy who was born in County Cork, Ireland, Jan. 8, 1820. He emigrated to America in 1852 and located at Catasauqua. He was employed as a driver and laborer. He departed this life January 2, 1883, aged 62 years, 11 months and 23 days. His wife Winifred Brennen, died February 20, 1901, aged 79 years. Both are buried at Catasauqua. To them were born five children: Charles, who resides at Philadelphia; Ellen, of Catasauqua; Patrick (born 1847, died 1870); Owen, and John (born 1846 and died 1887).

Owen McCarty, the father of Frank P., was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1850, and at the age of two years came with his parents to Catasauqua. He attended the schools of Catasauqua. Afterwards he learned the machinist trade in the Fuller and McKee shops at Fullerton, and continued in their employ until in 1870, when he became the proprietor of the Farmer's Hotel, then known as the Crystal Palace, and conducted it until the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1892, while on a trip for his health, at Ashville, N. C. He was a prominent Democrat. He was a member of the Phoenix Fire Co. and of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He was married to Catherine Jones, a daughter of Henry Jones, who survives him, and resides at Allentown. To them were born thirteen children: Frank, Winifred, Mary, Catherine, Margaret, Nellie, Daniel, Johanna, Charles, Rose, Theresa, Agnes and Sarah Louise.

Frank P. McCarty was born at Catasauqua July 31, 1873, and was educated in the borough schools and the American Commercial School. He learned the trade of plush finisher with the Wahnetah Silk Company, in whose employ he served for four years. He was employed for two years by the Athenia Plush Co., at Athenia, N. J., helping to establish the plant, after which he assisted to establish the factory of the Pottsville Plush Co., at Pottsville, where he was employed for a period of three years. On April 7, 1903, he became the proprietor of the Farmer's Hotel, succeeding John Fisher. He is a member of the F. O. E., Forresters of America, Loyal Order of Moose, Pioneer Band of Allentown, Southwark Hose Co., of Catasauqua, Columbus Country Club, of Rittersville, and the Liberty Fire Company, Allentown. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married November 29, 1896, to Annie McClain, daughter of Patrick and

Mary O'Hara McClain. Both her parents were born in County Down, Ireland. They have three children: Eugene, John, and Annastaia. Both parents of Mrs. McCarty are now deceased, and are buried in Calvary cemetery, Catasauqua, Pa.

ERNEST B. MCCREADY.

Ernest B. McCready, proprietor of the Allentown testing laboratory, was born Nov. 3, 1872, at Summit Hill, in Carbon county. After receiving his preliminary education in the public schools of Easton, he attended Lafayette College, and was graduated in 1895. His first employment was at drafting and engineering work in Easton for a year, when he became a tutor of chemistry and mineralogy in the New Hampshire State College at Durham, and continued there two years and next a tutor of chemistry and physics in Temple College at Philadelphia for one year. Then he filled the position of chemical and cement inspector with Booth Garrett & Blair, at Philadelphia, from 1899 to 1902, and with the New York Rapid Transit Commission from 1902 to 1905. With this large experience of ten years he embarked in the business of establishing testing laboratories. He organized the Lehigh Valley Testing Laboratory in 1905, and in 1911 established the Allentown Testing Laboratory, which he has since conducted in a successful manner, as sole proprietor, the superior plant at No. 377 Linden street, being complete and modern in all its departments. He has become prominently identified with associations relating to laboratory work, more especially the American Chemical Society, American Society for Testing Materials, and Society of Municipal Engineers, of New York City.

Mr. McCready was married to Eliza Jane Orr, daughter of Matthew and Susanna (Johnston) Orr, of Easton, and they have two children: Ernest F., and Horace E.

His father, Robert B., was born at Summit Hill, in Carbon county, on Nov. 27, 1849, where he learned the business of a green grocer and conducted a store until 1879, when he moved to Easton and there he has since been engaged in it. He was married to Anna, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Carter) Purdon, of Beaver Run, in Carbon county, and they had three children: Ernest Brodhead; Ada Carter, who died in infancy; and Robert Purdon.

Mr. McCready's grandfather was John McCready, born in 1815, at Artcliff, near Colerain, Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1843, landing at New York City, then locating at Summit Hill, where he died in 1887. He was married

to Jane McLellan, born at Artcliff in 1815, and died at Summit Hill in 1873, and they had seven children: . Nancy, married James Clark; Margaret, married James Ross; John, married Margaret Lees; Robert B.; Thomas, married Rebecca; Jane, married (1) James Flemming, (2) William Johnson; and Mary, married John McCready, not a relative.

#### MCDERMOTT FAMILY.

John McDermott, the pioneer of the family of Lehigh county, Pa., is a native of the County Mayo, Elphin, Ireland, and was born in 1837. In 1860 he emigrated to America and located at Trexlertown, Lehigh county, Pa., where he contracted work in ore mines until his location in Allentown in 1875, where he afterward resided. After coming to this city he was employed with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company until his retirement in 1900. He died on Nov. 2, 1912.

His wife was Mary Cunningham, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Brennen) Cunningham, a native of Ireland, but later residing at Catasauqua, Pa. Mrs. McDermott died July 3d, 1902, aged 49 years. Mr. McDermott and his family were members of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception at Allentown. They had eleven children, nine survive as follows: Kate, who married Michael Tighe and died in June, 1898; Bernard J.; John H.; Patrick F.; Michael J.; Elizabeth, who married Peter Ruane, of Baltimore, Md.; James, of Allentown; Mary E., married to Wilbur Price; Thomas J.

Bernard J. McDermott was born at Trexlertown, Pa., September 29th, 1867, and at the age of ten years learned the trade of boiler making. In 1895 he became a member of the firm of McDermott Bros., which began business at Bethlehem, and continued there until 1908, when the McDermott Engineering Company was organized by Mr. McDermott and his brother Patrick F.

In 1899 he was married to Catherine Sweeney, daughter of Edward and Hannah Sweeney, late of Hazleton, Pa.

JOHN H. MCDERMOTT was born December 3d, 1869, at Trexlertown, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Allentown. At an early age he learned the boiler making trade and in 1895 became one of the organizers of McDermott Bros., of Bethlehem, and continued there until 1908, then organized the McDermott Bros. Company, at Allentown, of which firm he is the president and general manager.

Mr. McDermott is an active Democrat and is one of the influential men of the community in which he lives. At the age of twenty-two he was

appointed assistant chief of the fire department of Allentown, under the late ex-Chief George Kline, and served in that capacity for three years. In 1904 he became a member of the Allentown Water Department and served as chairman for five years, also was the president of the Hibernia Fire Company for two years. He is a member of the Allentown Lodge, B. P. O. E., Allentown, No. 130; Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hiberians and of the Lehigh Democratic Club.

On June 9, 1896, he was married to Jet Ward, daughter of the late Bernard and Margaret Ward, of Allentown. Their children are, Joseph, Bernard, Maria, Charles and Margaret.

Patrick F. McDermott was born at Fogelsville, Pa., October 10th, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of Allentown and later attended night school while engaged in the daytime. At an early age he learned boiler-making and in 1891 became a member of the firm of McDermott Brothers, and in 1908 Mr. McDermott and his brother, Bernard J., organized the McDermott Engineering Company, of which they are the owners and proprietors. He is an active Democrat and is a member of the Lehigh Democratic Club. He was for fourteen years a member of the section school board and for six years a member of the board of control, representing the Sixth Ward of the city. He is connected with the following organizations: Ancient Order of Hiberians and was the county president; Knights of Columbus and is the present Grand Knight of Calvary Council and an active member of the Allentown Flag Day Association.

In 1902 he married Margaret H. Crilly, daughter of James Crilly, of Allentown, and they have two children: Mary H. and Helen C.

Thomas J. McDermott was born at Allentown in 1883 and was educated in the public schools of the city. In 1899 he was graduated from the Allentown High School and then entered the employ of McDermott Brothers, continuing with them until their incorporation in 1908, when he became vice-president and at the present time is the assistant manager. He is a member of the Lehigh Democratic Club and of the Order of Knights of Columbus.

In 1905 he was married to Alice McIntyre, daughter of Robert J. and Alice (Donohue) McIntyre of Allentown, and their children are: Thomas, Alice, Robert and John.

McDermott Brothers Company, of which John H. and Thomas J., are members, erected a large cement mill at Napa Junction, Cal.; a cement mill at Belleville, Ontario, Canada; a cement mill at Martins Creek, Pa., for the National Cement Company; three mills for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company; a large mill for

the Allentown Portland Cement Company at Evansville, Berks county, Pa., and constructed the iron work for the Guth Bros. Bldg., Allentown; remodeled two of the Thomas Iron Company furnaces at Hokendauqua; erected the stand pipes for the Borough of Catasauqua, a stand pipe for the Bethlehem City Water Company in East Allentown, and the stand pipes for the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Works at Catasauqua. In 1911 they erected a large cement mill at Union Bridge, Md., for the Tidewater Cement Company, of which firm Governor John K. Tener was president. They have shipped dryers to all parts of the United States and exported some to Japan. The firm of McDermott Brothers are members of the Chamber of Commerce of Allentown.

The McDermott Engineering Company, of which Bernard J., and Patrick F., are the owners and proprietors, put up the iron work for the following buildings: J. O. U. A. M., Catasauqua; Washington School Building, Emaus; Bethlehem Club Building, Bethlehem; and in 1910-1911 they put up the structural iron work for the Jackson school building, of Allentown; the Buckley building at Eighth and Hamilton streets; the Keystone Textile Company building, and constructed a large coal conveying apparatus for the Electric Light and Power Company of Atlantic City, N. J., and for the Federal government at the Brooklyn and the Charleston Navy Yards, and smoke breeching on the new Congressional Building at Washington, D. C.

#### CORNELIUS J. MCFADDEN.

Patrick McFadden was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1816. In 1867 he came to America, locating at Allentown, where he resided until his death in 1893, with the exception of about ten years, during which time he lived at Beaver Meadow, in Carbon county, where he worked in the coal mines. His wife was Celia O'Donnell. She died in 1906, aged 84 years. They had three children: Amandus, Marjory and Cornelius J.

Cornelius J. McFadden, proprietor of the Lyric Cafe, in Allentown, was born October 28, 1859, in County Donegal, Ireland. He came to America in 1867 with his parents. In 1882 he became the proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel at Front and Allen streets, which he conducted for 9 years, after which he purchased a half interest in the old Ritter bottling establishment and later also the Bergenstock bottling works and was there three years. He next managed the Rathskeller of the Hotel Allen for one year. In 1900 he became the proprietor of the Lyric

Cafe, which he conducted for 11 years. After having been away for a year he again took charge of it in 1912. He is a member of the Democratic party, and holds membership in the following organizations: Lehigh County Democratic Club, The Saengerbund, the F. O. E., and Hibernia Fire Company. He represented the Sixth ward in Select Council for eight years, and was a member of the Fire Committee for seven years and of the Police Committee for a number of years.

In 1888 he married Sarah McGee, who was a former school teacher of the city. She is a daughter of Hugh and Mary (McCafferty) McGee. They are the parents of the following children: P. Francis, a graduate of the Allentown High School, 1904, who attended the Lehigh University Preparatory school and is now a student in Lehigh University; John; Veronica; Agnes and Edward.

#### JOHN S. MCFADDEN.

John S. McFadden, shoe merchant, of Allentown, was born in Allentown, December 16, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and when sixteen years of age learned the silk weaving trade, which he followed for about seven years. In 1893 he was one of the chosen representatives of the Phoenix Silk Co., of Allentown, representing this company at the World's Fair. He received a diploma with Honorable Mention from the Board of Managers of the World's Fair. In 1893 he started the retail shoe business at 317 Ridge avenue, where he is at present located. He carries a large line of footwear and is conducting a splendid business. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Foresters of America. Mr. McFadden is a member of the Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception and a member of the choir. He was married June 3, 1896, to Kate Carroll, daughter of James and Anna Carroll, of Tamaqua. Mr. McFadden is a man of fine intelligence, well liked in the community in which he lives and devoted to his family. His children are: Charles, Anna, John, Agnes, James and George.

Charles McFadden, the father of John S. McFadden, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, where he was born in 1837. He died in the Allentown Hospital, February 3, 1905. He was married to Hannah Dugan, with whom he had children, as follows: Mary; Sarah, wife of T. F. Waters, of Germantown; Catharine; John S.; Ellen, and Anna, who under the veil is known as Sister Francis Claire. She is stationed in a convent at Chestnut Hill, Pa.



## MCFETRIDGE FAMILY.

Archibald McFetridge, a native of County Derry, Ireland, made two trips to the United States, where he was a laborer in the iron industries. While working for the Thomas Iron Company at Hokendauqua, Pa., he was accidentally killed upon the railroad tracks of the Iron Company, in the year 1864, aged 68 years. His wife died with her son, Daniel McFetridge, who lived at Laughbridge, Lehigh county, on March 4, 1877. She is buried by the side of her husband on the Fairview Cemetery at Catasauqua, Pa. They had twelve children, among whom were: John; Margaret; Eliza (who died in California); James (who died out West); Joseph; Mary (wife of A. B. Watson of Pottsville, Pa.); Hugh (of Bethlehem); and Rev. Nathaniel (who was the pastor of the Wakefield Presbyterian Church at Germantown, Philadelphia, which he built, and he died Dec. 3, 1885, while serving as president of the McAllister College, in Minnesota). The children have all died excepting Joseph, Mrs. Watson and Hugh.

John McFetridge, son of Archibald, was born in County Derry, Ireland, November 7, 1825, and upon coming to this country first located at Catasauqua, Pa., where he was employed by the Thomas people. Upon the organization of the Thomas Iron Company in 1854 at Hokendauqua, he was made their foreman and several years later was promoted to the superintendency of the shipping of pig iron and he served that position until a few years before his death. He built the first private house at Hokendauqua on Front street, and afterwards he sold this to his brother Joseph, who now occupies it. He did much towards establishing the Presbyterian church at Hokendauqua and he and his family belonged to that faith. He was a Republican.

His wife, Margaret Ann Henry, was a native of Ireland, but later lived at Summit Hill, Pa. She was born April 23, 1833, and died July 24, 1906. He died December 21, 1904. Both are buried on the Fairview Cemetery, Catasauqua. Their children are: Jane, John H., Mary A., Emma, William E., James, Thomas F., and Ella.

Joseph McFetridge the oldest resident at Hokendauqua, Pa., and the oldest living employee of the Thomas Iron Company, was born in Ireland, March 4, 1833, and he emigrated to this country in the year 1850, located at Catasauqua, Pa., where he secured employment under Samuel Thomas. After Thomas had located at Hokendauqua, on Good Friday in 1854, he brought Mr. McFetridge with him, and the Thomas Iron Company was served faithfully by

Mr. McFetridge for fifty-two years and nine months. In a period of thirty-one years he missed but one day and upon that occasion he attended the funeral of a relative in Philadelphia. Mr. McFetridge ran the first steam engine for the iron company; also the first locomotive for them in 1856, which he continued to do for several years. For almost fifty years he was the company's yard master.

During the Civil War he was enlisted in Company B, 38th Regt. Penna. Reserves at Reading, Pa., and he desired to re-enlist in Capt. Hunt's Company of Catasauqua, but his employer, Samuel Thomas, persisted that he stay at home, saying: "the country also needs men at home." Clandestinely, however, Mr. McFetridge went to Reading, and there re-enlisted. He is a member of Fuller Post, No. 378, G. A. R., at Catasauqua. He was a Republican committeeman of Whitehall for twenty years.

He and family are Presbyterians. He married Martha McLaughlin. She died May 16, 1906, aged 72 years and at the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Hokendauqua church—having been a member for forty-two years. They had these ten children:

Daniel W., of Allentown.  
James S., of Scranton.  
Abraham L., of Hokendauqua.  
Minnie, widow of Fred'k Ross.  
Rebecca, a graduate of the K. S. N. S., Kutztown, Pa., and since 1889 a public school teacher.  
Molton, of Allentown.  
Nathaniel, of Hokendauqua.  
Archibald, of Philadelphia.  
Samuel, Thomas, both died in infancy.

JOHN H. MCFETRIDGE, of Allentown, was born at Hokendauqua, Pa., August 2, 1860. He began assisting his father, John, on the iron wharf when only a lad of twelve years of age. Afterward he was in business at Catasauqua, Pa., for a short time, then for five years a freight conductor upon the L. V. R. R., at Bethlehem, Pa. The following seven years he was a conductor on a trolley car at Allentown. In 1900 he engaged in the local transfer business at Allentown, and he now employs two teams. Mr. McFetridge while residing at Hokendauqua took an active interest in Republican politics. Socially he is a member of Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment. He resides with his family at 536 N. Fourth street, Allentown.

He was married in 1891 to Elmira L. Gross, a daughter of Joshua and Malinda (Snyder) Gross. They have two sons: Henry W. (an artist and photographer at 612 Jordan street, Allentown); and John F. (employee of the Dietrich Motor Car Co., Allentown).

McHose Family.

Isaac McHose, emigrated from Scotland to America soon after the first half of the eighteenth century. He settled in Northampton county, Pa., and was an early settler of his community. He had a son, Isaac, who was born Sept. 27, 1783, in Northampton county. The latter was a contractor and builder in Northampton county; was a pioneer ironmaster of Eastern Pennsylvania, and helped to build the first anthracite furnace at Catasauqua, in 1839; he served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and afterward he moved across the Northampton county line into Lehigh county, settling at Rittersville, Pa., where he died on Jan. 15, 1861, aged 77 years, 3 months, and 18 days. His wife was Elizabeth Laubach. She was born Feb. 6, 1791, died on Feb. 23, 1853, aged 62 years, and 17 days. Mrs. McHose hailed from a pioneer family of Northampton county, whose full history appears in this volume. They had the following ten children: Elizabeth; Julia (1812-1882), married Henry Rockel; Samuel, Owen, Isaac, John, Hannah, William (1828-1904), Lavinia, and Josiah, who died in the Civil War.

The last surviving of these children was Isaac McHose, who died at Reading, Pa., July 24, 1912. He was born at Rittersville, Dec. 6, 1822. For thirty years he was engaged in building blast furnaces in Reading, Robesonia, Tipton, Macungie, Temple, and other places. He developed the Reading Fire Brick Works; was president of the Keystone National Bank; President of the Reading Library Co., interested in the Reading and Homeopathic hospitals, serving as the first president of the latter; and since settling in Reading in 1892 was a foremost citizen. He is survived by the following children: Ambrose A., Wilson V., Isaac, and Susan E., wife of Jerome L. Boyer, of Reading.

HON. SAMUEL McHOSE, son of the second Isaac, and a brother of Isaac, of Reading, was the first mayor of Allentown. He was born in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, Feb. 16, 1816; and for many years was prominently identified in the business, political and financial affairs at Allentown. He built nearly all the blast furnaces in the Lehigh valley. His death occurred in April, 1893, after an illness of two weeks. When he was a lad of five years his parents moved to Rittersville, where his father carried on the trade of a mason and brick-layer. When Samuel arrived at the proper age, he became an apprentice under his father in the same business, which he followed until attaining his twentieth year. He paid particular attention to the erection of blast furnaces, and among the

most important furnaces which he built were the Thomas Iron Company's, at Hokendauqua; the Crane Iron Company's, at Catasauqua; the Coplay Iron Company's; the Lehigh Iron Company's; the Allentown Iron Works, and the Allentown Rolling Mills. He was a projector of the Roberts Furnace, and at one time an extensive stockholder. Mr. McHose also built several blast furnaces in New Jersey, and was the contractor who erected the Durham Iron Works, near Richmond, Va.

In 1854 Samuel McHose, in company with O. A. Ritter, established the Allentown Fire Brick Works, at Front and Gordon streets, and they were associated in business for a quarter of a century under the firm name of McHose & Ritter. In 1861, Mr. McHose built the Hope Rolling Mill, and was one of its proprietors, which about fifteen years later was the source of heavy financial loss to him. For ten years before his demise he was engaged in the manufacture of a fire-clay brick, which business is now carried on by his son, Lucius H.

The political life of Samuel McHose is equally as interesting as his business career, and volumes could be written of his experience in the political arena. In early life he was a Democrat, but during the 50's, while in Richmond, Va., he saw a slave sold from an auctioneer's block, which caused him to change his political sentiments. After that time he was just as ardent a Republican as he had been a Democrat. In 1856 he became a resident of Allentown, and at once became active in politics, serving what was then the North ward, in the council for several years.

In 1867, when Allentown was made a city, both political parties began to look around for available candidates for the mayoralty. Mr. McHose was nominated and elected over his Democratic opponent, Robert E. Wright, by a majority of ninety-two. In 1883 he was elected a member of the select council from the Democratic Fifth ward, and at the organization of that body, was made its president, a position he served with honor and rare ability for several years. During the administration of Mayor Allison he was a member of the board of health; and in 1861 was a delegate to the national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln and again was a delegate in 1868, when General U. S. Grant was nominated for the presidency. During the last ten or twelve years of his life he was regularly elected a delegate to all the Republican county and city conventions, and was in truth a "war horse" in that party.

While residing at Rittersville, Samuel McHose was married to Mary, a daughter of Solomon Flores. She died in 1887, survived by five

children: Edwin, Monroe, Wilhelmina, married to Dr. A. J. Laubach, a captain in the Civil War, both deceased; Hiram; Lucius H.; and Mrs. A. T. Blank, of Allentown.

LUCIUS H. McHose, manufacturer, banker, and enterprising business man of Catasauqua, Pa., was the youngest of the family of the late Hon. Samuel McHose. He was educated in the public schools in Allentown; the Allentown Collegiate Cadet School; the State Normal School, at Kutztown, and a preparatory school in Providence, R. I., after which he engaged in the brick manufacturing business with his father, at Allentown.

In the spring of 1877, Mr. McHose went to Colorado, prospecting, and remained seven years. During his Western trip, he visited the states of New Mexico and North Dakota. In 1884 he returned to Allentown, where he resided twelve months, and then removed to New Jersey, and began working in the clay banks at Perth Amboy. He has since become an extensive shipper and dealer of fire brick clay and of sands and of late years has become the largest individual clay and sand miner in the state of New Jersey.

In November, 1885, he came to Catasauqua, as foreman of the Lehigh Fire Brick Works, and in 1911, became the president of this successful enterprise. Mr. McHose, in company with David Hunt, in 1892, leased the above plant, and by the manufacture of a superior fire brick, established a large trade.

Lucius H. McHose is prominently identified with the financial, political, social, and religious institutions of the "Iron Borough" of Pennsylvania. He is a director since 1908, of the National Bank of Catasauqua, which was established in 1857; has served as a member of the borough council; is a high degree Free Mason, and a member of the Catasauqua Club. He is a Republican politically, and one of conservative far-sighted, and successful business men.

While a resident of New Jersey, in 1886, he was married to Miss Sarah S. Weikle, at Phillipsburg, N. J. Her parents were David and Sarah (Horrish) Weikel, who hailed from an old Moravian family from Bethlehem. She was born and reared in Allentown. They have these three children: Josephine, the youngest, died in childhood; Howard H.; and Malcolm, who both are graduates of the Catasauqua high school and the Mercersburg Academy. Howard H. graduated from Cornell University in 1913, and Malcolm graduated from the same institution in 1914.

#### DAVID McKENNA.

David McKenna was well known in connection with the material, political, and social progress of Slatington, and was a typical representative of his Scotch nationality. He was born near Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire, Scotland, Jan. 10, 1838, and died on Dec. 25, 1908.

His parents were David and Agnes McKenna. They received such education as the schools of their native country then afforded. They were zealous adherents of the Covenanter or Presbyterian faith. By his first wife, David McKenna had three children: William, Helen, and Margaret; and by his second wife but one child, David McKenna, of this review. His father died in Scotland in 1841, when he was only three and a half years of age. The widow and her son came to America in 1843, and settled in Wyandotte county, Ohio, amongst friends who had emigrated from Scotland and located there some few years before, and there they made their home for thirteen years.

Mr. McKenna was sent to the schools of his native parish in Scotland at a very early age, and at that time the Bible was about the only textbook in school. After settling in this country, he entered the public schools of Ohio, and availed himself of the limited educational opportunities of that region, and also studied at different times under private teachers. He was reared in the famous "Northwestern Territory," as that part of Ohio was then called, and early developed traits of industry and enterprise.

In 1856 he and his mother came to Pennsylvania, and located at Slatington, when there were less than a score of houses in the village, his mother living with him until her decease in 1879, aged 94 years. He secured employment with the Lehigh Slate Company, the first chartered organization of its kind in Pennsylvania, and of which Robert McDowell was superintendent and treasurer. After being employed by them in various capacities during the year he was appointed station agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, early in 1857 and was also telegraph operator, mail carrier, and express agent, devoting his time and energies to his multitudinous duties for eight years. Upon retiring from the railroad service he became assistant superintendent of the Lehigh Slate Company, and filled that position until the death of his father-in-law, Robert McDowell, in 1878, when he was elected superintendent of said company and served until 1880. He then engaged in business for himself, and was instrumental in the development of quite a number of slate quarries, the more prom-





*Yours Very Respectfully*  
*David McKenna*



inent ones among them being the McDowell (now the Girard), the Brooklyn and the Meadow Brook. In company with other enterprising business men he purchased the large farm now known as the "Kern Farm Slate Property," on which six large quarries have been opened under lease and are now among the most profitable quarries in the Lehigh slate region.

In his early manhood he was imbued with the cause of anti-slavery, and as a young man he took an active interest in the campaign of Salmon P. Chase for the governorship of Ohio, in 1855.

Upon his arrival in Pennsylvania, in 1856, he became a warm enthusiast of the principles of the Republican party, which made its first presidential nomination in that year, and he has ever since been an energetic and loyal adherent of that party. He has been the recipient of many political honors. For many years he was a member of the county executive committee, and served a number of times as chairman of the county conventions; was a delegate to the state convention, at Lancaster, which nominated General John F. Hartranft for governor, and also a delegate to the Harrisburg convention which nominated Henry M. Hoyt. He has always been prominent in political circles in the northern part of the county. His judgment carried weight in the councils of his party, and he commanded the respect of his political opponents. His political enthusiasm from his boyhood days to the time of his death had been one of his marked characteristics. He was appointed a notary public by Governor Hartranft, and had filled that office up to the time of his death. He was nominated for assemblyman and afterwards for state senator, but, his party in the county being largely in the minority, he was not elected.

In public affairs in his own town, Mr. McKenna was prominent and influential, one of the active, progressive, and liberal citizens, and was ever ready to do all he could to further its advancement. He served on the school board for upwards of twenty-five years, and was its president for fifteen years. He was nominated for chief burgess one year, but declined to accept. He was also a member of the Slatington board of trade.

He was an active and prominent Mason, and took a great interest in the fraternity, belonging to Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M., having served as worshipful master for two terms; a member of Allen Chapter, No. 203, R. A. M.; Allen Council, No. 23, R. and S. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., of Allentown; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. He was also a member of the Scotch-Irish Society of America, and was deeply interested in their history.

He had always been closely identified with the Presbyterian church of Slatington, having served as one of its elders and as superintendent of the Sabbath school for over twenty-five years; represented the Presbytery of Lehigh in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Omaha, in 1887, and was a delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania, held at Wheeling, in 1890.

In 1865 David McKenna was united in marriage to Rebecca Augusta McDowell, a daughter of Robert and Sarah E. (Mulholland) McDowell, who were at one time residents of the old Irish Settlement, near Bath, in Northampton county, where Mrs. McDowell's grandparents settled in 1743, but later took up their abode in Slatington. Mrs. McKenna was educated by a governess in her own home, and in Dow's Female Seminary, at Easton, Pa., afterwards moved to Plainfield, N. J., where she graduated in 1858. Early in life she displayed great musical talent, and through its cultivation became very proficient in that art. She is a most earnest and active Presbyterian who has identified herself prominently with church work.

The children born to David and Rebecca McKenna were: Sarah Agnes, Helen Augusta, Phoebe Bergen, and Stella Almira. The eldest daughter, Sarah, became the wife of Franklin Prince, of Philadelphia, in 1890, by whom she had a daughter, Marguerite McKenna.

Mr. Prince died in 1893, and his widow married Rev. Julius W. Brockway, of Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1901; one son was born to them who bears the name of David McKenna. Helen Augusta died in 1870, and Phoebe Bergen died in 1890. Stella Almira, the youngest, married James Craig, of Philadelphia, in 1906. Mr. Craig died in 1913. His widow lives at home with her mother, Mrs. David McKenna.

#### WILLIAM COOK MCKEE.

Among the men who have recently come into the county, and who are a part of its life and trade, none occupies a higher position of trust and honor than William Cook McKee, the general superintendent of the Thomas Iron Company. He was born at Mt. Vernon, Rock Castle county, Kentucky, Oct. 26, 1878. He is a son of William and Adelaide (Hoard) McKee, a physician, now residing at Eustis, Florida. Their children were: Joseph H., who died, aged 29 years. He was a professor of mathematics; Lulu, married to Charles Radall, both deceased; William C.; John, superintendent of the Hoffman House service at New York City.

Mr. McKee was educated in the common schools and Ohio State University in which he a practical course before going to college. In



1904 he entered into the employ of the Algoner Steel Co., in the blast furnace department. Later he was employed by the Columbus Iron and Steel Company, at Columbus, Ohio. From here he went to the Indiana Harbor, Ind., as assistant superintendent of the blast furnace, which position he filled for one and one-half years, when he was in September, 1911, promoted to superintendent which he continued until September, 1913, when he was made general superintendent of the Thomas Iron Co. He has charge of all their plants and employs about 800 men. His coming as superintendent has put life into this once powerful industry of which he himself is a stockholder.

Mr. McKee is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, National Geographical Society, Lehigh Country Club, Catasauqua Club, and B. of P. E.

#### ROBERT MCKEEVER.

Robert McKeever, master mechanic and chief engineer for the Thomas Iron Company, at Alburtis, was born at Hokendauqua, Sept. 18, 1856. His father, Oliver McKeever, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country as a young man, landing at Baltimore. From Baltimore he came to Hokendauqua and entered into the employ of the Thomas Iron Company, where he met his death in 1868. He was cinder foreman and had charge of all the teams of the company. He was married to Esther Polleck, who died in 1910, and whose remains and those of her husband, repose on the Fairview cemetery, Catasauqua. To them were born the following children: John, deceased, was a machinist for the Thomas Iron Company; Ellen, married to George Williams, of Hokendauqua; Robert; Sara, deceased; Isaac, master mechanic in the employ of the Erie R. R. at Newbury, N. Y.; Oliver, of Catasauqua, a machinist in the employ of the Atlas Cement Co.; William, a master mechanic also in the employ of the Atlas Cement Co.; and two children, who died in infancy.

Robert McKeever was educated in the public schools and at the age of twelve entered the machine shop of the Thomas Iron Company. He ran a shift engine for a short period but soon returned to the machine shop. In 1879 he was transferred to the Lock Ridge furnace, as master mechanic and chief engineer which position he still occupies to-day, having under his direction upward of twenty men. He has been in the employ of the Thomas Iron Company for almost half a century. A silent tribute to faithfulness to trust and efficiency in service. On Nov. 8, 1877 he was married to Emma E. Kurtz, a daughter of Audred and Matilda Kurtz, of Cat-

asauqua. To them were born the following children: Edith, married to Charles Schlicher and resides at New Castle, Pa. They have one son, Franklin Robert; Robert, deceased; David, deceased; John, deceased; Esther, at home; Harold, deceased; Walter, at home; Emma and Isaac, deceased. Their children are buried at the Fairview cemetery, Catasauqua. Mr. McKeever is an elder in the Lock Ridge Memorial Presbyterian church, of which he formerly was a trustee. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of Malta and the I. O. O. F.

#### MECHLING FAMILY.

The ship *James Goodwill*, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland, with David Crocket as master, stopped at the port of Deal, England, and left there on June 15, 1728. On Sept. 11, 1728, she arrived at Philadelphia with about ninety natives of the Palatinate on board, among whom were Theobald (or Dewald) Mechling, the founder of the Lehigh county Mechling family, and his brother, Jacob. They settled in Germantown and carried on a tannery.

In 1734 Theobald Mechling obtained a grant of 170 acres in Lower Milford township, Northampton county (now Lehigh) from Thomas and Richard Penn, the proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania. This parchment is in the possession of the present owner of the homestead. Theobald Mechling moved his family to Lehigh county and built a house which is still standing on the property near Hosensack. Additional warrants for 11 acres on April 29, 1747, and 25 acres on Oct. 6, 1757, increased his holdings. He was one of the founders of the old Lutheran church near Dillingersville, and in 1756, 1757, 1758 and 1759 gave fifteen shillings towards the pastor's salary, which made him one of the three largest contributors. He died in April, 1765, and was buried with his wife, Anna Elizabeth, in the old graveyard near Dillingersville, which is still preserved although the church itself no longer stands. He had five sons and two daughters, all of the sons, except the youngest, Thomas, moved to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where they established a second Mechling line, and were the forefathers of the large number of Mechlings living in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, with a "Mechling Family Association" of over two thousand members.

The children of Theobald Mechling and his wife, Anna Elizabeth were:

John Theobald, married Sybilla.

John Peter. He was confirmed in 1751 and Oct. 21, 1760, married Anna Barbara Kurr, daughter of Thomas Kurr, of Tulpehocken

township. He died before Theobald, his father, as is stated in the release of the farm to Thomas.

Anna Margaret, born April 27, 1744.

John Jacob, born Feb. 28, 1747, married Katharine.

Philip, married Katharine.

Thomas, born Aug. 4, 1751, married Katharine Welsh.

Anna Elizabeth, who married, April 8, 1760, Leonhard Steininger, of Whitehall township.

The estate in Lower Milford township was devised by Theobald's will (a quaint document of great interest still in possession of the family) to the youngest son, Thomas, and valued at four hundred pounds. Thomas had to pay twenty-five pounds yearly to the other heirs until their shares amounting to two hundred and sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence were discharged and they all signed a deed of release to him dated Jan. 23, 1773.

Thomas Mechling, 1751 to 1785, took possession of the farm on his 21st birthday, his father having died before his majority. He married Katharine Welsh, concerning whose antecedents nothing is known, except that she came from Northampton county, near Easton. Thomas Mechling was lieutenant in the 3d company, Captain Peter Schuller, 2d Battalion, Colonel George Breinig, Northampton county Pennsylvania Militia and served with that regiment during the Revolution. His brother, Philip, was an ensign in the 1st company of the same regiment, and his oldest brother, Theobald (or Dewald), was an ensign of the 8th regular Pennsylvania line, and was severely wounded at the battle of Long Island.

Thomas Mechling died at the early age of 34. His widow, with her five children, moved back to her old home, where she married a widower by the name of Oberley, who also had a number of children. These two families of children, and a third set which arrived later, were all brought up there together in Northampton county.

Thomas Mechling and his wife, Katharine, had the following children:

William, born Oct. 7, 1774.

Jacob, born April 20, 1776.

John, born July 28, 1778.

Anna B., born April 4, 1782.

Peter, born Feb. 29, 1784.

Thomas Mechling having died intestate, John, his third son, came into possession of the property by partition proceedings June 1, 1800, and took possession of it when he was of age. In 1800, he married Anna Margaret Oberley (one of his step-sisters), born March 27, 1776, died Sept. 22, 1866. He was a lieutenant in the Pennsyl-

vania Militia during the War of 1812 and his commission, signed by Thomas McKean, is still in the possession of the family.

John Mechling and his wife, Anna Margaret, had nine children, as follows:

Sarah.

Elizabeth, who married Gabriel Kline.

Anna, who married Samuel Wieder.

Julia, who married Andrew Mohr.

Anthony, born May 1, 1818, died Jan. 24, 1878.

Four children who died in infancy.

Anthony Mechling, only surviving son of John Mechling, was one of the most successful farmers in Lower Milford township and a man of great physical strength. He married Mary Ann Shimer, daughter of John and Salome Shimer, of Shimersville, members of the family who founded the Lehigh county Shimersville. They lived on the old homestead at Hosensack until 1868, when he retired from active farming and built a fine house in Zionsville, about three and a half miles from Hosensack. Deposits of rich magnetic iron ore were found upon his new property and he received more than \$15,000 in royalties for ore taken out of the mines located there.

Anthony Mechling and his wife, Mary Ann, had four children:

William H., who married Sallie J. Schreiber.

Benjamin F., who married Grace Hubbs.

Sarah Shimer, who married Amandus S. Kleppinger.

Anthony Wayne, who married Clara Artman.

Anthony Wayne Mechling was born Sept. 13, 1853, and died July 17, 1861, at his home at West Point, Neb. He married Clara Artman and had two children: Edgar L., born Oct. 28, 1879, and died July 29, 1896; and Mabel, wife of Daniel Heintzelman, of Philadelphia.

Sarah Shimer Mechling married Amandus S. Kleppinger and now resides in the Anthony Mechling house at Zionsville.

The sons, William Harrison and Benjamin F., were twins, born Feb. 22, 1847. They came to Philadelphia in 1869, and engaged in the wholesale tea and spice business under the name of Mechling Bros. This was the foundation of the present Chemical Manufacturing Company incorporated under the name of Mechling Bros. Manufacturing Company.

In 1891, Benjamin F. Mechling withdrew from the Mechling Bros. Manufacturing Company, and became president of the Albro Clem Elevator Company, of Philadelphia. The children of Benjamin F. Mechling and his wife, Grace Hubbs, are: B. Franklin, Jr., who married Ethel Love, of Germantown, Philadelphia,

and is associated with his father in the Albro Clem Elevator Company; Grace, married to Julius Oelberman, of Philadelphia; William Hubbs, a fellow in the department of anthropology of the University of Pennsylvania.

William Harrison Mechling was educated in the district school at Hosensack and later taught there. He finished his education at the Allentown Seminary, which later became Muhlenberg College, and at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. He is the president of the Mechling Bros. Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia and Camden, N. J. The children of William Harrison Mechling and his wife, Sara Jane Schreiber, are:

Benjamin Schreiber, who married Kay Ker-shaw, of Germantown, Philadelphia.

Edward Anthony, who married Edith Elliott, of Germantown, Philadelphia.

Edward A., younger son of William Harrison Mechling, carries on a large farming enterprise in Burlington county, New Jersey, and is one of the leaders in the new progressive agriculture.

Benjamin S. is associated with his father in the Mechling Bros. Manufacturing Company. In 1902, he purchased the Mechling homestead in Lehigh county from his father and has done much to preserve the early buildings. Dewald Mechling's framed log house is still standing although it was remodeled about thirty-five years ago. A detached stone building containing the old kitchen with its big Dutch bake-oven is untouched, as is also the ancient springhouse with its roof of red tiles. The three bank stone barn unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1906 was said to be the largest in Lehigh county. There is also a colonial stone dwelling house in a remarkable state of preservation, which is completely fitted up with Mechling heirlooms and antique furniture collected in the immediate neighborhood. All the wills and other documents mentioned in this article are in the possession of Benjamin S. Mechling and form a collection of great interest to the antiquarian.

#### RICHARD MEISTERKNECHT.

The proprietor of the Volcan Brass Works, in Allentown, was born in Berlin, Germany, April 15, 1864. At the age of fourteen years he learned the trade in which he is now engaged. He came to America in 1887 and spent the first five years in New York City. Afterward, for a time, he lived in Philadelphia, then in Trenton, N. J., and in 1891 came to Allentown and settled there permanently. In October, 1898, Mr. Meisterknecht engaged in his present business in a small way and by strict attention to his business and by honest dealing his plant grew to its present pro-

portions. His works are equipped with all the latest machinery to handle any specialty in cast brass, iron and steel, metal stampings and electro plating. The great advantage of his plant is that he can manufacture anything from its beginning to its completion. The works are located at 714-718 North Fourth street. His frontage on Fourth street is 60 feet and its depth is 120 feet to Mohr street.

He married, in 1888, Mary Reimers, a native of Kiel Schleswick, Holstein, Germany. They have six children, viz: Annie, Elsie, Gertrude, Adella, Raymond and Irwin. Mr. Meisterknecht and family are members of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

#### MERKEL FAMILIES.

In Macungie township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, two families of the name, Merckel, also spelled Merckell, Merkley, Merkle, Merkele, etc., had settled before the close of the middle of the eighteenth century. The first by the name to settle there was (I) JOHANNES MERCKEL, whose name appears among the signers in 1750, of an article of agreement between the Ev. Lutheran and Ev. Reformed congregations of the Ziegel church, which is located about two miles across the Macungie township line in Weisenberg. His name also appears on the tax list of Macungie of 1762 and 1781; and in the Federal Census Report of 1790. In the latter year he is recorded as the head of a family consisting of one son above 16, four sons under 16, and five females. Among his children were two sons: Peter and Christophel.

(II) Peter Merkel, supposed to have been a native of Germany, left that country with his parents when quite young. He married Christiana Weiss, and they lived for many years in the vicinity of Fogelsville, in Macungie township. They both lie in the old cemetery at the Ziegel church. Their family numbered five children: Peter (2); John, who lived in Weisenberg township, and whose only son was named Charles; Jacob, who also had a son Charles, lived near Kline's Corner, in Maxatawny township; Jonas, of Longswamp township, whose children were: John, Willoughby and Mary; Daniel, also of Longswamp township. He was born Sept. 26, 1789, died Aug. 21, 1879, aged 88 years, 10 months and 26 days. His wife, Catharine Standt, was born in 1793 and died in 1861. They had three children: Nathan, Eliza and Hannah.

(III) Peter Merkel (2), son of Peter, was born in Macungie, Lehigh county, Sept. 23, 1796. His occupation was that of farming, which he followed all his life. A good farm of seventy acres lying on the line between Maxatawny



and Longswamp townships, he kept under cultivation. Besides his farm work he took great interest in the affairs of the community, and was also active in the work of Ziegler church, being deacon and elder of that organization. Peter Merkel's wife was Catharine Walbert, daughter of John Walbert. She was born Sept. 14, 1801, and died March 27, 1865, aged sixty-three years, six months, thirteen days. He died two years later, on May 30th, at the age of seventy years, eight months, seven days. Both are buried at the Ziegler church. To Mr. and Mrs. Merkel seven children were born, four daughters and three sons: Hettie, died unmarried; Caroline, married David Ziegler; Eliza, married Isaac Mayer; John a resident of Maxatawny township, had children: Albert, William, Harvey, Cassie, Peter, and four who died in childhood; Mary, born Dec. 24, 1834, married Thomas Warmkessel; David, is referred to later; Henry, living near Cedarville, has six children living: Frank, Harry, Peter, Edwin, Eliza and Hettie.

(IV) David Merkel, the seventh child of Peter (2), was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, May 3, 1837. He was a saddler by trade, which he followed for four years near Farmington. In 1859 he became an employee of the Catasauqua & Fogelsville Railroad, and after four years he was made section foreman, which position he served for more than forty years, retiring two years before his death on Aug. 31, 1903. In recognition of his faithfulness and many years of service the railroad company had pensioned him. He was a member of Maxatawny Zion's Reformed church.

On Oct. 5, 1861, he married Sarah Matilda, daughter of Peter Schwoyer, of Fritztown, Spring township. They became the parents of eight children: Catharine, born Oct. 2, 1862, married Frank Moyer, of Hoffmansville, Pa.; George M., born Feb. 3, 1864, is a farmer in Richmond township; Louisa R., born Oct. 20, 1865, married Charles Levan, of Maxatawny; Anna Esther, born Nov. 2, 1867, married Martin Good, of New York City; Laura E., born Aug. 31, 1870, married James Guldin, a farmer of Maxatawny township; Robert W., born 1874, died 1889; Lillie A., born June 28, 1877, married John Kemp; Caroline, born 1883, died 1886.

In the graveyard at Trexlertown is buried Maria Merckel, wife of Johannes Merckel. She was born Aug. 16, 1773, and died Jan. 16, 1822; and in the same place are buried Ludwig Merckley and his wife Hannah, *nee* Wieand. He was born Dec. 16, 1806, died Oct. 22, 1855. She was born Oct. 22, 1814, died April 29, 1843.

(II) Christophel Merkel, son of Johannes, was born April 25, 1755. He was a farmer in Macungie township and there he died on July 19, 1813, aged 58 years, 2 months and 23 days. On Feb. 2, 1779, he married Christiana Gackebach, of Weisenberg township. They had one son and four daughters, namely:

Catharine, married Peter Bär (The Black).  
Jacob.

Magdalena, married Peter Barr (The Red).

Maria, married Michael Peter.

Salome, married John Kistler.

The last will and testament of Christophel Merkel was made the 21st day of January, 1809. Each of the four daughters received the sum of 450 pounds of money. Catharine, the wife of Peter Barr, had died prior to the making of her father's will, therefore Mary and Judith Bär, her two daughters each was bequeathed the sum of 200 pounds.

In the cemetery at Trexlertown, Pa., near the southwestern end of the old church building, is the grave of (I) LUDWIG MERCKELL, one of the pioneer settlers of that locality. The marble tombstone of this ancestor contains the following inscription:

Hier  
Ruhen  
Die gebeine von  
LUDWIG MERCKELL  
Er war geboren den 17  
ten May 1723 in Stein-  
bachln der Paltz und ist  
Gestorben den 16 ten  
May 1808 er hat gelebet  
85 Jahr. Sein leicht text  
Ist 39 psalm 13 und 14  
Vers.

The number of children of the above ancestor have not been definitely established, but in 1790, the first federal census records him as the father of two sons above sixteen, and two daughters. But some of the children had been married and had already established their own families. Among these was their son, Abraham. In 1914, there are still fifteen of the name in Macungie township, among whom are: Charles A., farmer; Eugene and George H., both of Breinigs-ville; George M., farmer at Wescoesville; Harry W., of East Texas; Harvey W., farmer; and William M., of Fogelsville.

The Macungie township tax list of 1762 contains the names of John Merkle and Ludwig Merckley; the tax list of 1781 has those of John

Merckle, Stofel Merckle and Ludwig Meeckley; and the tax list in 1812 contains those of Jacob, Christian and Ludwig Merchall. These three doubtless, were of the second generation of these families. Johannes (John) Merckel had then died, so had Ludwig Merckel, whose inscription upon the tombstone records his death in 1808.

(II) Abraham Merckel, son of Ludwig, the pioneer, was born about the year 1766. The *Pennsylvania Archives*, from 1785 to 1805, record him among the taxables of Macungie township, Lehigh county. In 1806, the name of Abraham Merckel appears among the assessed residents of Albany township, in Berks county. In the latter locality, Jacob Donat, his father-in-law, had previously settled. Merckel owned a farm there at what is now known as "Donat's Hill," near Wannamaker's, Pa., the farm is now owned by Jacob Schroeder. The elevation for many years was known as "Merckel's Hill." Abraham Merckel was a most industrious man. He stood six feet four inches in height, and was possessed of great physical strength and endurance. He was a wheelright by trade and also conducted his farm.

He met a tragic end. During the summer of 1826 there was a drought in the upper end of Berks county. Water had become scarce on the southern side of the Blue mountains, while on the opposite side there was an abundance of rain and water. Therefore Abraham Merckel took his grain to a mill on the opposite side of the mountain, and on the return trip fell into the hands of a band of roughs, one of whom cruelly murdered him. On the slope of the mountain in West Penn township, Schuylkill county (on the road from Jacksonville to Tamaqua), which he had to pass, there was an old hostelry around which many stories of robbery, and even the murder of peddlers and cattle dealers centered. It was abandoned over thirty years ago, and only crumbling walls and an old well half filled with stones and rubbish mark the site of the once busy and widely known stopping place. While passing the hotel Mr. Merckel was requested to stop off, which he did. He found a number of men playing cards and also, undoubtedly, drinking. One of the card players, a man named Jacob Hawkenstein, commenced quarreling with Mr. Merckel, who told Hawkenstein it would be to his benefit to keep his peace. Hawkenstein, in confab, with other men during that day, had made a threat that he would kill someone before the day was over. When Mr. Merckel was loosening his horse, which was tied to a tree near a fence, he was fatally stabbed with a knife by Hawkenstein, who had secreted himself behind the fence, and died of his wounds. Hawkenstein

thereafter led a secluded and miserable existence among the rocks, dens and hollow trees of the Blue mountains, where he died alone and despised of all men. His skeleton was found more than a year after his death by a band of hunters. Mr. Merckel is buried at the New Bethel church in Albany township. He died in the late summer of 1826.

Abraham Merckel married Susanna Donat, who was born Nov. 6, 1779, died Jan. 25, 1864, aged eighty-four years, two months, nineteen days. Her father was Jacob Donat. (I See Donat Family.) Four children were born to them, namely: Abraham; Elizabeth, born March 24, 1813, died unmarried, March 15, 1894, aged eighty years, eleven months, twenty-one days, and is buried at New Jerusalem church; Catharine, born Jan. 3, 1816, died unmarried, Nov. 20, 1879, aged sixty-three years, ten months, seventeen days, and is buried at New Jerusalem church; Joseph, who spelled his name Markley, married Esther Fisher, and lived in Reading until 1876, when he moved to St. Cloud, Minn.

Elizabeth Merkel, daughter of the late Abraham Merckel, of Albany township, Berks county, petitioned the court as a minor above fourteen years of age, asking that John Shollenberger be appointed her guardian. Henry Ruppert appeared as the friend of Catharine and Joseph Merkel, minor children of Abraham Merckel, deceased. William Sweyer was appointed guardian for Catharine, and John Shollenberger for Joseph.

(III) Abraham Merkel, eldest son of Abraham, was born in 1805 or 1806, and died in June, 1849, aged about forty-three years. His death occurred in the hay field, from the effects of drinking too much cold spring water when overheated. He is buried at New Bethel church, in Albany township. He was a tall man over six feet, and was strong and an excellent worker.

Abraham Merkel married Maria (Polly) Kroninger, who was born Sept. 8, 1808, died Dec. 23, 1878, aged seventy years, three months fifteen days. Children as follows were born to their union: Anna, married John Cameron, of Sagon, Northumberland county, Pa.; Catharine, married Jonathan Machmer, who was noted as a singer, and they conducted the Upper Bern hotel for a number of years; Abraham, born Jan. 13, 1832, died Feb. 14, 1908, married, in 1859, Leah Fillweiler (1835-1901), and they had a family of seven children: Sarah Jane, married Adam Berk, and died, leaving a son, William H., who has his home with his aunts, Louisa and Clara Merkel; Astor, married Ida Kline; Rosa Alice, married Francis Allsbach, deceased; Cordelia, married Alfred Allsbach, and died, leaving a daughter, Leah M.; Louisa P., a school teacher of

Albany township; Clara, is unmarried and lives on the homestead with her sister Louisa; and John A., married Emma E. Nester, and has two children: Elsie M., and Leah L.; Susanna, married Ferdinand Machmer, and later a Mr. Baum, of Hamburg; Aaron, married Valeria Miller and they live at Conshohocken, Pa.; Caroline, married William Machmer, who met a tragic death in Michigan; Rebecca, married Michael Schaefer, of Tower City, Pa.; Sarah, married James De Long, of Reading; James K., is mentioned farther on. Caroline and Susanna both lived and died in Michigan.

(IV) James K. Merkel was born in Albany township, Oct. 7, 1847. He has followed the blacksmith's trade almost from the time he began work, having commenced to learn it when he was only eighteen years old, under his brother, Abraham, who at that time had a smithy in the village of Jacksonville, Lehigh county, Pa. In 1867 Mr. Merkel came to Berne, in Upper Bern, now Tilden township, Berks county, where he was engaged at his trade in the employ of another brother, Aaron, who had a blacksmith shop in the village of Berne. In 1870, after several years' work in Mahanoy City and other places, he erected a shop of his own in the "Bockmöhl" (a valley in the southern end of what is now Tilden township, to which he had come about 1867) and there continued to work at his trade until the year 1900. At that time he moved with his family to Conshohocken, at which place he remained for three years in the responsible position of boss blacksmith in the Alan Wood Iron Works. In the spring of 1903 Mr. Merkel removed with his family to the city of Reading, settling in his own home at No. 757 North Eighth street. Mr. Merkel owned a tract of good land, comprising twenty-four acres, near Berne station, upon which he lived for twenty-five years. This farm he sold in 1914.

James K. Merkel had been twice married. He married (first) Nov. 6, 1869, Sarah Schuman, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Zweitzig) Schuman. [See Schuman Family.] She was born Oct. 6, 1847, died in her fourth confinement, on Nov. 14, 1877, in her thirty-first year. She is buried at the St. Michael's church, in Tilden township, Berks county. Their four children follow:

1. J. Franklin, who taught school for fifteen years in Berks county; since 1904 is a railway mail clerk, residing in his own home in Allegheny, Pa. He is married and has three children. Mr. Merkel is a local minister and conducted a mission in Pittsburgh for several years.

2. Anthony O., is a conductor on the P. & R. R. He is married to Ada Chamberlain,

of Norristown. They reside at Rutherford Heights, a suburb of Harrisburg, Pa.

3. Ella V., is the wife of Reuben Blatt, a plasterer residing at Reading, Pa. They have two children: Reuben, Jr., and Rachel.

4. Sarah M., is the wife of William J. Dietrich. [See Dietrich Family.] They reside at No. 242 North Sixth street, Allentown. They have four children, namely: Naomi E., Ruth E., William J., Jr., and Esther Agnes.

James K. Merkel married (second), in 1879, Emma L., a daughter of Percival and Susanna (Strasser) Keim, of Windsor township, Berks county. She was born June 28, 1858, died of cancer at their home, No. 757 North Eighth street, Reading, Pa., on Jan. 21, 1914, aged 55 years, 9 months, 20 days. She is buried on the Merkel plot on the cemetery adjoining Salem U. B. church, in Tilden township. They had ten children, namely:

1. John, died in infancy.
2. Cora L., unmarried.
3. Clara A., married Samuel Mengel. Issue: Mabel, James.
4. James D., married Lillie Forney. Issue: Ardella.
5. Lizzie A., married Albert Kibler, Reading, Pa.
6. Mamie F., married Norman Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.
7. Howard, born Dec. 16, 1888, died Feb. 19, 1890.
8. Abbie A., married Theodore Barthold, Reading, Pa.
9. Lillie L., single.
10. George R., born Jan. 25, 1897, died Aug. 23, 1897.

Mr. Merkel, since his residence at Reading, has been a member of St. Paul's United Evangelical church, earlier he had been a member of Salem U. B. church, near Berne, Pa. During his entire life he has been an industrious, faithful and conscientious citizen, and the evening of his life he spends with his children and grandchildren, who hold him in sacred affection.

#### HERMAN MERKEL.

Herman Merkel, distinguished architectural sculptor at Allentown, was born May 25, 1869, in Farquhar county, Va., and when a boy seven years old his parents removed to York, Penna. He attended the public schools and manifesting a taste for drawing at an early age he was placed with A. B. Ebaugh's monumental marble works to learn artistic and architectural stone cutting, where he served an apprenticeship of three years. With this preliminary experience he followed his trade at Baltimore for a time, then at Philadelphia. While at the latter place, he directed his attention to architectural sculpturing



and modeling and attended the Spring Garden Institute three terms and the Drexel Institute one term.

Thus qualified, he secured work on the Congressional Library and the postoffice building at Washington, D. C., also on the postoffice building at Annapolis, Md., the superb Widener building at Philadelphia (now public library at Broad and Girard), and State Library at Harrisburg. He was engaged at high-class work of this character in different parts of the country until 1904, when he located at Allentown, and here his workmanship is displayed in numerous public and private buildings, such as the Allentown National Bank, First Presbyterian church, Allentown Trust Company building, St. John's Lutheran church, Lehigh Valley Trust Company building, Public Library, Church of the Sacred Heart, and the Hess, Bonneville and Taylor residences. He supplies designs and illustrations for the Sanders Engraving Co., at Allentown.

In 1904, Mr. Merkel was married to Katie E. Gillick, daughter of Patrick and Hannah (Miller) Gillick, of Hickory Run, in Carbon county, Pa., and they have two children: Herman and Emma.

His father, Ferdinand Merkel, was born in Germany and emigrated to America in 1866, landing at Baltimore. He had previously learned the trade of stone-cutter and also gardening, which qualified him to take charge of an extensive property here. He secured the position of manager of the Wellborn Estate in Farquhar county, Va., which he conducted for ten years in a most successful manner. He then purchased a truck-farm near York, Pa., which he carried on until his death in 1907. He was married to Ernestine Richter while in Germany and she accompanied him to America. They had two children: Herman, and Clara, married Philip Klemm and upon his death, Edward Keech, having a son by the first husband, named Philip.

#### MERTZ FAMILY.

Peter Mertz emigrated from Alsace, Germany, in 1730, and was married to a Miss Sheridan, who had relatives living in Maxatawny township, Berks county. Their son, George Henry Mertz, was born Sept. 1, 1755, and was married to Eva B. Good. He died on July 23, 1827. They had a son, General Henry Mertz, who was one of the foremost and most respected citizens of Lehigh county. He was born July 21, 1782, and for many years successfully operated a woolen mill on Cedar Creek, besides conducting his large plantation. General Mertz was possessed of a stately bearing and commanding influence. He served the government as a Brigadier-General of

the State Militia, and was in active service in the War of 1812. He died on March 11, 1844, aged 61 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

General Mertz was married to Hannah Dorney, the issue being: (1) Rev. David, married to Caroline Scholl; (2) Solomon, married to Lucy Butz, of Illinois; (3) Edward, married to Sarah Setzer, of Illinois; (4) William, married to Sarah Hunsberger; (5) Elias; (6) Charles; (7) Sarah, married to William Dorney; (8) Kate, married to Reuben Hauser, of Illinois.

Charles Mertz, son of General Henry, was born at Cedarville, and died June, 1885, aged 82 years. He followed the business of farming, also conducting a gristmill. The tract of land whereon the Lehigh County Almshouse is situated had been his farm, which he sold to the county, buying another. Politically he was a Republican, and belonged to the Evangelical church. He married Salome, a daughter of Philip Steininger, the issue being: (1) Leah, m. to the late Rev. Edmund Butz, of Allentown; (2) Tilghman, deceased, m. to Eliza Helffrich, of Allentown; (3) Solomon, deceased, m. to Matilda Steininger, of Allentown; (4) Edward, m. to Caroline Romich, of Cedarville; (5) Rebecca, m. to Daniel George, of Allentown; (6) Caroline, m. to David Schmoyer, of Allentown; (8) Sallie, m. to Milton Bleiler, of Allentown; (9) Llewellyn.

Edward W. Mertz, son of Charles, was born Sept. 19, 1835, on the Mertz Homestead, which is now the County Home Farm. He lived on the "mill farm" for six years, and for twenty-six years afterward he owned and occupied the 93-acre farm at Dorney's Park. In 1857 he married Carolina Romig. They were Evangelicals, having served their church with love and devotion during all of their earthly pilgrimage. Edward W. Mertz served the church for more than fifty years in its various offices. He and his family were much respected in their community. They had two children, viz.: Ella, married to Clement Roeder. They reside at East Greenville and have a daughter, Kate. Lillie, the widow of T. J. Helffrich, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume.

Llewellyn H. Mertz, son of Charles, was born at Dorneyville, Lehigh Co., Dec. 29, 1848. After receiving his education in the public schools, he turned to farming. In 1860 he came to Allentown, attended Gregory's Academy, and later that of Prof. Walker. Learning the painter's trade he followed the same up to 1875, when he entered the baking business, which he continued to 1903, when he handed the business over to his sons, Charles and Arthur, the latter of which is conducting the same at present. He built about 35 houses and served on the building committee

of 2 churches in this city. He is a Republican, serving as common councilman of the 7th Ward for 3 years, and as school director for the unexpired term of John Seems, is a member of Bethany United Evangelical Church, which he served as trustee for 33 years, treasurer for 28 years and steward for 10 years. He married Sarah Ellen, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Peter) Kistler, Nov. 12, 1872. Their children are: (1) Charles; (2) Beulah M., deceased; (3) infant son; (4) Arthur K., m. to Winifred Brader; (5) Mabel E., m. to Ralph C. Minnich, of Allentown. Mr. Mertz resides at 916 Turner Street.

CHARLES H. MERTZ, son of Llewellyn, was born in Allentown, June 18, 1874. Attending the public schools to 1890, he then learned the baking business from his father, being in the business for himself during 1911. In 1912 he went into the Coal & Lime business at 20th and Fairview Sts. Politically he is a Republican, fraternally belongs to B. P. O. E., and is a member of the United Evangelical Church. On Nov. 18, 1897, he married Catharine, daughter of Otto and Marie (Klingler) Moyer, the issue being Charles M. He resides at 138 North 10th St., Allentown.

ARTHUR KISTLER MERTZ, son of Llewellyn, was born May 6, 1882, in Allentown, where he graduated from the High School, also from the Allentown Business College. He learned the baking trade in his father's establishment and later was connected with him and his older brother, Charles H., in the business. The sons, in 1903, bought the business from their father and conducted it until 1908, at which time Arthur Kistler Mertz bought his brother's interests and since conducts it alone along modern and successful lines.

He and family are members of the Bethany United Evangelical Church; socially he is an Odd Fellow and politically a Republican.

In 1906, he married Winifred F. Breder, a daughter of Lott Breder, of Catasauqua. They have a daughter, Elizabeth E. Mertz.

Mrs. Sophie Mertz, widow of Elias Mertz, died in January, 1911, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James S. Biery, No. 248 North Fourth street.

The end came peacefully after a long life well spent in doing good. Mrs. Mertz was one of the old residents, having been almost 94 years old. She was very active until July, 1908, and did her house work, visited and received visitors, attended services in her church, Trinity United Evangelical, and was in full possession of all her faculties, her sight and hearing being very good, her memory retentive and her mind clear.

Mrs. Mertz was born August 17, 1817, at Wescoesville, in Lower Macungie township. Her parents were Christopher and Catharine (Ueberroth) Bortz. She married Elias Mertz, 75 years ago. He was a son of General Henry Mertz, whose home was the present poor house property. Their first home was at Dorneyville, where Mr. Mertz conducted a store. Moving to Allentown in the 40's he opened a general store and lived at 725 Hamilton street, which place was wiped out by the fire of June 1, 1848. Later he conducted a shoe store in Odd Fellows' Hall, also at 831, 841, and 819 Hamilton street. Mr. Mertz was the pioneer shoe manufacturer of Allentown. He served three terms as Alderman of the Fourth and Seventh Wards and was secretary of several building associations and a pillar of Salem Evangelical Church. He died December 5, 1883.

They had ten children. Five preceded the mother in death: Jeremiah died in infancy July 16, 1845; Alice, February 15, 1873; Amanda, wife of Peter Hartman, July 10, 1885; Milton H., twelve years ago, and Lewis H., June 8, 1910. The five children surviving are Angelina M., widow of Hon. James S. Biery; Emma, widow of James N. Hersh; Hiram A. and James E., of this city, and Ella, wife of Charles A. Horn, of Philadelphia. There are also 18 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. Three of her sons served their country during the Civil War. Lewis was in Company K, Fifty-fourth Regiment, was captured at Little Cacapon, Md., and held in Libby Prison. Hiram and Milton served under Colonels Good and Gobin in the Forty-seventh Regiment in South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana and the Shenandoah Valley.

Mrs. Mertz was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at the Salisbury Church but soon after moving to Allentown she connected with Salem Evangelical Church, transferring to Trinity United Evangelical after the disruption of 1894. She was a faithful wife, mother and neighbor, and was a Christian in every sense of the word, striving by counsel and deeds, by word and example to exemplify the light that shone within her. She exerted a pure, wholesome influence on those who came in contact with her. She leaves to her posterity a rich legacy of a life well spent that is well worthy of their emulation.

#### JOSEPH N. MERTZ, D.D.S.

Joseph N. Mertz, D.D.S., Siegersville, Pa., is a grandson of Jacob Mertz, who for many years operated the mill at Laury's. He was born Nov. 18, 1793, and was married to Elizabeth Arner and had issue: Carolina, married to Arthur Williams; Ab'gail, married to Francis Brinker; Adelia, married to a Miss Samuels, and Tilghman.

Mr. Mertz died June 8, 1835, aged 41 years, 6 months and 28 days. His remains lie buried in the old cemetery at Egypt. He had a brother, Jonas by name, who lived in Lowhill and who had two daughters, Leanna married to Dennis Samuel and Sabina married to a Mr. Seip.

Tilghman Mertz, the father of Joseph M., was a miller by trade and for a number of years operated Kern's mill at Kernsville and subsequently engaged in farming. In 1868 his wife Catharine Gross died leaving no issue. Five years later he was married to Amanda Sell and removed to Seagersville where he resided until his death. His later years were spent looking after his three farms. He was one of North Whitehall's prosperous and influential citizens. He was a director in the Second National Bank of Allentown, and a devoted member of the Jordan Reformed congregation, serving many years a deacon. To him and his second wife were born two children: Joseph N., and Lizzie, the wife of Morris Miller, Allentown, Pa.

Joseph N. Mertz, D.D.S., was born at Siegersville, Oct. 29, 1884. He was graduated from the township schools in 1901, took a preparatory course in Perkiomen Seminary and in the fall of 1903 entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery from which he was graduated in 1905. Upon graduation he opened an office in his native village and has succeeded in building up a large practice. He owns the large farm on which his father resided and takes pleasure in overseeing it. Mr. Mertz is prominent in fraternal circles being a member of Lehigh Lodge, F. and A. M., Trexlertown; Allentown Chapter and council; Lehigh Tribe Order of Redmen, Allentown, a charter member of the Coplay Council J. O. U. A. M. He is a deacon in the Jordan Reformed Congregation and in politics a Democrat. On June 25, 1907 he was married to Mettie May Schwartz, a daughter of Victor B. Schwartz. They have one son, Tilghman Victor. Mr. Mertz is a member of the Lehigh Valley Dental Society, the Susquehanna Dental Society and the State Dental Association.

#### JACOB I. A. MERTZ.

Jacob Mertz, father of Jacob I. A. Mertz, a merchant at Slatington, was born in Schuylkill county in the vicinity of Tamaqua where he was brought up and had his residence for some years, when he went to Colorado and carried on the business of mine-owner and herdsman. The life there not proving satisfactory after a trial of some time, he returned to Tamaqua, but on his way home he took sick and died shortly after his return. His wife was a daughter of Christian and Caroline (Straub) Henry, and they had

one son, Jacob I. A. After the death of her husband she married Alfred Muthart, a veteran of the Civil War, who served as a soldier in the 67th Regiment of Penna. Volunteers.

Jacob I. A. Mertz was born in 1867 at Wanamaker, in Lehigh county, and he received his education in the local schools and Brunner's Business College at Reading. When only sixteen years old he was appointed to fill the position of station agent at Lynnpport on the then Berks County R. R. (now the S. & L. R. R.) and he served it satisfactorily for five years when the P. and R. R. Co. subsequently had him to fill similar positions along its system at Denver, Lancaster, and Slatington, for six years; then he became an extra telegraph operator and station agent for the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. along its system from Wilkes-Barre to New York, and he served this company satisfactorily for seven years. In January, 1908 he engaged in the mercantile business at Slatington, on Main street near the railroad station and he has continued there until the present time. In 1910 he purchased the store property and, after building an addition to it, also embarked in the livery business. In politics he adheres to the Democratic party.

Mr. Mertz was married to Perling A. Smith, daughter of Frank and Ella (Krum) Smith, and they have five children: Alma, Roy, Gertrude, Lawrence and Ethel. They are members of the Lutheran church. While still a boy, Mr. Mertz took great interest in the Sunday school work at Lynnpport and for some years acted as secretary.

#### METZGER FAMILY.

Conrad Metzger is the progenitor of a large and early settled Pennsylvania family. The first definite record of him is found in the tax-list of 1757 of Maxatawny township, Berks county. There he was married and reared a family. Among his children was a son, Conrad, Junior. The pioneer was a farmer near Rothrocksville, Pa., and his homestead is still in the family name. John Metzger is the present owner. He succeeded his father, Henry, a son of Heinrich, a son of Conrad. The ancestor was first buried on a private graveyard but later during the nineties, he was reinterred and buried in the cemetery of the Maxatawny Zion's Church.

Conrad Metzger Junior, after the birth of his son, Jacob, in 1776, but prior to the year 1800, had settled in Heidelberg township, now Lehigh county. There he owned property and is believed to have died and that he was buried on the old graveyard of the Heidelberg Church. His wife, Anna Maria, was born Sept. 4, 1745, and died on May 12, 1828, at the ripe age of 82 years, 8 months and 8 days. She is buried on the old



graveyard at Heidelberg Church. They had a large family and among their children were: Elizabeth (1769-1839), married to Conrad Bloss; Eva (1770-1839), married to J. George Bloss; Jacob; John and Christian, born May 7, 1789, died July 21, 1854.

Jacob Metzger was born in Maxatawny, July 27, 1776, and before the year 1800 had settled near the Heidelberg Church where he owned upwards of 200 acres of land which is now divided into three farms. He died on April 17, 1845. He was married to Anna M. Schlichter, born July 31, 1776, and died on April 9, 1860, in her 84th year. Both are buried at the Heidelberg Church. Their five children were: John, Maria (1801-1868), married to Michael Wehr; Katie, married to Daniel Peter; David and George.

John Metzger, son of Jacob, was born March 20, 1807, and died Sept. 20, 1889. He owned and lived upon a small farm near the Heidelberg Church. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Jacob Snyder. Their children were: Edwin, Messina, Jonas, Mary, Harrison, Lewis, Moses and Wilson.

Moses Metzger, of Heidelberg township, was born in that district in 1846. He learned the shoemaking trade but spent most of his life upon the farm. He owns and occupies a valuable 62-acre farm since 1873, and in that year he built the present brick house. He was the custodian and care taker of the graveyard and cemetery of the Heidelberg Church; and it is said for Mr. Metzger that these sacred acres had never been kept in a better condition than during the years that he had charge over them.

He was married in 1872 to Louisa Krause, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Klotz) Krause, of Heidelberg township. They are members of the Reformed congregation of the Heidelberg Church. Their seven children are, viz: Samuel, of Laurys; Alice, married to A. J. Harter, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Lillie married to Blassius Hoffman; Percy M., of Allentown; Owen and Harvey, who died aged 13 years.

Owen W. Metzger, of Allentown, a member of the firm of Wetherhold & Metzger, shoe merchants at 714 Hamilton street, was born in Heidelberg township, April 8, 1882. He was educated in the public schools, Slatington Seminary and the Allentown Business College. In 1900 he entered the employ of H. Leh & Company, in their shoe department, and later represented their sales' department in the western states for a period of nine years. On April 11, 1908, he formed a partnership with G. A. Wetherhold and they opened up a modern shoe shop at their present address.

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Socially Mr. Metzger is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., and the Sons of Veterans, of Allentown.

On April 5, 1906, he married Sadie Fretz, a daughter of William Fretz, of Doylestown, Pa. They have a daughter, Dorothy F.

John Metzger, son of Conrad, was born Oct. 2, 1786, and for some years he was a laborer at Cementon, but the last nine years of his life he made his home with his son, Elias, at Ruchsville with whom he died on May 24, 1856, aged 71 years, 7 months and 22 days. His widow Maria (Polly) *nee* Siegfried, was born April 18, 1785, and died at Siegersville Nov. 13, 1863, in her 79th year. They are buried at Egypt. Their children were: Elias, Nathan, Elizabeth, married Ephraim Burger, of North Whitehall; Mrs. Stephen Miller, of Bath, Pa., and Mrs. Sallie Buchman.

Elias Metzger, son of John, was born in 182- and he died in 1886, and is buried at the Jordan Lutheran Church. He was a blacksmith for many years at Siegersville. His wife was Mary Sieger. They had these children: John, Clinton, deceased; Mary and Samuel.

Nathan Metzger, son of John, was born Sept. 8, 1814, and when a young man he lived in the vicinity of Siegersville and from there came to Allentown and for some years was a clerk in the store and later he conducted a clothing store on Hamilton street.

He died suddenly on Oct. 12, 1877, while he was on his way to call upon his friend, Jonas George. He was buried in the Union cemetery, in Allentown.

On Nov. 22, 1851, he was commissioned clerk of Court of Quarter Sessions, clerk of Orphans' Court and clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer. He was appointed a member of the relief committee after the great fire in 1848, rendering valuable services to the town.

He married Rebecca Worman. She was born Feb. 23, 1818, and died Dec. 26, 1884. Their children were: Thomas B. and Maria, who was the wife of Dr. Henry Grim, an aged physician, of Allentown.

Thomas B. Metzger, Esq., a native of Allentown, was born Dec. 25, 1839, and died at New Tripoli Oct. 2, 1908. He is buried on Fairview cemetery, at Allentown.

He was admitted to practice at the Lehigh county bar April 7, 1862, and in Oct., 1868, was elected district attorney. He was a delegate to the national convention at St. Louis that nominated Samuel J. Tilden for president.

He and wife are buried on the Fairview cemetery. His wife, Susan Schweitzer, was a daughter

ter of the late Simon Schweitzer, who lived at 926 Hamilton street, where Col. Trexler now lives. Mr. Schweitzer was a manufacturer of pianos and was borough surveyor of this city. They had children as follows: Lillian E. (m. John T. Williams, of Catasauqua), Ralph R., Malcolm, who is proprietor of a drug store at Bethlehem, Pa.; Thomas B., Jr., of Johnstown, Pa.

**RALPH R. METZGER**, attorney-at-law, was born in Allentown, in the year 1870. He was educated in a private school and in Muhlenberg College from which he was graduated in 1888. He read law in the offices of his father and in Jan., 1892, was admitted to practice before the Lehigh county courts and in 1894 was admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court. Mr. Metzger is prominent socially, being a member of the various Masonic bodies of Allentown and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; the Livingston Club and the Lehigh County Historical Society.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Longenecker, a daughter of the late Hon. Henry C. Longenecker, whose full sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

**MALCOLM METZGER** is the proprietor of a drug store at No. 10 South Main street, Bethlehem, Pa. He was born in Allentown, June 2, 1876, was educated in a private school of his native city, in Muhlenberg Preparatory School and in Muhlenberg College.

In 1895 he came to Bethlehem as manager of the American Medicine Company Store, and in 1910 he bought out the stock, good will and fixtures of it and conducts the store along modern lines in a successful manner.

He was elected president of the Industrial Commission of Bethlehem in 1912, and the following year was re-elected to the same office; member of the Bethlehem Club the I. O. O. F., and the Grace Lutheran Church, of which he is a trustee since 1910.

He was married on Feb. 8, 1899, to Mame A. Keck, a daughter of Benjamin D. and Mary A. (Schick) Keck. They have an only son, Malcolm Thomas Metzger.

**THOMAS B. METZGER, JR.**, of Johnstown, Pa., was born Feb. 11, 1880, in Allentown. He was educated in private schools; attended Mercersburg Academy in 1894 and '95 and the Muhlenberg Preparatory School for one year. He began his business career in the office of William D. Miers, an insurance broker. Afterwards he accepted a position in the office of the Crane Iron Company, at Catasauqua, Pa. He then became the office manager for the Lupton Portland Cement Company, in Bay City, Michigan, and from

there he entered the employ of the Cambria Steel Company, of Johnstown, Pa., as cost clerk. He was soon promoted to be the assistant to the superintendent of construction at the Franklin plant, then he was made the chief clerk in the general office of the mechanical department and his next promotion was that of assistant superintendent of the Franklin Mechanical Department, which position he now serves with merit.

Socially, Mr. Metzger, is a member of Cambria Lodge, No. 278, F. & A. M.; Portage Chapter; Oriental Commandery, Knight Templars of Johnstown, Pa., and the Ja Ja Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Altoona, Pa.

He was married Nov. 9, 1907, to Ada May Dowdell, of Bay City, Michigan. They have one son, Thomas B. Metzger, III, who was born Sept. 18, 1908.

Heinrich Metzger, a son of Conrad, was a farmer in Maxatawny township near Rothrocksville. The homestead is still about 100 acres. He was a life long farmer. He was married to Catharine Leibensperger. Their children were: Jacob, John, David, Jonas, Henry (Harry), Kate, was married to P. Fister, who owned "Top-ton Boy," a racer of note; and Susan, married to Henry Wickert.

Jacob Metzger died at Lehighon, Pa., where he was a hotelkeeper. His wife was a Hoch, and their children were Maria, Daniel, and Fianna (m. to Levi Fenstermacher).

John Metzger owned the homestead for a number of years, then sold it to his brother, Henry, and moved to Allentown where he kept a hotel at the northeast corner of 10th and Hamilton streets. His wife, Lydia Trexler, bore him these children: William, Alfred, Maria, Lizzie, and one other daughter.

David Metzger, the third son of Heinrich, kept the hotel at New Smithville for some years, and from thence moved to Johnstown, Pa. There he kept a hotel until he was killed by the collapse of a bridge crowded with people waiting to see President Andrew Johnson pass by in 1866. His wife was a Levan and their children were: James L., Henry, Alfred, Charles, Emma, Martha, and another daughter whose name is not remembered.

Jonas, the fourth son of his father, was born in 1813 in Maxatawny township. He was a tailor near Spring Creek Creamery and later near New Smithville where he became a farmer and brick manufacturer. He and his family were Reformed members of the Maxatawny Church. He married Anna Steininger, a daughter of George Steininger. She died, aged 75 years. He died at Allentown in 1901 in his 89th year. Their children were Alfred and

Henry, deceased; George, William, deceased; Rev. Blockadus, of Boundary, Indiana, and Jacob, deceased.

Henry Metzger was born on the homestead in Maxatawny. He began farming at New Smithville where he owned his own farm which he sold to his brother, Jonas, then bought the old homestead near Rothrocksville. There he farmed until his death. Like unto his forbears he was a member of the Maxatawny Zions' Church. His wife was Elizabeth Acker. She died at a ripe age a blessed and most glorious death. She spoke of heaven and described persons that were there and beckoning her to come home. She was conscious to the last. Their children were: Mary (m. Sell D. Kutz), Daniel J., Catharine (m. James Bower), Eli, Ida (m. W. Welder), John and Preston.

George Metzger, a traveling salesman of Allentown, was born near Monterey, July 17, 1846. He taught school in 1862 and afterwards clerked in a store at Mechanicsville and later for seven years in Allentown. Since the year 1870 he is a traveling salesman, selling groceries throughout Lehigh, Berks, Northampton and Schuylkill counties. He is a member of the Reformed Church and these lodges: The Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the P. O. S. of A. In 1896 he built himself a fine residence at No. 30 North 12th street, Allentown. He married in 1887 Elmira J. Balliet. She died Jan. 1, 1911, aged 62 years less 28 days. Their children are Annie E., Edgar G. (m. Bessie Sieger), and Caroline F.

Daniel J. Metzger, son of Henry, is a farmer near the Mill Creek creamery in Maxatawny township. He was born at New Smithville, Jan. 15, 1846. He was engaged in farming his father's homestead until 1879, after which he moved upon his present farm which came into his possession by the death of David Kunkel in 1887. He was married twice, first on Dec. 25, 1879, to Sarah E. Komp, a daughter of Benjamin and Betsy (Wisser) Komp, who was the proprietor of Komp's mill in Mill Creek Valley for many years. Their children are: Harry B. D., Charles T. J., and Sallie E., the wife of Edgar Hering.

Mr. Metzger and his family are members of the Lutheran Church and he has served the Lutheran congregation in the office of deacon, elder and trustee.

Harry B. D. Metzger, the assistant postmaster at Egypt, Pennsylvania, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Feb. 25, 1882. He was educated at the "Mill Creek" school house, the K. S. N. S. and the American Commercial School at Allentown. He was bookkeeper for John Yost until 1901, when he entered the employ of E. E.

Long and Company as bookkeeper. He served this position until in 1908, when he became the private secretary of Hon. O. E. Leh at Egypt. In politics he is a Republican and in 1907 was appointed the assistant postmaster. He also served Whitehall township as auditor for two terms and is a member of the John Hay Republican Club. Socially he is a member of the I. O. R. of M., No. 97, of Egypt, and the K. G. E., No. 110, of the same place, also Modern Woodman of America, No. 8576, of Cementon. On Mar. 26, 1907, he married Amy Guth, daughter of Allison and Sarah (Snyder) Guth. They have three children, viz: Herman D., Albert C., and Althea G.

MEYER FAMILY.

This family settled early in Whitehall township, where, in 1781, the tax list contains the names of Peter, Jost, John and John Meyer. The baptismal records of the Egypt Church contain forty birth entries between 1775 and 1810. Besides the above named, children were born to Jacob and Elizabeth, Martin and Margreth, Andreas and Martha, before 1790. Peter and Catharine Meyer appear to have been among the oldest ones and they had the following children born to them:

Elizabeth, born March 2, 1776.  
Magdalena, born Oct. 26, 1779.  
Jacob, born June 23, 1781.  
Peter, born Dec. 30, 1782.  
Catharine, born Nov. 9, 1784.  
Sarah, born Sept. 30, 1786.  
Susanna, born Dec. 30, 1787.  
Joseph, born May 4, 1789.  
Joh. Georg, born Oct. 5, 1790.  
Dorothea, born July 31, 1793.

Peter Meyer, Jr., became a farmer near Mechanicsville, in what is now South Whitehall township. He was a Reformed member of the Egypt church and there he and his wife, Catharine, are buried. They had these fourteen children:

Wilhelm, born Feb. 13, 1807.  
Salome, born Oct. 15, 1808.  
David, born March 19, 1810.  
Reuben, born Jan. 19, 1812.  
Carl, born Aug. 30, 1813.  
Eliza, born Oct. 6, 1815.  
Rebecca, born Nov. 4, 1817.  
Simon, born Dec. 22, 1819.  
Lucinda, born Dec. 10, 1821.  
Christina, born Feb. 12, 1824.  
Adeline, born Aug. 14, 1826.  
Abraham, born March 3, 1828.  
Abigail, born Aug. 2, 1829.  
Elemina, born Jan. 11, 1833.

David Meyer was a merchant and farmer at Ruchsville. He built a brick house in that vil-



lage and he was an enterprising man. At his death he was buried at the Egypt church. His wife was Sarah Miller and they had two daughters, and one son, Franklin.

Franklin Meyer was born in the township, and was educated in the public schools and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He was a farmer. He was married to Amanda Biery, a daughter of John Biery. They had an only son, William H.

WILLIAM H. MEYER was born on Sept. 16, 1864, in South Whitehall, where he is a prosperous agriculturist. He occupies a 98-acre farm situated along the Jordan creek and in the spring of 1913 he purchased another tract of 37 acres situated in Whitehall township. He is an industrious and enterprising farmer, and he served his district as a school director for four years, having served the board both as president and treasurer. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Oct. 16, 1886, he was married to Amanda Hummel, a daughter of Owen Hummel, of Whitehall township. Four children are born to them, namely: Minerva, Coletta, Deborah, and Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are members of the Reformed Church and he was one of the organizers of the Union Sunday school at Mechanicsville, which he efficiently served as superintendent, and also as president. He also served the Sunday school board as its president and treasurer.

Simon Meyer, the eighth child of Peter Meyer, was the founder of Meyersville, in South Whitehall. He started life as a tailor and later kept the hotel at Meyersville, where he lived over fifty years. He died Oct. 10, 1902, aged 82 years, 10 months and 18 days. His wife, Coletta Steckel, died seven years before him and she was followed into death two years later by their only son, Benjamin, who succeeded his father as proprietor of the hotel. Simon Meyer was county treasurer from 1867 to 1869. His children were: Sarah, married Israel Troxel; and Benjamin, who was married to Jane Knauss. They have: Simon, of Hudson, N. Y.; Sarah, married Charles Strasburger; and Jennie, married Clayton Snyder.

#### OTTO MEYER.

The father of Otto Meyer was Wilhelm Meyer, a tailor of Germany and a member of the Lutheran church. He died in 1840 exactly twenty weeks after the birth of his youngest son, Otto, who was born twenty years after the birth of his next oldest brother.

Wilhelm Meyer was married to Sophia Steinbeiser, who died in 1874, aged 74 years. Their three children were: Edward, a butcher; Lewis,

a tailor, and Otto who is the only one now living and the only one of the family to emigrate to the United States.

Otto Meyer, a retired butcher of Allentown, was born at Frankenhäusen, Schwartzburg, Rudolstadt, Germany, Jan. 10, 1840. He attended school according to the German curriculum until he was fourteen years old. He then learned the butcher trade which he followed in his native country until his emigration to the United States, landing at Philadelphia on April 14, 1867. There he continued working at his trade until he came to Allentown in August, 1868. At Allentown he carried on an extensive and successful butcher business for a period of forty-six years and after an activity of a half century in the business he retired in 1904, being succeeded by his son Gerhard. He has been a most industrious and enterprising man and in 1881 materially assisted in having the large Adelaide Silk Mill located at Allentown.

He married, Jan. 30, 1870, Maria Klingler, born Feb. 6, 1848, whose parents' full history appears in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are members of the Lutheran church. This denomination prevailed strongly in the Fatherland, in the province where Mr. Meyer was born. Their four children are: Gerhard H.; Maria Josephine, the wife of Rev. A. W. Lambert, at South Bethlehem; Emma, is married to Carl P. Berger, an architect in Philadelphia; and Catharine, the wife of Charles Mertz, a baker in Allentown.

Gerhard H. Meyer, the oldest son of Otto, was born at Allentown, March 5, 1871. He learned the butcher business in his father's establishment and was employed by him until in 1895 when he engaged in the business for himself. After the retirement of his father in 1904 he succeeded him. He was located at 1139 Hamilton street from August, 1910 until in 1912.

He is a member of the Allentown Lodge No. 130, B. P. O. E. He married Clementine A. Schnurman in 1895. She is a daughter of Joseph Schnurman, whose full history appears in this volume. They have one son: Adolph Meyer, born Sept. 13, 1901.

#### J. GOTTLÖB MEYLE.

J. Gottlob Meyle, a son of Jacob and Catharine Von Monsperger, was born in Thamm, Wurtemberg, September 10, 1841. He emigrated to America in 1867, locating at Catasauqua, Pa. Here he followed the baking business until 1877, when he located at Coplay and established the first bakery at this place where now the Egypt Bakery Company is located. He built the Columbian Hotel at Second and Cop-



*F. Gottlob Mezger.*





lay streets which he afterwards sold to Charles Alberts. In 1900 he sold his business and plant to the Egypt Baking Company, remaining with the same company one year as manager. The same year, 1900, he made a trip to his native country, visiting his mother, his brother Gottfried and his sisters Fredericka, Catharine and Caroline. He also attended the Passion Play, the Paris Exposition and visited the leading European cities including a trip up the Rhine. In 1901 he established a new bakery now operated by W. P. Miller, located at 8 North Second street. He successfully conducted this bakery until 1906 when he sold out to W. P. Miller and in the same year erected the beautiful Meyle residence on Second street, one of the most substantial and beautiful homes in Coplay. After disposing of his baking business he lived retired until he died on June 7th, 1909. His family still resides in the Meyle homestead. Mr. Meyle was a loyal supporter of St. John's Lutheran church, having been a member of the finance committee when the church was constructed. He was one of the leading citizens who assisted in securing the trolley line through the borough of Coplay. He was one of the organizers of the Coplay National Bank in 1909, and served as one of the directors until his death. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and served his borough for a number of years as councilman and justice of the peace. He was a member of Porter Lodge No. 284, F. and A. M.; Catasauqua Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Reading; Lodge No. 847, I. O. O. F.; Gellert Lodge, No. 202 D. O. H. of Allentown, and of the Lehigh Saengerbund of Allentown.

On July 30, 1871, Mr. Meyle was married to Sarah A. Miller, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Peter) Miller, of Heidelberg township. They had children as follows: (1) John W., deceased (m. Bertha Erdell), issue: William G., and Roland M., both graduates of the Coplay High School and of the Business College of Allentown; (2) Mary K., single; (3) Carl C., who assisted his father in the baking business and is now looking after the financial and real estate business of the family; (4) George Frederick died in infancy; (5) Rachel E. married to Herbert W. Gerner, chief clerk in the freight office of the L. V. R. R. Co. at Easton. Mr. Gerner, son of Charles and Sarah A. (Sell) Gerner, was born at Slatington. When young his parents moved to Coplay. For seven years he worked for the L. V. R. R. Co. at Coplay and for three years he was station agent at Cementon and since May 15th, 1912, he holds the present position. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerner twins were

born on July 4, 1910, namely, Charles G. and George M.

#### MICKLEY FAMILY.

The Mickleys of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, are descendants of Jean Jacques Michelet, a Huguenot, son of Rev. Louis Michelet, a Huguenot refugee, who belonged to the family of Michelet in Metz, where he was married to Susan Mangeot, of Metz. They fled to DeuxPons, or Zweibrücken, Alsace Lorraine, where their eldest son, Jean Jacques Michelet, was born in the year 1697.

Louis Michelet became the pastor of the French Huguenot church in Zweibrücken, or DeuxPons. The site is marked on the present building which is the town post office. Rev. Louis Michelet returned with his family to Metz, where four other children were born. He died in Zweibrücken in 1750.

His son, Jean Jacques Michelet, left Rotterdam, May 6, on ship Hope, arriving in Philadelphia, August 28, 1733. His name on ship's list is Germanized with many others and is found spelled in different ways, in the various editions of the ship's lists of 30,000 foreigners—Palatines, Germans and Swiss, and Huguenots, who made their homes in Pennsylvania, free to worship God under the leadership of William Penn, whose interest in the Dutch was through his mother who was from Holland.

The settlement in Oley, Berks county, was of French Huguenots, and John Jacob Mickley purchased land through some one in Oley before he arrived in Philadelphia, as stated in the Pennsylvania Archives. He visited his relative, Jacob or Abram Levan in Oley before settling in Whitehall, where he was amongst the early settlers. His first tract of land and house was built at Spring Mills, between Laury's and Egypt.

He married Elizabeth Barbara Burkhalter, daughter of Ulrich Burkhalter, of Whitehall township. They had seven children: 1. John Jacob Mickley, b. 1737, d. 1808; m. Susanne Miller, daughter of Christian Miller, of Lynn township, Lehigh county, Pa., twin of Magdalena. 2. John Martin Mickley, b. 1745, d. 1828; m. Catharine Steckel, daughter of Peter Steckel. 3. John Peter Mickley, b. 1752, d. 1828; m. Eva Keck, of Bucks county, (Bedminster township). 4. John Henry Mickley, b. 1754, d. 1763; killed by the Indians Oct. 8, 1763, on Laurel Hill, near Spring Mills. 5. Barbara Mickley, b. 1756, d. 1763; killed by the Indians Oct. 8, 1763. 6. Magdalena Mickley, twin of John Martin, b. 1745, d. 1827; m. (first) Peter Deshler, son of Adam Deshler,

near Egypt, settled in Schoensville, Northampton county, Pa. She married (second) Michael Bieber; no children. 7. Susanne Mickley, m. Andrew Miller; no children.

The descendants of the Michelet or Mickley family living in the United States, are through the children of John Jacob Mickley. 2. John Martin Mickley, of Lehigh county, who went to Adams county in 1785. 3. John Peter Mickley, who escaped from the Indians Oct. 8, 1763, and settled in Bedminster township, Bucks county. 4. Magdalena Mickley, who married Peter Deshler, and settled in Northampton county, near Schoenersville.

John Jacob Mickley was elected one of the General Committee of the Revolution of Northampton county, Nov. 15, 1776. He served as Commissioner of Issues and in September, 1777, saved the Liberty Bell, bells of Christ church and other bells of the city of Philadelphia, eleven in all. He brought the State House bell or Liberty Bell on his farm team through Bethlehem to Allentown, where he with other patriots of the church concealed it with other bells beneath the floors of Zion's Reformed church, where they remained secreted for more than a year. This history with other items concerning the family is given in the genealogy of the Mickley family. John Jacob Mickley's name is also mentioned in the lists of men of the Revolution from Northampton county, now Lehigh.

2. John Martin Mickley served in the Revolution and removed to Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1785, where many of his descendants live, prominent in the church as clergymen and other walks of life.

3. John Peter Mickley escaped from the Indians Oct. 8, 1763, served in the Indian Wars and was a fighter in the Revolution, serving continually during the war. Many of his descendants are prominent residents of Philadelphia and Bucks county, in Iowa, and other states.

4. Magdalena Mickley m. Peter Deshler. His father, Adam Deshler, was Commissary of Supplies during the Colonial Wars and his house built in 1760 on Coplay Creek, near Egypt, was one of the largest stone houses at the time in the country. There was a stockade around the house to hold one hundred men. To this house the families of the neighborhood fled during the Indian massacre of 1763 and spent three weeks with the Deshler family. Peter Deshler served in the American Revolution. After his death his widow married Michael Bieber. They lived near Schoenersville, where they are buried in the church yard. There were no children of Magdalena Mickley Deshler Bieber and Michael Bieber. The descendants of the children of Mag-

dalena Mickley and Peter Deshler are eligible to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The descendants of these four children of John Jacob Mickley and Elizabeth Barbara Burkhalter (who were buried in the Egypt churchyard, and in 1864 were re-interred in the Mickley's cemetery in the lot of their grandson, Jacob Mickley), are eligible as Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Volume I of the Mickley Genealogy was published in 1893. Volume II is being compiled, giving a full list of descendants of the Michelet family of America, known as Mickley, of the male and female lines, as many belonged to prominent families residing in the United States and their history written in many of the county histories of the various states.

The late Carl Ludwig (Charles Louis) Michelet, a descendant of a Louis Michelet, younger brother of Jean Jacques Michelet, has given a most interesting history of the Michelet family in Europe in his book "*Andenken ans Meinen Leben.*" His grandfather, Louis Michelet, fled as a Huguenot to Berlin in 1720. Prof. Charles Louis Michelet, philosopher of the University of Germany in Berlin, received many honors from the emperor and university and was one of the noted scholars and philosophers of his day. He died in 1894, at an advanced age. He furnished the genealogy of the Norweigan, Paris, and Berlin branches of the family to the compiler of the Mickley genealogy.

March 12, 1913, the Michelet chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in the Declaration room of Independence Hall, Philadelphia, by Miss Minnie F. Mickley, who was appointed regent of the chapter by the state regent of Pennsylvania, Mrs. C. C. Cummings, and authorized by the National Board of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D. C., Feb. 5, 1913.

The chapter is composed of the descendants of the four children of Jean Jacques Michelet and Elizabeth Barbara Burkhalter.

The officers of the Michelet Chapter, members and honorary members of the chapter are lineal descendants of the Mickleys, who served in the American Revolution. The honorary members belong to other chapters, but are affiliated with the Michelet chapter on account of the family history, which is being compiled by the members of the chapter under the direction of the regent, Miss Minnie F. Mickley, Genealogist, Mickleys, R. D., Allentown, Pa., and Washington, D. C.

Vice Regent, Mrs. Cora Irene Wilson, Overbrook, Pa.

Registrar, Mrs. Annie D. Mickley (Joseph Philip) Mickleys, R. D., Allentown, Pa.

Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Louise Lyon (G. Allan), Washington, D. C.

Cor. Sec., Mrs. Grace L. Mickley Harvey (Francis Willard), Washington, D. C.

Rec. Sec., Miss Emily B. White, Philadelphia, Pa.

Historian, Miss Mary Michelet Wilson, Overbrook, Pa.

Peter Mickley, only son of Christian and Elizabeth (Deshler) Mickley, was born in 1794, on the old homestead and was educated in the best schools of that period. From boyhood he labored on the farm and in the course of time succeeded to the ownership of the family homestead. He was active in township affairs, and for many years held the office of school director. He was an active member of the Reformed congregation of Mickley's church. He was married to Annie Butz, a daughter of Abraham Butz. They were the parents of the following children: Abraham; Franklin P.; Caroline, married to Francis Levan; and Alfred T.

Alfred T. Mickley, son of Peter and Anna Mickley, was born Oct. 20, 1844, in Whitehall township. He received his education in the public schools of his native place, and Easton, and in the Freeland Seminary at Trapp, Montgomery county, Pa. Like his father he was reared on the farm and in 1875 he started to farm for himself and continued farming a tract of 80 acres until 1900, when he retired. Forty acres of his farm was originally Mickley land. He took an interest in township affairs, having filled the office of assistant assessor for one term and of assessor for six years. He has been very prominently identified with the Reformed congregation of Mickley's church, served the congregation faithfully as deacon, elder, and trustee, for many years. He was a member of the building committee when the church was remodeled in 1899. Mr. Mickley was first married to Sarah Smith, who died in 1892 without issue. He was married second time to Henrietta Grim, widow of John Parton. They reside at No. 549 Walnut street, Allentown, Pa.

Frank P. Mickley, a son of Peter and Annie (Butz) Mickley, and a prominent resident of Balliettsville, was born in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, near Mickleys, March 1, 1832, which had been the birthplace of his father and grandfather. He received his primary education in the schools of his native town, afterward attending Easton Academy. After leaving school he returned home and engaged in the mining of iron ore, which he found in considerable quantities, embedded in the soil of his ancestral farm.

He continued this for some years, finding it a fruitful source of pecuniary profit, and then turned his attention to agriculture, which he made the business of his life, and in which he proved as successful as his forefathers, until he retired from the active labors of the farm. In his earlier years he was actively identified in the development of the iron ore fields and was also a member of the Balliet Oil Co., with possessions in Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mickley was one of the founders of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, and for more than forty years was one of its directors. In banks and corporations he held the same office. He took an active interest for years in educational work and served for many years as a school teacher. He was a staunch member of the Reformed Church and in politics was a Republican.

In 1854 Mr. Mickley married Miss Sarah A. Butz. They had five children, two sons and three daughters: Ella C., wife of Walter B. Bieber; Mrs. Anna S. Albright; Mrs. Laura A. Eddler; Charles F.; and Dr. Howard P.

Mr. Mickley died at his home in Balliettsville, Dec. 3, 1911, aged 80 years, and is buried at Union Church. His wife preceded him in death.

Charles F. Mickley, a resident of Balliettsville, Pa., was born in August, 1870, in North Whitehall township. He attended the public schools and pursued a course in the Easton Academy, after which he clerked in a hardware store in Allentown for five years. In 1898 he entered the employ of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, where he is still employed. He is a member of Chapman Lodge, No. 637, F. & A. M., and of the Reformed church, at Unionville, where he served as deacon for two years. He married, in 1900, Catharine H. Balliet, daughter of Benjamin Balliet. Mr. and Mrs. Mickley had two sons: Earl B., who resides on the old homestead, and Paul, who died in his infancy, at Balliettsville.

Dr. Howard P. Mickley, a son of Frank P. and Sarah (Butz) Mickley, and a native of Balliettsville, was born Oct. 15, 1866. He attended the public schools, Keystone State Normal School, Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1889, pursued a special course in obstetrics and was physician for one year in the Philadelphia Lying-in Hospital. In 1891 he located at Balliettsville, and five years later located at Neffs, where he occupies the Dr. L. B. Balliet mansion, and has a large field. He is a member of I. O. O. F., Jordan Lodge No. 192, and of the Reformed church at Unionville. He was first married, in 1889, to Maggie Koch, who died in



April, 1900, and is buried at Unionville. They had a daughter, Grace, who died at the age of one year, and two days. He was married a second time, on Oct. 10, 1901, to Anna Kern, daughter of Willoughby and Eliza (Schneck) Kern. By this marriage he has one daughter, Dorothea K.

Abraham Mickley, a son of Peter, was a farmer on the original homestead, where the old stone house is still standing. He was a member of the Reformed church at Mickleys, where he served as an elder for many years. His wife, Anna Maria Erdman, still lives and resides at Egypt. Their children are: Alice, wife of Francis Newhard; Preston; Oscar F., of Balliettsville; Joseph B., and Ida, wife of O. J. Breinig.

Joseph B. Mickley, a son of Abraham and Anna Mickley, and a resident of Allentown, was born in Whitehall township, June 1, 1860. He is a member of the firm of Long and Mickley, with works in Whitehall township. He attended the public schools, the Allentown Business College, from which he was graduated in 1878, and followed clerical work for several years. In 1880 he engaged in cigar manufacturing at Coplay, continuing thus until 1896, and during this time served the offices of justice of the peace and postmaster as a Republican, under President Harrison. In 1896 he engaged in the hotel business at Guthsville, conducting the Center Hotel for four years and then located at Cementon, where he was proprietor of the Laurel House for seven years. In 1907 he removed to Allentown and engaged in his present business. He was a committeeman of South Whitehall and Coplay for several years, and is a member of Zion's Reformed church.

He was married, Sept. 10, 1887, to Laura A. D. Kohler, daughter of Lewis A., and Pauline E. (Newhard) Kohler, of Mickleys. Mr. and Mrs. Mickley have three children: Irene Esther, Joseph K., Jr., and Anna M.

Oscar F. Mickley, son of Abraham Mickley, was born at Mickleys, June 15, 1856. He attended the public schools of his township and followed farming all his life. In 1900 he moved on his farm, near Egypt, where he resides at the present time. His wife was Jemima, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Stofflet) Schadt. Their children are: Eva H., wife of Norman Remaley; Thomas B., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edwin A.; Ida M., deceased; Helen M., wife of Martin Leibenguth; Anna M.; Oscar J.; Jemima S.; David G.; and Matilda S. Mr. Mickley is a Republican in politics and a member of the Reformed church at Mickleys.

Anna M. Mickley, daughter of Oscar and

Jemima Mickley, was born Aug. 25, 1889, at Ruchsville, Pa. She attended the public schools of her township and the Keystone State Normal School, from which institution she was graduated in 1912. She commenced the profession of teaching in 1912, in Whitehall township, and teaches there at the present time. She is a member of the Reformed church at Egypt, and an active member of Scheidy's Sunday school.

#### MILLER FAMILY (LYNN TOWNSHIP.)

The ancestor of the Miller family, originating in the northwestern part of Lehigh county, was Christian Miller, Sr., who was born in Switzerland, and emigrated to Pennsylvania, settling first in Longswamp township, Berks county. He then located in Lynn township, but was driven back, during the French and Indian War, by the savage Indians, to Berks county. Later, however, he again returned to Lynn township and settled upon his land which he had taken up by warrant, in 1749, 1750, and 1767, in all 208 acres, and later he added other tracts. He was married in Longswamp township, and had two sons: Andrew and Christian.

Andrew, the elder son, was born in 1738, and followed farming. He lived on the south side of the Schochary in Lynn township, his homestead being now owned and occupied by Reuben Bachman. He married (first) Magdalena Seiberling, and (second) Ann Elizabeth Schneider, who was born in 1767 and died in 1830. His children were: Maria, Catharine, Mrs. Andrew Straub, and John Miller. Maria married John Dieter Heintzleman, and Catharine married Samuel Kistler.

John Miller, the only son of Andrew, was born in 1790, served in the War of 1812, died suddenly in 1835, and was buried in a private graveyard on the north side of the Schochary. The family was affiliated with the German Reformed Church. He married Maria Rex, daughter of John George Rex, and their issue were: Stephen, Sarah, John, Mary (Mrs. Jacob Holben), Catharine, and Reuben.

Reuben Miller, son of John Rex, was born Nov. 27, 1824, in Lynn township, and attended the common schools of the district. At a suitable age he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed for a number of years, and, acquiring a competence he was enabled to live in retirement at New Tripoli until his decease, May 17, 1904. He married Sarah A. Mantz, daughter of David Mantz, of Lynn township, and their issue were: James A.; Alvena M., who married Reuben H. Fister, and had four children; George D.; William A.; Mary J., who





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married James D. Snyder; and Catharine E., who died, single, in 1912.

HON. JAMES A. MILLER, state senator of Lehigh county, Pa., banker, merchant, and representative citizen, residing at New Tripoli, was born May 3, 1863, in the historic "Sechler House," in Lynn township. He spent his boyhood days on the old homestead, assisting in the labors of the fields through the summer months, and during the remainder of the year pursuing his education in the public schools. He also attended several select schools, and when his education was completed, he engaged in teaching, becoming afterward a successful representative of educational interests in Lynn township. He then entered the employ of his father-in-law, Jonas German, and managed the store and hotel business at New Tripoli for nineteen years, until Mr. German's death, July 5, 1900. In the settlement of the estate Mr. Miller purchased the entire property, and began business on his own account, Aug. 17, 1900. In 1908 he admitted his brother, William A. Miller as a partner in the business, under the firm name of James A. Miller & Bro. His various business interests have been managed in a most successful manner. Early in 1914 Senator Miller disposed of his interests in the store and hotel business to his brother, William A., after having been identified with it for more than thirty years. He was granted commissions to serve as a justice of the peace, by the following named governors: Robert E. Pattison, 1885; James A. Beaver, 1890; Daniel H. Hastings, 1895; William A. Stone, 1900; and Samuel W. Pennypacker, 1905. The first commission was granted in the year he became of legal age, and he served continuously for twenty-five years, until May 1, 1910. From May 1, 1910, he served one year as a notary public, when he was succeeded by his brother, William A. Miller.

In 1903 Mr. Miller was elected a director of the Merchants' National Bank, of Allentown, and he has continued to serve this position until the present time. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. In November, 1911, he was elected state senator by a large majority, and this position he has filled in a most successful manner, to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. In 1914, he was re-nominated by his party for the office of state senator. He is a member of the Masonic Order; the I. O. O. F.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the Pennsylvania German Society; and the Lehigh County Historical Society. He and his family have connected themselves with the German Reformed Church, and this he has served as a deacon.

In 1881, Mr. Miller was married to Louisa

G. German, daughter of Jonas German, and they have a son, Ralph E.

Ralph Edgar Miller, son of Senator James A. Miller, was born at New Tripoli, Jan. 26, 1882. He received his preliminary education at the village school, and West Chester State Normal School, after which he attended Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1905. He then entered the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, and served an apprenticeship of three years. During this time, in 1907, he became married and this having inclined him to a business career, he located at Collegeville, and engaged in the business of conducting a grist-mill in connection with dealing in feed, grain, etc., and in this he has continued until now. He was married to Alma J. Clamer, daughter of Francis J. Clamer, of Collegeville, and they have two children, Margaret Louise, and Robert Clamer.

GEORGE D. MILLER, farmer near New Tripoli, was born in Lynn township, Feb. 27, 1871. He was reared on the Miller farm near New Tripoli, which is now owned by Reuben H. Fister, his brother-in-law. For a period of six years he conducted the farming operations for his father on the homestead and in 1904 he began farming there for himself. On March 16, 1905 he located upon the 74-acre farm which he purchased, and now occupies. This was formerly the Peter Moyer farm for many years.

In 1891, Mr. Miller was married to Josephine Old, daughter of Joshua Oldt, and they have three children: Annie V., Charles R., and Elmer G. They are members of the Reformed congregation which worships in the Ebenezer church, and Mr. Miller has served it successively as deacon and trustee. Mr. Miller is a Democrat, and was elected registry assessor of the township in the fall of 1911.

WILLIAM A. MILLER, merchant at New Tripoli, was born at that place on Aug. 28, 1876, and he received his education in the township schools. He was reared on a farm until he became twenty years old, then entered the general store of Jonas German as a clerk and continued there for five years. In 1900 he began clerking in the store of his brother, James A. Miller, state senator, and, after serving him faithfully for eight years, he was admitted as a partner in the business, trading as James A. Miller and Bro. They have been large and successful dealers in general merchandise at New Tripoli and also conduct the "Hotel German" at that place. Early in 1914, Mr. Miller purchased his brother's interest in the store and hotel business and conducts it alone. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., at New Tripoli; of the

Odd Fellows, at Steinsville, and of the I. O. O. F. Encampment at Jordan. He was married on June 27, 1907, to Mabel Krause, daughter of Jacob and Sabina (Smith) Krause, and they have two children: Lillian M. and Lawrence W. They are members of the Ebenezer church, of which he is one of the deacons.

Christian Miller, the younger son of Christian Miller, Sr., was born on the old Miller homestead, Jan. 6, 1741, and died in 1778. He married Maria Butz, and they had four children: John, Christian, Daniel, and Peter.

Peter Miller, the youngest son of Christian and Maria (Butz) Miller, was born Jan. 19, 1772. He made the historic "Peter Miller" grandfather clocks, which became noted all over eastern Pennsylvania, and was an exceptional mechanic in wood and brass materials. He lived all his life on the old homestead. He died Aug. 22, 1855, and was buried in the Miller family burial ground in Lynn township. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. He married, in March, 1793, Maria Magdalena Bachman. She was born Oct. 20, 1773; and died May 26, 1864, aged 93 years, 7 months, and 6 days. Their issue were: George; Jonas; Peter; Maria (Mrs. George Bausch); and Abigail (Mrs. Jacob Ettinger).

George Miller, the oldest son of Peter, was born in Lynn township, Feb. 10, 1798, and died in June, 1865, aged 67 years, 3 months, and 25 days. He lived on an adjoining farm to the homestead, which is now the property of G. J. Bausch. He built the present barn on that farm. In politics he was a Whig, and he served the district as a school director for a number of years. He was a member of the Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli, until the erection of the St. Peter's church at Lynnvillle. He served the various offices in the church in which he took an active part.

In 1828 he was married to Mary Ann Ettinger, whose father lived in the Kistler Valley. They had the following children:

Lucy, married to Stephen M. Kistler.

David, died at Millport, in 1859.

William, lived and died at Easton.

(He had been engaged in the mercantile business at Lynnvillle, from 1856 to about 1867.)

Mary, married to Elias Bittner, of Allentown.

Matilda, married to Owen Seibert, of Easton.

Polly, married to T. Krause, deceased.

Joseph, died near Mossersville.

Reuben E., whose history follows.

Peter, who is unmarried and has his home with his brother, Reuben, for more than twenty years.

REUBEN E. MILLER, a retired, respected, and substantial citizen, residing at Millport, Carbon county, Pa., was born in Lynn township, Lehigh county, Oct. 31, 1842. There he attended the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years learned the tanning trade at Neffs. In the fall of 1863 he went to Lehigh, and there followed the tanning trade as a journeyman until 1867, then settled at Millport and erected a large tannery in which he employed a dozen men. He prospered until in May, 1874, a destructive fire occurred and burned down his entire industry, incurring a loss of \$25,000. Broken and crushed in spirit, Mr. Miller, somehow, drifted into the drover business in the fall of 1874 and this he continued with remarkable success until in 1900, when he retired. During some years he bought and sold cattle to the amount of \$100,000. He resides in a modest, but comfortable home, at Millport, since March 26, 1867. Four acres of land comprise the tract upon which he lives these many years; but Mr. Miller owns other real estate at Millport, Weissport, Siegfried, and Mauch Chunk, Pa. He is a director of the First National Bank, at Lehigh; and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, at Palmerton, in 1907, serving it as one of its directors ever since.

Mr. Miller is a modest, unassuming, and honest citizen. He goes about his business in a quiet and unpretentious manner and lives the simple life. He is a member of the Evangelical church at Millport; is a most liberal supporter, and has served all the offices within the church. He has not forgotten the graves of his parents, and forebears. On the homestead farm of Christian Miller, his ancestor, is a private burial ground upon which are buried five generations of the family. In 1913 he erected a most substantial concrete wall around this sacred spot. The graves he had fixed up and the tombstones he had imbedded in concrete and cement.

Reuben E. Miller was married (first) in 1872, to Jennie S. Kern. She died in 1873, aged 21 years. They had an only son, Clinton, who died six months after his mother. He was married (second) in 1901, to Martha A. Buck. She died in February, 1911. They had an only daughter, Mary F., who lives with her father.

Peter Miller, the third son of Peter, was born Dec. 4, 1802, in Lynn township. He owned and operated a farm, hotel, and store at Saegersville, from the time he was 20 years old until his death, a period of 65 years. He was the leading business man in his section. He died Sept. 12, 1888, and was interred in Heidelberg church cemetery. He and family were members of the Reformed Church, which he served as

an elder. He married Magdalena (Polly) Saeger, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Pretz) Saeger, of Saegersville. She was born Sept. 6, 1808, and died Jan. 8, 1885. His father was a foremost man of his time, and his family were descended from the royal family of Germany. Saegersville was named in his honor. The issue of Mr. and Mrs. Miller were: Maria, married Levi Krause; William, died young; Matilda, born 1832, died 1893, married Hon. Samuel J. Kistler; Sophia, married Dr. William P. Seipel; Owen A.; Dr. Aaron S.; and Dr. Edward P., father of David A. Miller, proprietor of the *Morning Call*, at Allentown, Pa.

OWEN A. MILLER, a pioneer slate operator, merchant, and business man, of Lehigh county, was born at Saegersville, Feb. 12, 1837, son of Peter and Magdalena (Saeger) Miller. At an early age he assisted his father on his farm and in the store. After the Civil War he became one of the most extensive merchants in the county. During the Centennial (1876) he sold more butter in Philadelphia than any other one dealer in the state. Being a man of original ideas, he was the first person to use or suggest the use of refrigerator cars, and he invented a process of drying refrigerator cars.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and held various township offices. He and family were adherents of the Reformed church at Heidelberg. In 1901 he removed to Germantown, Pa., where the family connected themselves with the Wakefield Presbyterian church. On Dec. 20, 1857, he was married to Mary A. Moser, daughter of William Moser of Steinsville. They had two children: Clara, and Mamie Miller. Clara married James H. Chillman, of Philadelphia, and they have a son, James H. Mamie married Samuel R. Gray, of Philadelphia, an artist of distinction.

DR. AARON S. MILLER, son of Peter and Magdalena (Saeger) Miller, was born July 1, 1839, at Saegersville, Lehigh county, where he lived all his life. He was educated in the public schools and the Allentown and Kingston seminaries; and graduated from the University of New York in 1862. He located at Saegersville, where he had a clientele extending over a radius of eight miles, after an active practice of fifty years, Dr. Miller died Dec. 31, 1914. The present residence was built by his father in 1876. It is a two-story brick building, 30 x 40 feet. Since 1898 he had been a member of the examining board of pensions for the United States government. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A., and of the Heidelberg German Reformed church.

In 1894 Dr. Miller built the present three-

story brick store and hotel property at Saegersville. He also owned the homestead now consisting of ninety acres, besides other properties in the county. On May 17, 1862, he married Sarah K. Mosser, daughter of William and Susanna (Kuntz) Mosser, of Albany, Berks county, and their issue were: Cora A. (Mrs. James Armstrong, Brooklyn, N. Y.); Peter W., of Jersey City, N. J., a telegrapher; Maggie S. (Mrs. Chester Fenstermacher); Sophia R.; and Franklin A.

DR. EDWARD P. MILLER, son of Peter and Magdalena (Saeger) Miller, was born at Saegersville, Jan. 7, 1842, died there Aug. 15, 1888. He was educated in the common schools of Heidelberg township, and entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1865. He began the practice of medicine at Mantz's, Schuylkill county, Pa., then moved to Gilbert's, Monroe county, and later, for the greater part of his active life, he resided at his early home at Saegersville. He was married to Flora A., daughter of David and Susan Peter, of Washington township. She was born Nov. 11, 1844, died Nov. 2, 1905. They had two sons, David A., and Samuel P., whose histories follow.

DAVID A. MILLER, proprietor of the *Allentown Morning Call*, was born at Gilberts, Monroe county, April 7, 1869. When only four years of age his parents, the late Dr. Edward P. and Flora A. (Peter) Miller, moved to Saegersville, Heidelberg township, where his childhood days were spent. He attended the village schools and then entered the Lehigh high school from which he graduated with honors, in 1888. He taught school at Saegersville for two terms, after which he attended the Keystone State Normal School, graduating in the class of 1891. He spent some months in the Palatinate College, then entered Muhlenberg College and graduated in 1894. After this he at once took up newspaper work, becoming a reporter on the paper he later became proprietor which was then known as *The Critic*. In a short time he acquired an interest in the newspaper, which at the time was in its infancy. He gradually acquired the shares of his partners until he became the sole owner. With perseverance and a careful study of the field he placed the paper upon a high standard and one of large influence. Mr. Miller is a member of the associated charities; the Allentown Free Library, being one of its directors; member of the chamber of commerce; member of the Lehigh County Historical Society; has taken an active interest in the Laymen's Movement, and is a member of the Board of Foreign



Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States.

In 1900 he was married to Blanche A. Berkemeyer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis C. Berkemeyer. Their children are: Robert K., Samuel W., Donald P., Paul B., Margaret B., and Julia A. Miller. One son, Edward, their first born, died in 1910.

SAMUEL P. MILLER, son of Dr. Edward P. and Flora A. (Peter) Miller, was born at Sae-

binging it with his manifold duties incident to the publishing of *The Allentown Morning Call*. He has been in charge of the mechanical department of that paper since his graduating as a printer. He is one of the ablest printers in eastern Pennsylvania.

He was married to Cora L. Ziegenfuss, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ziegenfuss, of South Bethlehem. Their children are: Flora A., William D., and Evelyn.



DAVID A. MILLER.

gersville, Pa., July 5, 1873. After attending the Heidelberg township schools, he entered the Lehighton high school and graduated in 1890. He then went to Palatinate College, at Meyerstown, and prepared for Muhlenberg College, where he graduated in 1894. Afterward he took up the art of printing, studying it in every detail and upon the advent of the modern type-setting machinery, he engaged in this kind of work, com-

John Miller was a farmer, and resided in Heidelberg township, in the vicinity of Saegersville. He married Susanna Smith, and their issue were: Catherine, who married Henry Hoffman; Elizabeth, who married John Hoffman; Polly, who married Henry Remaly; Lydia, who married George Henritzy; and Peter.

Peter Miller, son of John and Susanna (Smith) Miller, was born in Heidelberg town-

ship, where he owned and operated a farm, which is now the property of Benjamin Sauerwine. He and wife were buried at Heidelberg Lutheran church, of which they were members. He held various township offices. He was married to Lydia Zimmerman, and their issue were: Mary, born March, 1829; Hannah, born Oct. 24, 1830; Samuel, born Aug. 26, 1832; Sallie, born July 2, 1834; William, born Nov. 4, 1836; Maria Polly, born April 2, 1839; and Leanna, born Sept. 18, 1841. Mary, married Joel Kern; Hannah, married Joel Geiger; Sallie, married Moses Rovert; William, married Lucy Werley; Maria P., married Eli Deibert; and Leanna, married Leon Rader.

Samuel Miller, now an aged resident of Allentown, 83 years old, son of Peter and Lydia (Zimmerman) Miller, was born in Heidelberg township on the homestead farm, where he was reared, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood while working on the farm, until reaching a suitable age when he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some years; then became a farmer in his native township. For twenty-five years he lived on and operated the Joseph Hausman farm, which he finally purchased, and owned for about twenty years. In 1905 he removed to Coplay and remained there until 1911, when he removed to Allentown, making his home with his son, Wilson H. In politics he is a Republican. For some years he filled the office of assessor in Heidelberg township. In religion he was a member, trustee, and deacon of the Lutheran church in Heidelberg. In 1854 he married Mary Peter, daughter of George Peter, of Newside. She died in August, 1908, aged 74 years. They had four children: Sarah, Wilson H., Lewis A., and John F. Sarah married Gottlieb Meyle, and she, as a widow, resides at Coplay; Wilson H., married Polly Dengler, they reside at Allentown and have two children—Daisy and Katie; Lewis A., married Jane Semmel, of Coplay, and their children are Charles and Mary Semmel.

John F. Miller, cigar manufacturer at Slatington, son of Samuel and Mary (Peter) Miller, was born Aug. 31, 1857, in Washington township. He was educated in the public schools, and assisted his father on the farm until 1883. He then commenced in a small way the manufacture of cigars, and has followed this business to the present time (1913), being located at 327 Main street. He is a Republican and served as a councilman. He and family are members of the Lutheran Church. He has served as a director of the Union Cemetery Company, since its inception. He was married, in 1880, to Amanda Mosser, daughter of John and Abbie (Sensinger)

Mosser, and their children were: George J. A. and three others, now deceased.

GEORGE J. A. MILLER, attorney, Slatington, Pa., is a native of that borough, son of John F. and Amanda (Mosser) Miller, born in 1887. In his youth he attended the public schools of his native place; and also Perkiomen Seminary and Keuka College, at Pennyan, N. Y. He graduated from Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, Pa., in 1910. He began the practice of his profession at Slatington and Allentown, and has come to enjoy an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a Republican. He is connected with several college fraternities, having been a member of Theta Lamta Phi Fraternity, which he served one term as high priest.

Among the early settlers along the Lehigh river were a number of families by the name of Miller. Christian Miller located in Lynn township, where he took up a tract of land on April 20, 1749. Adam Miller located at what is now West Catasauqua. He built his first house at a spring near the present site of the Catasauqua depot. Another Miller by the name of Sebastian, located along the Lehigh river about Laurys Station for which he obtained a warrant on the 25th of October, 1749. Another Miller family located on the east bank of the Lehigh, at what is now Catasauqua.

Henry Miller, an extensive land-owner near the borough of Catasauqua, had made a specialty of breeding a fine grade of horses. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Kreidersville church. He was married to Barbara Schreiber, and unto them six children were born, among them being Jacob.

Jacob Miller, like his father, was a farmer, having purchased one of the tracts of land belonging to his father. He was married to Amy Snyder, a daughter of Henry Snyder, of Fullerton. They were the parents of three children: Henry S., Jacob, and Mary, wife of E. Elick.

DR. JACOB MILLER, son of Jacob and Nancy (Snyder) Miller, was born in Allen township, Nov. 18, 1828. He was reared on the old homestead. For many years he conducted his father's farm and later on became the owner of a part of the old homestead which he occupied until 1882, when he moved to Allentown. For a number of years he practiced medicine at Catasauqua. He was a member of the Lutheran church at Shoenersville, later of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of Catasauqua. In 1856 he was married to Caroline B., a daughter of Daniel Snyder. Issue: Ida, married (first) to Burt Stevens, now dead. Married (second) to Stewart McConnell, residing near New London,

Ohio; and Carrie A., who retains the Miller homestead in Allen township. On this tract Jacob Miller, her grandfather, built a stone house in 1836. The original homestead is now owned by George E. Holton. Miss Carrie A. Miller is a member of Trinity Lutheran church and takes a keen interest in its welfare. Mr. Miller was married (second) to Elizabeth M. Koontz, daughter of Adam and Caroline (Stamm) Koontz.

OSCAR M. MILLER's grandfather lived at Emaus. He followed basket making. The family consisted of the following children: John, Jacob, Charles, William, Elizabeth, and a sister, married to Eli Wert.

William F. Miller was born in 1847. He died in Farmington, and worked in the ore mines of Maxatawny township. He was married to Sarah Lohrman, a daughter of Nathan Lohrman. Issue: Annie, married to Abraham Boyer, of Reading; Clinton, baker at Allentown; Robert, of Allentown; Charles, coachsmith, of Trexler-town; Oscar M.; Edwin, of Fullerton; Cora, married to Joseph Haines, of Reading; Elsie, married to Charles Merkel, of Allentown; and Florence. William, Maggie, and Jennie are dead.

Oscar M. Miller, baker, of Allentown, Pa., was born in Berks county, May 9, 1876. He was reared on the farm and when nineteen years of age he learned the baking trade with W. P. Miller, of Alburtis, and followed this trade as journeyman, at Alburtis, Allentown, and at Hazleton. In 1907 he returned to Allentown, and engaged in business for himself at 124½ North Eleventh street. He worked up a business from a very small beginning. The first he served his customers by basket, and later by push-cart. In the fall of 1908 he purchased his present place of business and residence at 1037 Turner street, and erected a two-story baking shop, 40 by 20 feet. He employs six hands and has three teams on the road. On July 11, 1897, he was married to Sarah Long, a daughter of James and Lauranda (Weidner) Long, of Mertztown. This union has been blessed with five children: Helen, Jennie, deceased, Charles, Arthur, Nevin.

FRANK C. MILLER, dealer in crushed stones and contractor, of Orfield, Pa., was born Aug. 29, 1869. At an early age he started working in the stone quarries, his father having followed this same occupation. In 1899 he engaged in business for himself at Egypt, where he furnished stone to the American Cement Company. He employed as high as eighty men. In 1912 he leased the limestone quarry at Troxells crossing along the Allentown and Slatington trolley road. Here

he erected a modern stone crusher and supplied the stones for the new road between Siegersville and Schnecksville. At this place he gives employment to ten men. He is a member of Red Hawk Tribe, No. 55, I. O. of R. M., and the Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., of Allentown. In 1890 he was married to Emma David, a daughter of Aaron David, of East Texas. They are the parents of the following children: Edwin D., William, Lillie M., deceased, and Charles, deceased.

Thomas F. Miller, proprietor of Levan's Hotel, North Whitehall township, traces his family history to John Miller, his grandfather, who resided at Neffs. He was married to a Miss Boyer. Among their children were the following: Stephen, who resided on the old homestead; he had a son, John; a daughter, married to Solomon Boyer, and Dennis.

Dennis Miller, son of John Miller, and father of Thomas F., was a saddler by trade. For some years he conducted the city restaurant and the Eagle Hotel, at Slatington. He was married to Angeline Schneck. They were the parents of the following children: Jennie M., Ida, Edwin, Rev. John, a Lutheran minister located at Nazareth, and Thomas F.

THOMAS F. MILLER was born at Slatington, Nov. 25, 1873. At the age of sixteen he learned the saddler trade from his father. He followed this for six years with Thomas F. Schiffert, at Slatington. In 1907 he engaged in the hotel business at Slatington, where he conducted the American House for one year. In 1910 he became the proprietor of Levans Hotel, in North Whitehall. He is a member of F. O. E., and I. O. O. F. No. 72. In 1902 he was married to Jennie M. Bloss, daughter of Amandes and Sennia (Schiffer) Bloss, of Slatington. They are the parents of the following children: Randolph, Helen, and Walter.

George Miller was born at Hosensack, where his parents settled after coming from Goshoppen, Montgomery county. He was a school teacher for some years. After he moved to Siegersville with his family on a small tract of land, he was employed as a teamster by Mr. Schantz, who operated Schantz's Mill. He hauled the mill and farm products to Philadelphia, making frequent trips to that city. He was constable of Whitehall township for many years. He was married to Miss Kemmerer. Their children were: John; Henry, settled at Lehighon, Pa., and had sons, Alexander and Mahlon; William, also lived at Lehighon; Jacob, remained on the homestead in North Whitehall, and his children: Lewis, Alfred, Henry, and one daughter. The three sons



were in the Civil War. Sallie, married to Henry Seip; Anna, married David Semmel; Joel, lived at Guth Station; Lydia, married Edward Heinrich, and Polly, married John Shoemaker.

John Miller, a son of George, lived on a small tract of land near Guthsville. He was buried at the Jordan Lutheran church, of which he was a member. He was married to Anna Guth. Their children were: Nathan; Frank; Josiah, lived with his uncle, Aaron Guth, where he met with an accidental death; Catharine, married John Miller; Aaron, lived at Walbert's, where he was killed by a train; Henry, died, aged 16 years; Froene, married Moses Guth; Matthias, lived at Allentown; Caroline, married Tilghman Souerwine; Sarah, married Charles Souerwine; John, of Wescoesville; Malinda and Josiah, died small.

Nathan Miller, son of John, was a member of the Forty-Seventh Pa. Regiment, Co. G. He took part in several engagements in the bloody struggle of the Civil War. He was married to Caroline Goebel, a daughter of Solomon and Susan (Hayman) Goebel, of Columbia county. They were the parents of these children: Tusnelda (Mrs. Theodore Cole), Dinah (Mrs. Peter Moyer), and Henry N.

HENRY N. MILLER, son of Nathan, was educated in the public schools of Salisbury and Allentown. He learned the cigar-making trade at Allentown, which he followed a few years. Later on he was engaged in the real estate and hotel business. At the age of twenty he went West, and resided at Chicago for twenty-five years. In 1905 he moved to Texas, where he is the proprietor of "Kings' Inn," in Kingsville, about 200 miles from San Antonio. He has returned to his native place on visits on five different occasions. He is married to Emma Hale, daughter of Enoch and Mary Hale, of Bellevue, Ohio. Mrs. Miller's parents are natives of England. She was born in Ohio.

Frank Miller, son of John, lived at Guthsville, where he followed butchering. He was constable of South Whitehall township for a number of years. He was married to Hettie Sheirer. Issue: Calvin and Katie (Mrs. Quintes Henry).

CALVIN MILLER, son of Frank Miller, was born April 10, 1853, and died in June, 1913. In 1875 he began conducting Guth's Station Hotel, and the store in 1901. In 1909 he was succeeded in the business by his son-in-law, W. H. Troxell. Mr. Miller filled the office of school director for six years. He was station agent for six years and postmaster, two terms, under President Cleveland's administration. In

1873 he was married to Tevillia Deshler, a daughter of Tilghman and Mary (Romich) Deshler. To them the following children were born: Annie, married to William H. Troxell; Morris, of Allentown; Clement, of Guth's Station; and Mary, married to Charles D. Moyer.

John Miller was a farmer in South Whitehall township and there he died and was buried in the old Allentown cemetery. There is a marker at his grave. He owned a tract of forty acres, also an 18-acre tract of woodland. During the panic of 1837 he suffered the loss of a portion of his property. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Susanna Hill, after whose family "Hilltown," in South Whitehall, derived its name. Issue: Daniel, Jonas, John, Mary (Mrs. William Stump), and Mrs. Brobst.

Daniel Miller, son of John and Susanna (Hill) Miller, was born July 16, 1801, at Trexlertown. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. After reaching manhood, he lived in his native township for a period, and subsequently in both Upper and Lower Muncie townships. He followed farming until 1858, when he retired upon a 15-acre tract, which he cultivated until his death, which occurred March 17, 1876. He was an old line "sing master"—sang tenor in the Trexlertown and Fogelsville churches for seventeen years. He was a Democrat, an assessor, supervisor, and also poor director of the county.

Daniel Miller married, March 7, 1824, Maria Hildebeitel, daughter of John Hildebeitel, born July 21, 1804, died Sept. 12, 1865. Issue: Solomon, born March 25, 1825; Tilghman, born Nov. 23, 1826; Elizabeth, born March 10, 1830; Benjamin, died young; Daniel H., born April 6, 1835; Adam, born Oct. 22, 1838.

Elizabeth married, Nov. 1, 1850, Henry B. Fogel; died Sept. 4, 1895, and was buried at Lehigh church.

Daniel H. Miller, the fourth son of Daniel and Maria (Hildebeitel) Miller, was born April 6, 1835, in South Whitehall township. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools and in Stewartsville, New Jersey. In 1853 he began teaching, near Kutztown, and in 1854, near Fogelsville. At Lowhill church he taught for 26 years, and he served for the same period as organist and choir leader in the Lowhill and Morganland churches. He also taught music. At Lowhill church, he also followed tombstone cutting and established a large trade in this line. In 1881 he located upon a farm in his native township and operated it for five years. In 1887 he removed to Allentown and was a tax collector many years. He had studied homeo-

pathic medicine and also veterinary surgery and practiced at times in both these lines. He was county auditor for three years and justice of the peace of Lowhill for fifteen years and for five years in South Whitehall, resigning upon his removal to Allentown. He was very industrious and possessed of more than ordinary intelligence. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and served as an elder in the Cedarville church. Daniel H. Miller married, Dec. 25, 1855, Pauline Herbster, daughter of George and Rebecca (Kratzer) Herbster, born June 19, 1834; died Jan. 4, 1897, and was buried at Cedarville. Issue: Rev. Oscar D., born Aug. 21, 1856; died Jan. 11, 1911; Clinton G., born Oct. 23, 1857; Achilles, born Oct. 6, 1859; Elmira, 1881-1881; Dora Pauline, and Rev. Nevin E., twins, born Jan. 5, 1866. Rev. Nevin E. Miller is a Lutheran minister at Phoenixville, Pa.

CLINTON G. MILLER, the second son of Daniel H. and Pauline (Herbster) Miller, was born Oct. 23, 1857, in South Whitehall township, near Muhlenberg College. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. He began farming on his own account in North Whitehall in 1879, remaining for four years, when he operated a farm in Weisenberg for another four years. In 1887 he settled on the farm he now occupied, consisting of forty-five acres, which was the farm of his maternal grandfather, Herbster. In politics, he was a Democrat; was auditor of township for a period. In religion, a Lutheran member of the Cedarville church, and was a deacon and elder there. He married, in 1878, Elenora M. Gehringer, daughter of William and Sarah (Young) Gehringer, of Weisenberg. Issue: Harvey, of Allentown; Charles, of Weisenberg; Fred; and Bertha Miller.

John W. Miller, son of John Miller, was born Oct. 30, 1849, in South Whitehall township, and died on his farm April 5, 1913. His farm of seventeen acres of excellent land was located near Eckerts. He was a contractor and for many years was foreman for the Weaver Contracting Co. He was a member of the German Baptist church, on Twelfth street. He and wife were buried at Jordan Lutheran church. John W. Miller married Mary E. Fenstermacher, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Mühlhaus) Fenstermacher. She died, Jan. 15, 1906, aged 62 years. Issue: Franklin H. born in February, 1870, died Jan. 29, 1900; Ammon G.; Eugene L., married Carrie Epler. Issue: Warren, Vernan, and Earl Miller. He is a laborer in South Whitehall township.

AMMON G. MILLER, son of John W. and Mary E. (Fenstermacher) Miller, was born

March 28, 1876, in South Whitehall township. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the Allentown public schools. In the spring of 1913 he commenced farming for himself on the old homestead. He is a member of the Twelfth Street Baptist church, of Allentown. He married, June 5, 1897, Annie D. Noll, daughter of Solomon Noll. Issue: John W. E. and Eugene B., and Henry F., who both died young.

William Miller, a native of Germany, emigrated to America at an early day, and soon after his arrival, settled in Whitehall township and is buried at Helfrich Springs in a private burial ground. He bought a large tract of land, which he cultivated and improved to a high degree of perfection, and by his industry and economy amassed quite a fortune (for those days), whereby he was enabled to spend his declining years in comfort. He married and reared a family of children, among whom were sons, William, Jr.; Abraham; and others.

William Miller, Jr., was born in Whitehall township. He was reared upon the farm and attended the schools of his neighborhood. He was a lifelong resident of his native township and became a man of influence and wealth, and ranked among the successful men of the county. He was a large land owner—a farmer and stock raiser. He was the first to discover iron ore in his neighborhood, and this discovery was one of great importance to that community. It was the making of Catasauqua and Hokendauqua the thrifty towns they now are, the greater portion of their residents being engaged in the iron industry. He subsequently owned what was known as the Maria Furnace, named in honor of his wife.

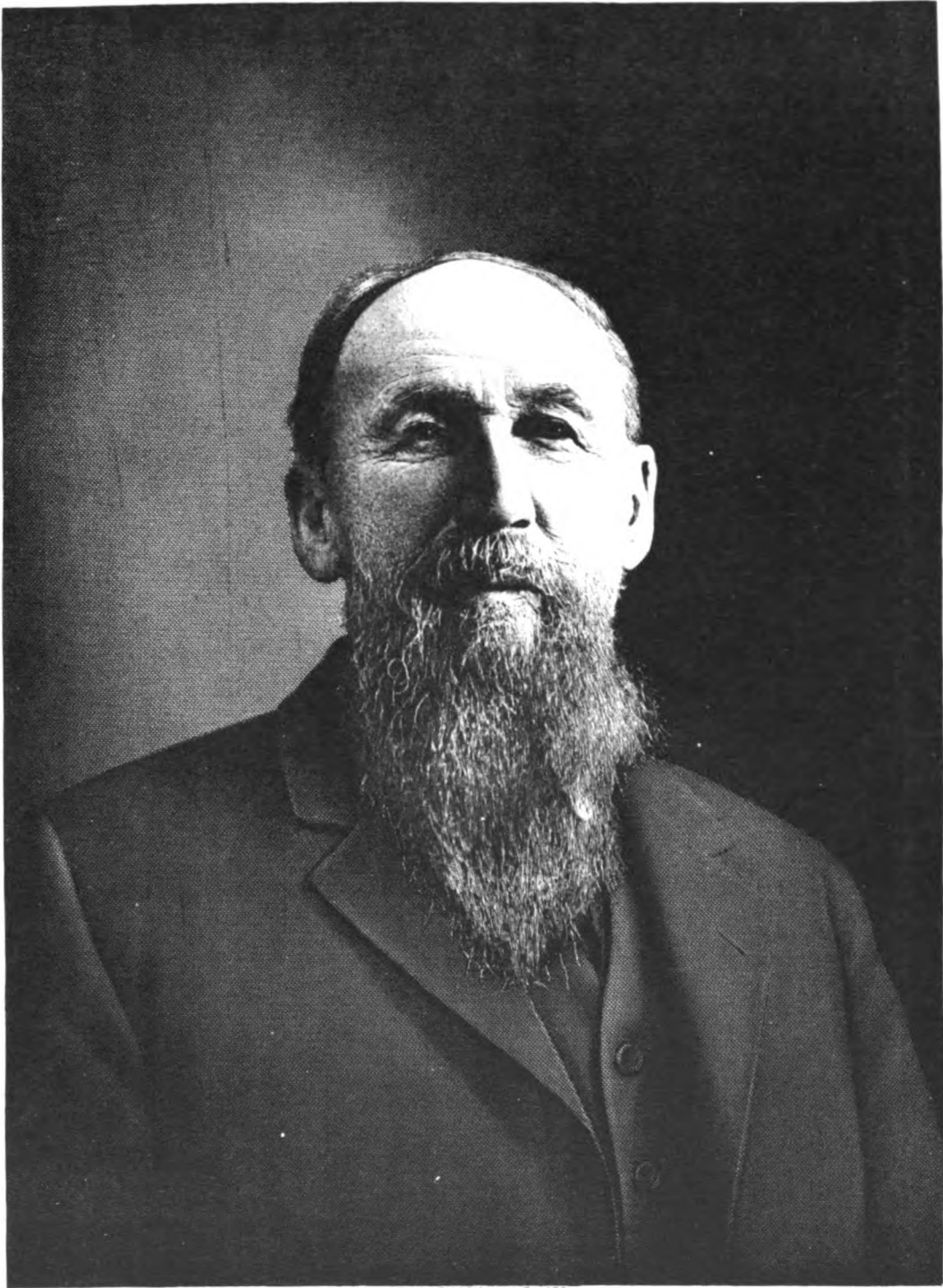
William Miller married Maria Powell. Issue: Powell, a prominent iron manufacturer; William; Joshua, a successful agriculturist; Polly; Catherine; Mary; Deborah; Lavina; Sarah Miller.

William Miller, the second eldest son of William and Maria (Powell) Miller, was born in 1812, in what is now West Catasauqua, Pa. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. In early life he became a carpenter, and did considerable work in that line in Lehigh and Northampton counties. In 1836 he removed to Lehigh township, Northampton county, where he purchased a tract of 120 acres of arable farming land and followed farming and stock raising. He was an honest and industrious man, and his laborers were crowned with financial success.

William Miller married Catharine Brobst, of Whitehall township, born in 1813, and died in







*From the F. G. Williams & Co. 1877*

*Edwin F. Miller*

1846. Issue: Edwin F.; Catherine, died unmarried, aged 61 years; Mary, died in 1912, married Josiah Shoemaker; Matilda, died 1893, married Charles Nicholas; Elizabeth, married Joseph Anthony, now deceased. His widow resides in Allentown.

EDWIN FRANKLIN MILLER, eldest son of William and Catherine (Brobst) Miller, was born Jan 17, 1834, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county. In 1835 his parents removed to Lehigh township. He was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. He remained at home until 20 years of age, then became employed in stone and slate quarries. In his young manhood he located in Scranton, Pa., where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He subsequently developed several slate quarries which he owned, both in Lehigh township, and near Slatington, Pa. He continued along these lines until 1871, when he removed to Allentown, and for five years was engaged in the baking business. In 1866 he established himself in the butcher business, which he followed for sixteen years. In the fall of 1882 he purchased a farm of about forty acres in Salisbury township, now South Allentown. Here he operated the farm, and also a general store and in 1893 he established a hotel, operating this also as "Miller's Hotel," until 1909, when he turned over its management to Charles H. Minnich, his son-in-law. Mr. Miller has been the prime factor in making South Allentown what it is to date, a thriving borough wherein he built twenty-five houses and the Stuyvesant Silk Mill in 1905, which he afterwards sold. He sub-divided his acres into building lots, and sold them on easy terms, thus making it possible for many persons to own their own homes. At one period he owned 300 acres in Salisbury township. He built many houses and developed a large real estate business. He is president of the Keystone Textile Silk Mill in South Allentown; was connected with K. of P., and the Golden Eagles, and was the first burgess of South Allentown, where he is living a life of activity and usefulness. He and family are members of St. Mark's Lutheran church, which he served as elder for four years. He and family have a burial plot in St. Mark's cemetery, South Allentown, where the Miller monument is erected.

Edwin Franklin Miller married, in 1864, Elizabeth Selvies, daughter of Henry and Susan (Beltz) Selvies, of Monroe county, Pa. Issue: Almira J., married Charles H. Minnich, proprietor of Miller's Hotel; William, married Annie Nonnemaker; Franklin A., sand and stone dealer, in South Allentown; Edwin C. E.,

born 1875, died 1909, married Elizabeth Serfas, of Cedarville; and Minnie, single at home.

ISRAEL N. MILLER.

James Miller, father of Israel N. Miller, a prominent resident of Salisbury township, Lehigh county, Pa., the well-known proprietor of Idlewild Hotel, Mountainville, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Pa. He was reared and educated in the vicinity of his birthplace, and his first occupation was that of farmer, from which he derived a lucrative livelihood, and later he was a real estate dealer in and around Berks county, but since 1909 he has led a retired life, having accumulated sufficient capital during his active career to enable him to enjoy a well-earned rest. He resides at Centerport, Berks county, Pa., where he is respected and esteemed. He is a member of the United Brethren Church. He married Pollie Naftzinger, who bore him the following named children: Charlie, died, aged 16; Clara, died, aged 12; Carrie, died aged 10; Tana, died aged eight; John; Catharine; James; Melvin; Israel Naftzinger, of whom further.

Israel Naftzinger Miller was born in Center township, Berks county, Pa., April 22, 1882, on his father's farm. He was educated in the common schools of Center township, and he completed his studies at the age of fourteen. He then learned the trade of electrician (interior wiring) at Reading, continuing along this line for three years and four months. At the expiration of this period of time he enlisted in the United States Volunteers, at Reading, becoming a member of Company M, Thirty-ninth Regiment, and was sent to Vancouver Island, British Colombia, his term of service extending from Aug. 16, 1898 to June 31, 1901, when he was honorably discharged, thus he is a Spanish-American War veteran. He then returned home, where he remained for a short time, after which he again removed to Reading, and there followed his trade for a brief period of time. He then entered the employ of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, erecting and repairing wires from the Atlantic to the Pacific, over the Rocky mountains, deserts, and plains, residing for four years in a wagon, the company being engaged in this kind of work for almost half a century. On Feb. 9, 1905, Mr. Miller rented the Idlewild Hotel at Mountainville, on the Philadelphia turnpike, between Allentown and Coopersburg, situated in the heart of the Lehigh mountains. He has made many improvements in the house and grounds, and the cuisine being of the best. There is an excellent livery attached to the

hotel, this being also under the management of Mr. Miller, and in addition to this he owns and conducts the Schoedler Auto Line, which supplies autos by the hour or day, also touring cars, has a day and night service, with office at Nos. 531-533 Walnut street, Allentown.

He is a Democrat in politics, and holds membership in the Lutheran Church; Lodge No. 72, Fraternal Order of Owls; Aerie No. 110, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Tribe No. 201, Improved Order of Red Men, of Lackawanna township; Lodge No. 446, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Centerport.

Mr. Miller married, Sept. 2, 1903, Katie Eck, daughter of Nathaniel and Catherine (Ziegenfuss) Eck, of Allentown.

#### WARREN K. MILLER, ESQ.

Warren K. Miller, attorney-at-law, and at the present time a member of the house of representatives, of Lehigh county, Pa., is a representative in the present generation of a family that has long been seated in Montgomery county, Pa., and their history is inseparably linked with that of the section of the state wherein Montgomery county lies.

Michael Miller, the progenitor of the line here under consideration, was one of four children, the others being: John Adam, probably buried at the Six Corner Church, an uncle of Reuben Miller; Eva, who resided in Montgomery county; John, who died in 1828, buried at Pennsburg, father of Reuben Miller, who resided in Whitehall township, died and is buried at Coplay, Pa. Michael Miller was a farmer at Red Hill, Montgomery county, Pa. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, in which he performed valiant service. He was an adherent of the Lutheran Church. He married Catharine DeWees, who died at an advanced age. Mr. Miller died in 1826, and his remains were interred in the cemetery, near Oaks, Pa. Children: John; Mary, married John Rambo; Susan, married John DeHaven; Jesse D., of whom further.

Jesse D. Miller, son of Michael Miller, was born near Red Hill, Montgomery county, Pa., in 1826, died in 1909 at the residence of his son, Irvin S. Miller, buried at Trappe, Pa. He was an agriculturist, owning a tract of land at Collegeville, Pa., which he cultivated and improved, and whereon he resided until 1902, when he removed to Allentown, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a veteran of the Mexican War, fought in every battle under General Scott, and was the last survivor of that war living in Allentown, and probably in the county. He also saw active service in the Civil War, serv-

ing in the capacity of corporal. Mr. Miller married Elizabeth Scholl, born in 1824, died in 1901, daughter of Frederick Scholl. Children: Irvin S., of whom further; Elmira, married Milton Frederick, of Schwenksville, Pa.

Irvin S. Miller, son of Jesse D. Miller, was born at Evansburg, Montgomery county, Pa., in 1858, living at the present time (1914) in Allentown, where he has resided since 1886, a period of twenty-eight years. He attended the public schools in the neighborhood of his home, and this was supplemented by a course at Washington Hall, Trappe, and Ursinus College, Collegeville. He was for some time connected with the Perkiomen Railroad, and at the present time he is employed by the Bethlehem Steel Works. He is affiliated with the Reformed Church. He married Emma G. Koons, daughter of Abraham P. and Sarah (Grater) Koons, who resided near Schwenksville. Children: Warren K., of whom further; Eva K.

Warren K. Miller, son of Irvin S. Miller, was born at Schwenksville, Montgomery county, Pa., Oct. 23, 1883, and moved to Allentown with his parents in 1886. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of Allentown; in 1901 he graduated from the Allentown high school; in 1902 graduated from Bethlehem preparatory school; in 1906 graduated from Haverford college, Haverford, Pa.; in 1909 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the Sharewood Law Club, and the Order of the Coif., both honorary societies. He was registered as a student at law in the law office of Francis G. Lewis, and was admitted to the bar of Lehigh county, Oct. 25, 1909, and he has since practiced his profession. He became a member of the house of representatives from Lehigh county, and was appointed on the following committees: Judicial General, Corporations and Insurance, Legislative and Apportionment, and Retrenchment and Reform, in all of which he has rendered valuable service. He is affiliated with the Salem Reformed church, and is a Republican in politics. He is president of the John Hay Republican Club.

#### R. L. MILLER.

Roland Lorentz Miller, the cashier of the Emaus National Bank, is a great-grandson of William Miller, of Upper Milford township, and whose remains lie buried at the Zion's Lutheran church, of Zionsville, and a grandson of the late Edward Miller, of Oley, Pa. Edward Miller married Julia Reppert, a daughter of Jacob Reppert, and was for many years employed at Baer's tannery, in Oley township, Berks



county. Mr. Miller spent his declining years in the little hamlet of Friedensburg, Berks county. To him and his wife were born the following children: Louise, married to Amos Rapp, Mary Ann, married to Hiram Hartman; William R.; Elisabeth, married Levi Rothenberger; Emma, married to Martin Deturck, and Daniel.

Daniel Miller was born April 16, 1861, in Oley township, Berks county; attended the public schools of the township and later graduated from the Oley Academy, after which he learned telegraphy at the railway station at Lyons; and immediately entered into the employ of the P. & R. Railway. He held various positions and worked for a longer or shorter period at almost every station along the East Penn. In 1891 he was stationed at Emaus for the fourth time and remained there until the time of his death, filling the position of agent with credit to himself and satisfaction to the company. Mr. Miller was a well-read man of a genial disposition and enjoys a large circle of friends. He served the borough as school director for three terms, during all of which time he was president of the board. At the last borough election he was honored with the election of chief burgess, which office he served with signal success up to the time of his death, Aug. 27, 1912. Mr. Miller was ever identified with movements and measures tending to contribute to the borough's material, social, intellectual and moral advancement. His political allegiance was given the Democratic party. He never sought public office and of him it may be truly said the office sought the man.

Fraternally Mr. Miller was affiliated with the Reading Lodge F. and A. M.; the Knights Templar of this city; of Lulu Temple Shriners, Philadelphia; Mystic Star Lodge, No. 73, I. O. O. F., Emaus, which he served for seventeen consecutive years as treasurer, and a member of the Emaus Fish Protective Association. He was one of the incorporators and the first president of Emaus Fire Company.

Mr. Miller was married to Emma C., the daughter of John Lorentz (see Lorentz Family). This union is blessed with two children. Roland Lorentz and Florence Judith, the latter is a graduate of the Emaus high school and the Keystone State Normal School.

Roland Lorentz Miller was born in Emaus, Pennsylvania, Feb. 14, 1882. He attended the public schools of the borough, graduated from the Emaus high school in 1898, from the Muhlenberg College preparatory school in 1899 and from Muhlenberg College in 1903. Upon the opening of the Emaus National Bank in the spring of 1904 he accepted the position of book-keeper and in 1909 succeeded Edwin Lorentz

as cashier. This promotion was well merited and met with the approval of the bank's many patrons. Mr. Miller was married, April 28, 1908, to Florence Wickert, the accomplished daughter of Dr. H. T. Wickert, of Emaus. (See Wickert Family). She is a graduate of the Emaus high school, class of 1901, and of the musical department of the Allentown College for Women. They reside in the beautiful home, 235 Main street, Emaus, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Miller enjoy a large circle of friends and are happy entertaining them in their tastefully furnished home. Mr. Miller is a member of the Odd Fellow Fraternity and of the Mercantile Club. During the Jubilee he was chairman of the ways and means committee and much of the success of that event was due to his untiring efforts.

#### JAMES A. MILLER.

Jacob Miller, the father of James A. Miller, of Allentown, was born near the Lehigh church. He followed various avocations; was a laborer, farmer, superintendent in stone quarries and a wheel-wright. He died at the age of sixty-five years and is buried at the Lehigh church, which he had served as a deacon. He was married to Amanda Gabel and they had ten children, among whom were: James A., and Morris A., a salesman at Allentown.

After the death of Mr. Miller, his widow married as her second husband Mr. Bortz. They reside at Allentown.

James Alfred Miller, of Allentown, was born near Alburtis, July 16, 1858, son of Jacob Miller. He was reared in Lower Macungie township and when a young man began working for the Thomas Iron Company at Maple Grove, which was operated by Edwin and J. W. Mickley. There he learned the wheel-wright trade. Afterward he was associated with J. D. Finley in the mining business. He was a stationery engineer for ten years. In 1892 he removed to Allentown and accepted a position as engineer with the L. V. Traction Company, after having first been a motorman on a trolley car for two years. Afterwards he became associated with the Pennsylvania Paint & Ochre Company, which has since been changed in name and continues to be a successful concern and is operated by C. K. Williams & Co., at Bethlehem. In 1905, Mr. Miller became the superintendent of the company and has continued to serve them up to the present time.

He married Maria A. Henninger, a daughter of Peter Henninger. They have the following children: Herbert J.; Estella, married to Clarence Scloser, who is employed by the American

Express Co., at Philadelphia; Warren A.; Bryden, and Robert E., a machinist.

#### WILLIAM J. MILLER.

William J. Miller, tinsmith at Fullerton, was born April 4, 1881, in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, where he was educated in the public schools until he was fifteen years of age. He worked in a pretzel bakery for four years, after which he learned the tinsmith trade with Daniel Mager and Hersh Bros., and followed it for six years at Allentown, two years at Newark, N. J., and seven years at Fullerton. He then embarked in the business for himself at Fullerton and has since carried it on there in a successful manner. He is a member of the Amalgamated Steel and Metal Workers, Knights of the Golden Eagle and Knights of the Mystic Chain.

In 1905 Mr. Miller was married to Bertha L. Gerhardt and they have one child, a daughter, Angeline Florence. They are members of the Reformed Church.

Milton Miller, his father, was born in 1849 in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, and brought up on a farm. He then moved to Allentown and followed the trade of shoemaking for many years. He married Mary L. Nonnemacher, daughter of Charles and Mary (Hagenbuch) Nonnemacher, and they had four children: Wm. J.; Howard C.; George M., married Laura Swavely, and Edward. They were members of the Reformed Church. He died February 4, 1913.

His grandfather was Jacob Miller, a farmer of Schelly's Station, in Bucks county.

#### MILLER FAMILY.

Maximillian Miller was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to America, located at Emaus, where he met with an accident which resulted in his death, June 21, 1900. He was a weaver of quilts and carpets and for some years was engaged in the iron industries, later he engaged in the baking business at Emaus, which he followed until he retired. Mr. Miller was killed while crossing the railroad and is buried in the Moravian cemetery at Emaus. His wife was Susanna Barndt, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Egner) Barndt. They were the parents of the following children: Charles, deceased; John, deceased; Annie, deceased; Mary; Wesley P.; Matthias, Sarah, Edgar, Harrison, William, deceased, and Maximillian.

WESLEY P. MILLER, baker, of Coplay, was born at Emaus, March 26, 1853. He was reared at Emaus, where he learned the baking trade. In 1870 he went to Chicago, where he learned the

cake baking trade. After his return from Chicago he worked for his father until 1877, when he moved to Macungie, where he conducted the baking business for three years, after which he built a place of business at Alburtus which he conducted for twenty-two years. For two years he conducted the L. P. Peters restaurant on North 7th street, in Allentown. In September, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Miller purchased the home, stock and goodwill of the Meyle Bakery at Coplay, where they are at present located and doing a very large business.

Mr. Miller is a member of the K. of G. E. and the P. O. S. of A. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Moravian church at Emaus.

Mr. Miller was married in 1876 to Sallie A. L. Mith, whose parents' history appears below. They had two children, Herbert P., who died June 18, 1900, aged 22 years, who had acquired remarkable skill as a musician. Jacob M., who assists his parents in the baking business.

John Muth was a native of Hesse Darmstadt. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son John, who was born March 18, 1832, and emigrated to America to avoid serving in the army. He located first at Allentown and later settled with the Jacoby family in Salisbury township. Later he settled near Vera Cruz, where he followed the occupation of shoemaker. He died December 5, 1900, and is buried at Emaus. He was a member of the Reformed church, also of the K. of P. and Red Men. His wife, Lucinda Wiede, a daughter of Heinrich and Eva (Dorney) Wiede, was born June 2, 1834; died December 31, 1904. They had children as follows: Sallie A. L., married to Wesley P. Miller, mentioned above; William H., of Vera Cruz, married to Nora Hunsberger, they have two children, Wesley M. and Edwin; he was married the second time to Minnie Covely, with whom he had the following children: Raymond, Verna, Pearl, Florence, Elmer and Lillian; Franklin J., of Emaus, married to Annie Hill. They have children as follows: Jacob, Sallie, Herbert, Eva, John, Ida, Marcus, Anne, Cleo, and Alma.

Adam Miller, a native of Germany, along the Rhine river, emigrated to America in 1747, and settled along the west bank of the Lehigh river in Whitehall township, on a tract of land which extended from the Catasauqua creek to the Coplay creek, and was bounded by the Mickley tract on the west, containing upwards of 200 acres. At that time he was twenty-three years old, and was accompanied by his wife, and a daughter named Barbara. He built a stone

house which, long afterward, came to be situated near the entrance to the Fairview cemetery, and this was torn down in 1892, the stones having been used to fill in the road at the Race street bridge, in the lower part of Catasauqua. He died in 1815, having reached the remarkable age of 92 years, and his remains were interred in the cemetery attached to the Egypt church.

Mr. Miller was married three times. By his first wife he had a daughter, Barbara, who married John George Faust; and five sons, two of whom went to Union county, Pa. His second wife was Catharine Kuhns, who died at the birth of their only child, named William. Her remains were buried at the Helfrich Spring, in a private cemetery back of a barn, where about one hundred bodies came to be buried, and a tombstone marks her grave. His third wife was Elizabeth Haas, a widow, and they had one child, a son named Abraham, who married and had three sons and three daughters.

William Miller, son of Adam by his second wife, was reared by the daughter, Barbara. He became a farmer and erected a house and barn about 1820 on the farm which is now the property of Reuben Steckel. It is said that he and his half-brother, Abraham, obtained the homestead, but the five sons by the first wife nothing. In 1839, he erected a dwelling house at the Biery bridge (Lower Catasauqua) and occupied it until he died in 1840, aged 67 years. His remains were interred in the Egypt cemetery. This house was occupied by his descendants until 1910, when it was torn down. He was married to Maria Paul, a daughter of Frederick and Sophia Paul, who resided where the Thomas Iron Furnace is now situated at Hokendauqua. They had nine children: Magdalena, who was married three times: (1) to Samuel Osman, (2) to Daniel Snyder, (3) Henry Snyder; Catharine, who was married twice: (1) to Joseph Mickley, (2) to Peter Steckel; Paul, who settled in Missouri in 1850; William, who resided near Treichler's; Joshua; Deborah, who married Henry Young, lived for a time near Shoenersville, and moved to Westmoreland in 1837; Mary, who died single; Louisa, who married Tobias Hess, and resided at Spring Church, in Bucks county; and Sarah, who married Solomon Diefenderfer, and resided at Packer Hill, in Whitehall township.

Joshua Miller, the third son of William, was born Dec. 17, 1809. He was reared on the farm and followed farming all his life. He owned the homestead for a time and sold it in 1849 to Robert McIntire, when he bought a farm of 60 acres. He erected a number of dwelling houses in West Catasauqua. He was married to Sarah M. Steckel, daughter of Daniel and Salome

(Keck) Steckel, and they had four children: Amanda, who died in infancy; Robert A.; Rosa A., married William F. Koehler; and Jane E. He died April 10, 1878. His wife was born Feb. 15, 1827, and died Sept. 30, 1902. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Robert Adam Miller, only son of Joshua, was born on the homestead, Oct. 3, 1839. He attended the public schools of Catasauqua, and afterward carried on the homestead farm until 1870. He then carried on different businesses at Catasauqua for several years, and in 1875 opened a store in the "Fuller Block" for the sale of shoes and hats, which he conducted for twenty years, after which he retired. In 1875, he was married to Emma E., daughter of George Siglin, and they have four children: Minnie E., married Irvin Bickert; Ira H., married Beulah Shirey; Jennie, married William H. Davies; and Emma E., married Edwin F. Hermany. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Miss Jane E. Miller, youngest daughter of Joshua Miller, was reared on the homestead. She attended the public schools of Catasauqua, and was graduated from the high school in 1875.

#### W. H. S. MILLER.

Prof. William Horatio Seymour Miller, high school teacher at Allentown from 1897 to 1909, was born in the city Nov. 26, 1867. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school in 1885. After serving for five years as a postal clerk, he entered Muhlenberg College and was graduated with first honors in 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then selected the profession of teaching and followed it in a most successful manner until his decease for a period of fifteen years. He first taught some of the lower schools of the city for three years, by which time his proficiency was so highly appreciated that he was selected as the teacher of classics in the high school. He filled this position for ten years, when he was elected principal of the city high schools and he occupied this responsible position until he died April 26, 1909, performing his duties in an admirable manner. His promising career as an educator of great distinction was cut off abruptly and the community mourned his untimely departure as a great loss to the public system of education. He had become prominently affiliated with the Free Masons, Odd Fellows and Elks of Allentown, and was past master of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., and at the time of his death was high priest of Allen R. A. Chapter. He was



also a member of Allen Commandery, No. 20, K T., and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Professor Miller was married to Emma Bliem, daughter of Rev. Jacob and Celinda (Swartz) Bliem, of Hellertown, and they had one daughter Ruth, who attended the public schools and is now taking a course of higher education in the Allentown College for Women. He was an active member of St. John's Reformed Church, and filled the position of superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He was buried in the Union Cemetery.

Professor Miller's father, Henry Miller, was born at Allentown in 1825, learned the trade of coach-trimmer and followed it for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat, and as such came to fill the position of assistant warden of the county prison for a time. He was married to Sarah Seibert, daughter of Peter Seibert, of Lowhill, and they had five children: Mary, deceased, m. Jacob W. Grim; Anna, m. James N. Rhoda; Agnes, who became the wife of Mr. Grim after the decease of her sister; William H. S., and one died in infancy. They were members of the Salem Reformed church. He died Nov. 14, 1899, and his wife Sept. 7, 1901. They were buried in the Union Cemetery.

Reverend Bliem was a well-known minister of the Evangelical Church. His wife was the daughter of John and Christiana Swartz. They had five children: Sarah J., m. John P. Schneller; John D.; Ella S., m. Osmon Stettler; Laura A., m. Irvin T. Neitz, and Mrs. Miller. He died Oct. 17, 1904, and his wife on Dec. 11, 1912. They were buried in the Union Cemetery.

Professor Miller's widow received her preliminary education in the public schools; then she directed her special attention to instrumental music and voice culture, in which she displayed marked ability and conducted her studies with great success under distinguished tutors. Since her husband's death, she has followed the profession of teaching instrumental and vocal music. She is prominently identified with St. John's Reformed church, a member of the choir, and organist of the primary department of the Sunday school.

John Miller, grandfather of Professor Miller, was born in Allentown in 1789. He was a mason and died Sept. 9, 1828. He married, in 1816, Elizabeth Rinker, who was born Oct. 18, 1787, and died Feb. 7, 1856. They had four children: Mrs. Eliza Washburn; Mrs. Henry E. Kuhe; Thomas, born 1820, died 1899, and Henry. Mrs. John Miller was the daughter of Abraham Rinker, a Revolutionary soldier, born 1756, died 1820, who also served as captain of

a company in the War of 1812, and his wife, Gertrude.

#### FRANCIS X. MINDLER.

Francis X. Mindler, was born in Biern, Germany, in 1826 and emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1840, locating at Tremont, in Schuylkill county. He remained there until 1872, then moved to Allentown, where he died November 16, 1872, at the age of 45 years. He was a weaver by trade, but followed laboring. He was a German Catholic. His widow was Josephine Martin, a daughter of George Martin, and she has her home with her son, who bears his father's name. Their two children were: Emma (who died small, at Tremont); and Francis X., jr.

Francis X. Mindler, Jr., who was born at Tremont, February 9, 1872, his parents having moved to Allentown when he was a babe. At a proper age he learned the finishing trade at a furniture factory, and this he followed for more than twenty years at Allentown. Later, for two years, he was bar-clerk for A. O. Walt; and in April, 1907, he became the proprietor of the "West Catasauqua House." He has membership in the F. O. E., No. 110; and the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 129, both of Allentown. He was married and has a son, Curtis X.

#### MINNER FAMILY.

This family is original to Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and there Jacob Minner died in the year 1809, leaving a widow and the following children: Kate who became the wife of Mr. Hart; Sallie, married William Strauch; Jonas; and Jacob who settled at Reading, Pa., where he died during the nineties. He was a shoemaker. He left a son Henry, who is likewise a shoemaker.

The widow of Jacob Minner, after his death, went to Schuylkill county, Pa., where she married Jacob Fetterman, but they had no issue.

Jonas Minner, son of Jacob, was born in Montgomery county, Sept. 11, 1807. After his father's death, in 1809, his mother gave him to raise in the family of one Adam Bardman, in District township, Berks county. He became a weaver and wove carpets, flaxen cloth and linsey-woolsey. He acquired his own home and a small farm.

He and family were Lutheran members of Huffs church, serving it as an elder twelve years.

His wife, Polly Derr, was a daughter of Henry Derr, of Hereford township. She died in June, 1887, aged seventy-six years. He died in District township on May 9, 1898, in his ninety-first year of age. Both are buried at Huff's Church. Their children were: Franklin D., Daniel, who enlisted in the Union Army in 1861

and during the war was drowned at the mouth of the Mississippi river, Annie became the wife of Jesse Schaffer, John died unmarried, Jefferson lives in District township, Henry lives in Shamrock, Louisa after the death of her sister became the second wife of Jesse Schaffer and Mary is the widow of Edmund Ackerman. She lives at Allentown.

Franklin D. Minner, son of Jonas, was born April 17, 1831. He attended the only pay school about one month each winter. The school master's salary was made up by each pupil paying him at the rate of three cents a day. In that day the wood stove was still used and the willing school boy helped to chop the wood that was burned to keep the school house warm.

In his young manhood Mr. Minner learned the stone mason and plastering trade. He was a boss mechanic for 20 years, employing from seven to ten men, and erected the foundation of many buildings.

In 1904, when 73 years old, he worked at his trade four days. He resides on a 20 acre tract in the western part of District township, and is a substantial citizen.

Mr. Minner has been the assessor of his township for upwards of 40 years. He held the office successfully for 29 years. In point of service he was the oldest assessor in Berks county. He is a Democrat.

He has served the Lutheran congregation of Huff's Church as an elder eight years.

In 1853 he was first married to Eliza, daughter of Nathan Rohrbach. She died June 6, 1873, aged 39 years. They had eleven children: Catharine, married to Robert Hassler, now deceased; Jonas, who died in 1908; Henry, of Hereford township; Elizabeth, married to Abraham Haas; Mary, married to Obediah Yeakel; Frank R.; Alfred, deceased, and four who died small.

FRANK R. MINNER, building inspector and a prominent citizen of Allentown, was born in District township, Berks county, Aug. 11, 1866. He was educated in the public schools and by the use of midnight oil. At the age of 13 years he began to work and when 16 years old he learned the trade of ornamental plastering. Later he was engaged in the produce business for five years, at Bechtelsville, Pa. Mr. Minner having always taken an active interest in politics, served under two administrations in the county commissioners' office in Berks county. He was also a justice of the peace in Bechtelsville borough for 8 years, resigning his commission as a justice and the clerkship in the commissioners' office to come to Allentown, to engage in the general contracting business in which he employed as many as 30 men. He put in the ornamental work in the Orpheum

theatre, Allentown, which is a credit to the city.

On March 28, 1908, from a list of 18 candidates, he was elected by council to the office of building inspector. He took office May 1, of the same year; and in March, 1911, he was re-elected by a unanimous vote. He is a Democrat.

Mr. Minner and family are members of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Socially he is connected with these lodges: Decatur Lodge, No.



FRANK R. MINNER.

33, I. O. O. F., of Philadelphia; Camp 324, P. O. S. of A., of Bechtelsville; Order of Owls, Nest No. 72; and Allentown Aerie No. 110, F. O. E., and the B. P. O. E., of Allentown. On July 31, 1886, he was married to Olivia H. Moyer, a daughter of Charles and Anna (Heinrich) Moyer. They have these children: Ella, Edgar who died in childhood, Octava, Virginia, Charles, Naomi, Leroy died in infancy, Brunetta, Lora and Hallie.

Jonas R. Minner, son of Franklin, was born in District township, Berks county, in 1856, and died in November, 1908, aged 52 years. He is buried at Bechtelsville, Pa., but died in his own home at 804 North Seventh street, Allentown, which he had built just one year before his death. He had been a cement contractor and for twelve years was associated with J. Albert Schaeffer, under the firm name of Schaeffer & Minner. Ear-

lier in life Mr. Minner had learned the plastering trade and this he had followed upto the time he engaged in the cement business. He and family were members of the St. Michael's Lutheran church, Allentown.

He was married, first, to Mary Specht, a daughter of Franklin Specht, and they had the following children: Howard; Tamar; Dr. Edwin S.; Mary, who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1890, aged 26 years.

He married, second, Emma Herb and they have these children: Ralph J.; Irene; Martha Tamar, is married to Preston W. Smith and they reside at Allentown.

DR. EDWIN S. MINNER, of Egypt, was born at Bechtelsville, Berks county, Pa., December 29, 1888, son of Jonas R. and Mary (Specht) Minner. He was educated in the public schools of Pottstown and graduated from the Allentown High School with second honors in the class of 1905. The following year he was employed in the drug store of Robert F. Good, Allentown. In 1906 he registered in the Medico Chirological College, of Philadelphia, and graduated in medicine in 1910. He was elected the resident physician of the Allentown Hospital for the ensuing year and on August 1, 1911, he located at Egypt, where he has built up a very large general practice. In 1914 he erected one of the finest residences in that section of Lehigh county. It is located on a triangular lot at the corner of Main and Siegfrieds streets, Egypt. While a student at college he was vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. and was that body's representative to the students conference at Northfield in 1907. Socially, Dr. Minner has membership in Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., Allentown, and the Independent Order of Red Men, at Egypt. He and family worship in the Egypt Union church, of which they are Lutheran members.

On May 16, 1912, he was married to Carrie Rogers, daughter of John and Ida E. (Zimmerman) Rogers, of Girardville, Schuylkill county. Unto them was born a son, Roger Jonas Minner.

Mrs. Minner is a graduated trained nurse of the Allentown Hospital in the year 1911. While a student at College, Dr. Minner was a member of the Heisler Hollopeter and Fox Societies and was one of the editors of the *Class Record*.

#### MINNICH FAMILY.

Peter Minnich, the ancestor of this family, was living in Allen township in 1785, when he was assessed for 54 acres of land. He and his wife Elizabeth had a son, Peter, who was born May 17, 1776, and died Nov. 1, 1849, in Hanover township, Lehigh county. He married,

April 23, 1799, Magdalena Siegfried, born Oct. 10, 1778, and died April 5, 1859, daughter of Andrew Siegfried. They had two sons and three daughters, two of whom were: Lydia, unmarried, buried at Rittersville; and Abraham.

Abraham, son of Peter and Magdalena (Siegfried) Minnich, was born Nov. 13, 1891, and was a life-long tailor at Rittersville. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He married Diana Fatzinger, daughter of Henry Fatzinger. Issue: (1) Eliza (Mrs. Henry Moyer); (2) Daniel J.; (3) Thomas; (4 and 5) Mary and Alfred, died young.

Daniel J. Minnich, son of Abraham and Diana (Fatzinger) Minnich, was born in 1849, at Rittersville, where he has always resided. He early learned the carpenter's trade and has since followed that vocation. He was employed by James Ritter, of Allentown, for forty years. In 1870, he erected his present home on the Allentown and Bethlehem pike. It stands upon a portion of his grandfather's homestead. He was deacon and elder in St. Peter's Reformed church.

Daniel J. Minnich married, in 1876, Mantana Moyer, daughter of William and Sarah (Fatzinger) Moyer. Issue: (1) Lillie (Mrs. William Reichenbach); (2) Alfred, died young; (3) Ellen (Mrs. James Fogel); Charles W., born 1885, a carpenter, married Jennie Young. Issue: Francis E. M. Minnich.

Thomas H. Minnich, son of Abraham and Diana Minnich, was born June 12, 1854, and died Jan. 3, 1911. He was a brick mason. He was a deacon and elder of St. Peter's Reformed church at Rittersville. He married, Oct. 6, 1876, Camilla D. Osenbach, daughter of Charles and Harriet (Reichard) Osenbach. Issue: (1) Asher; (2) Robert; (3) Lizzie; (4) Alice; (5) Della; (6) Emma; (7) Laura; (8) Mamie; (9) Helen; and (10) Paul Minnich.

#### WILLIAM J. MINNICH.

William Jacob Minnich was born in Allentown, March 29, 1831. He lived with his uncle, Tobias Hufford, and attended the public schools and academy under Prof. Kreagee. He left school at the age of 16, and worked with his uncle as apprentice for four years, learning the shoe trade. He then left his uncle's employ and went to Indiana. Not succeeding in obtaining employment he returned to Harrisburg. He worked at Lewiston, Pa., and made four shoes a day. In company with Daniel Miller, he went to Philadelphia, and there took the emigrant train from Dock street station, and made his way to Pittsburgh. From there he made his way to Madison, Ohio, and thence to New Orleans, La. He



returned to Allentown in 1855, and continued his trade.

In October, 1862, he enlisted with Co. B, 176th Penna., under Captain S. D. Lehr, and served ten months near Savannah, Ga. He received his discharge at Philadelphia.

On March 29, 1859, he was married to Matilda Romig, born in Saucon township, Sept. 10, 1837. She was a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Waltman) Romig, a farmer and shoemaker. He was married in Philadelphia, and moved to Mountainville, where he lived with his father-in-law for several years. In 1872 he built his present home. For 25 years he dealt in milk, delivering at Allentown. He was also employed in the Allentown Rolling Mills for a period of ten years.

Mr. Minnich and family are members of Zion Evangelical church, which he served as trustee. In politics he is an independent Republican. They have the following children: Charles Henry, of South Allentown, married Ellen Miller, daughter of Edward F. Miller; Mary Amanda, married Jacob Sames; Tillie, deceased; Edwin Franklin, a painter, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Emma E., married George H. Leh, of Allentown; Clara Eliza, married George Wolf, deceased, lives with brother Charles; Alfred William, of East Stroudsburg.

George Minnich, father of William J., was born Dec. 12, 1808, and died Oct. 31, 1834. He married Hannah Rimmel, who was born July 2, 1810, and died June 7, 1834, and they lived in what is now the Sixth ward, Allentown. They are buried on old Linden street cemetery. He learned the trade of tailor with Andrew Kurtz, which he followed at Allentown, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. The father of Hannah Rimmel lived on and owned the land where the Allentown furnace now stands.

Peter Minnich, father of George Minich, was born in Hanover township. He was a tailor by trade and is buried at Rittersville. He had six children: George, Abraham, and a son, who moved to Livingston county, N. Y., Margaret, Lydia, and Kate.

John Minnich was a farmer and lived in Northampton county, in the section now embraced in West Bethlehem, where he had a farm, most of which is now included in the borough limits. He was a member of the Reformed Church and is buried on the old Salisbury graveyard. His children were: John; David (?); Peter, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, being a member of the 1st Company of Riflemen from Pennsylvania; and Jacob.

John Minnich was born at Bethlehem and died in Whitehall township. He is buried on the old

cemetery at Egypt. He was a farmer. He had property at Mechanicsville, in South Whitehall township, and earlier in life owned and lived on the homestead at Bethlehem. His wife was a Miss Balliet and their children were: (1) John, was born June 25, 1811, and died July 13, 1906, aged 95 years and 18 days. He married Sarah Kemmerer, born in 1813, died 1893. (2) Michael. (3) Jacob. (4) Simon. (5) Susanna, who married John Stopp; and (6) Sarah, who married David Heilman.

Michael Minnich was born on March 8, 1803, on the homestead at Bethlehem and died at the Iron Bridge, South Whitehall township, Lehigh county, Nov. 26, 1889. He was a farmer all his life and owned three farms, one of which is now owned by Col. H. C. Trexler, and is used as his Buffalo Ranch. His farm in South Whitehall township is now in the possession of his son, Monnelius Minnich, and the third farm is owned by the Troxell estate. He was a Republican and was supervisor in his district. He was a deacon of the Egypt church.

His first wife was Polly Brown, and their children were: Edwin, Reuben, Aaron, Solomon, Monnelius, Dianah, who married Lewis Hummel; Adeline, who married Nathan Haas; Polly, who married Robert Rockel; and Fietta, who married Owen Roth. He was married (second) to Elizabeth Newhart. She was born Sept. 10, 1811, and died July 13, 1893. They had a son, Frank.

Reuben Minnich was born in South Whitehall, Oct. 17, 1832, and learned the tailoring trade at the age of 18 years. He followed it for four years, then moved to Mechanicsville, where he continued the trade until he removed to Allentown in 1887. For eleven years he conducted a confectionery store on Chew street, between Seventh and Eighth, and in 1898 he moved to Mountain Side, N. J., where he conducted a small farm five years. He again returned to Allentown, where he resided with his son, Elmer N. M., until his death on Sept. 15, 1913. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1864 he married Carolina Diehl, daughter of Solomon and Lucy (Guth) Diehl. They were married 44 years. Mrs. Minnich was born Feb. 10, 1837, died Feb. 10, 1908, and is buried on Greenwood cemetery, Allentown. Their children are: (1) Mantana, who married James Lester, of Allentown; (2) Oscar N. S., of Zionsville; (3) Elmer N. M.; (4) Minnie M. M., who was born May 28, 1875, and died Oct. 4, 1878; and (5) Linnie, who married Eugene Lear, and resides at West Field, N. J.

ELMER N. M. MINNICH, the proprietor of

"The Windsor Cafe," at No. 821 Hamilton street, Allentown, is a native of South Whitehall township, and was born Sept. 9, 1869, son of the late Reuben Minnich.

He was reared upon the farm up to the age of seventeen years, then he came to Allentown, and learned the trade of pretzel baking with Jacob Yeakel, for whom he worked for fourteen years. In 1900, he purchased the business from his former employer and successfully conducted it for five years, and in December, 1905, he bought the Stephen Kline baking establishment, located at the northeast corner of Turner and Madison streets. This extensive business he conducted in a most successful manner until Feb. 1, 1913. Mr. Minnich in this business, displayed great ability, and made many improvements to the property, trebled its capacity, and gave employment to twenty people. He was the fifth man in the United States to install automatic baking machinery. At the same time was also engaged in the ice cream and confectionery business, manufacturing cream both for his wholesale and retail trade. After Mr. Minnich had disposed of the baking business, he purchased a farm at Vera Cruz, consisting of 152 acres of good land. The property had been the homestead of the Fetterman family for more than 100 years. He also owns a farm at Fogelsville, this county, of 133 acres, which was a Steininger homestead. Mr. Minnich owns much real estate in Allentown. He is president of the Merchants Ice Company, a most successful corporation at Allentown, and is prominently identified with the following lodges: Charter member of Allen Council, No. 753, Independent Order Americans, which is the strongest council in Pennsylvania, having 1,124 members. Mr. Minnich has served this organization as financial secretary for 21 years; member of Alton Castle, No. 149, A. O. K. of M. C., since 1890; member of Franklin Chamber, No. 9, Knights of Friendship; and the Order of Owls, No. 72. He served as postmaster of Allentown, substation No. 1, from 1905 until he sold his baking establishment.

He was married, in 1891, to Miss Cora L. George, daughter of Nathan and Eliza (Lattimore) George. They have adopted two sisters, namely: Viola and Hilda Bachman.

#### SYLVANUS J. MINNINGER.

David Minninger's early vocation was tending an old toll bridge on Hamilton street. He subsequently became a cigar manufacturer. He was the first organist of Salem Reformed church and also organist and choir master at St. Paul's Lutheran church. His children were Edward and William Henry Harrison.

William Henry H. Minninger, son of David Minninger, was born in the borough of Allentown. He was educated in the public schools and academy. He early learned the cigar makers' trade and carried on that business all his life. He was the director of the Allentown Band for 35 years. For years, the family has been well known throughout the city and county. He died aged 58 years, and was interred in Union cemetery. William H. H. Minninger, married Anna Bernhard, daughter of Reuben Bernhard, of near Emaus. Issue: (1) Sylvanus J.; (2) Edgar; (3) Anna (Mrs. George Ruhe); (4) Gertrude (Mrs. Harry Williams); (5) Julia; (6) Elsie; (7) William, a cabinet-maker.

SYLVANUS J. MINNINGER, the eldest son of William H. H., and Anna Bernhard, was born March 12, 1865, at Allentown. He was educated in the public schools in the Third Ward, of Allentown. At an early age he learned cigar-making and followed it for a number of years. Ever since he became of age, he has been active in politics, in various ways. He has for years been identified with city affairs, and two years ago was, as a Democrat, elected councilman from the Third Ward, and has been an able and obliging official. For some years he has conducted the saloon on South Centre Square, known as "Puds Place." One of his strong assets is a fund of sound common sense.

The firemen never had a better or more loyal friend than Mr. Minninger. He is the present president of the Columbia Fire Company and a contributing member of both the Pioneer and Fairview companies. He is also largely identified with fraternal organizations, his general feeling of good fellowship and his disposition in general making him most desirable to any organization. He is a member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 763, F. & A. M., He is Past President of Allentown Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member of the National Aerie, past president of the local Nest of Owls, and a member of the Buffaloes, Tigers, Order of Independent Americans, Knights of the Mystic Chain, Sons of Veterans, Lehigh Democratic Club, Lehigh Saengerbund, and the Mucky Muck camping club. He is at present one of the fire commissioners and has done valiant service in that line. Sylvanus J. Minninger married Isadora Agnes Scheffy, daughter of Stephen and Emeline (Snyder) Sheffey. Issue: Lloyd Minninger and two who died in infancy.

#### HOWARD H. MISSON.

Howard H. Misson, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, of Slatington, since its organization in 1902, and connected with the banking

business of the borough upwards of twenty years, was born Feb. 11, 1861, in Russ township, Monroe county, and when four years old his parents moved to Slatington. He received his education in the local schools.

At the age of seventeen years he received a teacher's certificate and he followed teaching in Washington township for six years. He then entered the employ of the Hyatt Slate Co. as a clerk in order to train himself in the line of business affairs, and he filled this position for only a year when he secured the appointment of clerk in the National Bank of Slatington, and he continued his services in that capacity for five years with such fidelity and ever increasing ability that the Board of Directors, in appreciation of his promising career as a banker, promoted him to the responsible position of teller of the bank, and he served as teller for twelve years. He had entered upon the performance of his new duties with the same constant attention to business as he had previously shown, and by the year 1902, when certain capitalists of the community organized the Citizens' National Bank of Slatington, they agreed upon him as the cashier of the new financial institution, and he has since filled this position with entire satisfaction to the Board of Directors.

In 1891 Mr. Misson was married to Millie Rice, a daughter of Moses M. Rice, clothing merchant of Slatington, and they have two daughters, Norma and Pauline L. He and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, which he served as trustee for many years and he is now acting as an elder. He has also taken great interest in the Sunday school, acting as assistant superintendent.

The father of Mr. Misson was David B. Misson, who was born on the family homestead, in Russ township, Monroe county in 1832. In his youth he learned the trade of carpenter and he followed this until he died in 1905. He was married to Louisa Smith and they had four children: Emma (married James Bohlus, of Freeland, Pa.); Howard H.; Mary I., and Ada L. (married Dr. Luther Campbell, dentist, of Slatington).

#### MITTMAN FAMILY.

Conrad Mittman came to this country on the ship "Osgood" which arrived at Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1750. He settled in Bucks county, Pa., and there was born his son, John. The latter, earlier in life was a stone mason and later a farmer in Lower Saucon township. He is buried at the Lower Saucon Church, which he served as deacon and an elder. He was a school director and supervisor. He was married to

Elizabeth Fogel and they had these children: Isaac, Thomas, who lived upon the homestead; Joseph, was a farmer in Snyder county, Pa.; Mary Ann, married Levi Beau; Elizabeth, married William Riegel and Sarah, married Samuel Leidig.

Isaac Mittman was born in Lower Saucon township and there was a cooper until he removed to Forks township, Northampton county, upon a 52-acre farm which he had purchased, dying shortly after the buying and removal upon this farm. His son, John J., then farmed it for two years, when he sold it. Isaac Mittman is buried at the Arndt's Church, which he served in official position. He was married to Caroline Stever and they had a large family, twelve children growing into manhood and womanhood, namely: John J., William, Louisa, Elizabeth, Frank, Isaac, Catharine, George, Caroline, Annie, Rebecca and Daniel.

JOHN J. MITTMAN, an aged and retired farmer in Hanover township, Lehigh county, was born in Northampton county, this state, February 21, 1839. The first twenty-eight years of his life were spent in his native county. When he was a young man he learned the carpenter trade which he followed eleven years. He removed to Lehigh county and there farmed until 1900, when he built himself a house on a two-acre tract, which he bought from the Jacob Fenstermacher estate. Here he since lives in retirement. Mr. Mittman, in connection with farming for a number of years, bought and sold cattle on an extensive scale. His 85-acre farm is adapted for dairy purposes and he was engaged in shipping milk to Bethlehem for a number of years, and this he sold both wholesale and retail.

He and family are active church members. They are connected with the Reformed congregation of Christ's Church, at Shoenersville. He served it officially for many years, was a deacon, elder and trustee.

Mr. Mittman is a Democrat and he served Hanover as school director, auditor and supervisor. He has been an industrious and enterprising citizen.

He was married April 6, 1861, to Emma J. Ott, a daughter of Michael and Barbara (Ott) Ott of Bucks county. In 1911 they celebrated their golden wedding, which was attended by 232 friends. Their children and grandchildren were all present. It was a day long to be remembered. A fine supper was served to all. Many of those present had come from a distance. The following children are born to them: Ella, married to Jacob Hankey; Fietta, married to George Winch; Pauline, married to George Lilly; Clara, married to Allen Stump;



Minnie, married to Charles Johnson; William, married to Alice Snyder. They farm the Mittenman homestead and have Laura, Nettie, Thomas, Russell, Florence and Dorothea; Ammon, married to Mantana Beitler. They live at Northampton, Pa. Their children are: George and Harry; Annie; John, married Ida Mather, they live at Bethlehem, and have a daughter, Helen; Milton, married to Eva Wanner, they reside at Shoenersville, their children follow—Stanley, Annie, Harold and Mildred; and Charles, married to Annie Berkstresser, they live at Bethlehem and have a son, Walter.

#### JOHN MOAT.

John Moat, of Catasauqua, is a son of William Moat, a native of Belfast, Ireland. William Moat was born August 21, 1841. He came to America in 1862, locating first in the State of New York. On February 1, 1865, he enlisted at Rochester, N. Y., in Company K, 22nd Regiment N. Y. Cavalry, served nine months and was honorably discharged at the end of the war at Richmond, Va. After the war he was located for several years in the Rocky Mountain district, where he worked at railroad construction. Later he located at Catasauqua, where he worked in the plate mill, in the employ of the Catasauqua Manufacturing Co. for thirty years. He filled the position of patrolman in the borough of Catasauqua for five years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and belonged to the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. Fuller Post 378. He was married to Margaret M. Leickel, a daughter of Frederick and Lucinda (Nagle) Leickel. She was born June 21, 1851, and died August 23, 1908. They were the parents of the following children: William, John, Annie, George, James and Sarah.

John Moat, son of William Moat, was born in Catasauqua, May 14, 1873. At the age of 15 years he learned the trade of machinist, and since March 1, 1887, is employed in the Bryden Horse Shoe Works. He is foreman of the machine department. He is actively identified with the Republican party, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua. Socially he holds membership in the following organizations: I. O. O. F., of Catasauqua; Red Men, in which he is a Past Sachem, and the Bryden Beneficial Society, of which he is one of the Board of Managers. On March 28, 1895, he was married to Elizabeth G. Williams, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Williams, natives of Wales. Issue: J. Russell and Harry L., graduates of the Catasauqua High School, 1913; Charles, died in infancy, and Elsie L.

#### PHILIP MOATZ.

Philip Moatz, from Schall's Forge in Oley township, Berks county, removed to Heidelberg township, in Lehigh county. He was a charcoal burner, and followed the furnaces, having been employed at Lehigh furnace at the Blue Mountain. He was also a blacksmith. He was born in 1800, died in 1861, and is buried at Ziegel's Church of which he was a Reformed member. His wife, Lydia Weikel, hailed from Pottstown. She is buried at the Ziegel's Church. Their issue was an only son, Gideon.

Gideon Moatz was born at Oyster's Tannery, in Oley township, in 1829; died in 1903, and is buried at Ziegel's church. He followed farming in Upper Macungie township. He married Viola, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Snyder) Rehrig, of Slatedale, who is still living at Breinigsville. Their children were: Philip, William, the supervisor of Upper Macungie township; Mary, wife of William Harper, of Philadelphia; Edwin, of Emaus; Alfred, of Fogelsville; Kate, married to Joseph Kurtz, of Allentown.

Philip Moatz, the postmaster at Trexlertown, is the owner and proprietor of the "Yoder House," which is the oldest established hostelry in that section of the country. Peter Trexler, a pioneer settler, established the place. Mr. Moatz was born at Germansville, Lehigh county, Nov. 11, 1848; worked in the ore mines for his father until he was 18 years old. Through Edwin Mickley he located at Hockendaqua, where he was employed about the machine shop and furnaces of the Thomas Iron Co. for a period of three years. Later, he became an engineer at Breinigsville for the same company, and several years afterward Mr. Mickley gave him the contract to dig ore by the ton, which he followed, off and on, to the present time. Mr. Moatz and J. N. Schrader are partners since 1875, and they employed as many as 80 men. Jointly they own 50 acres of valuable iron ore land in the East Penn Valley. Politically, Mr. Moatz is a Republican. He is a member of the Trexlertown Church, which he served as trustee; a member of Trexlertown Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M.; Allen Chapter, and Allen Commandery, No. 20, of Allentown, and Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia; Macungie Lodge, No. 231, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment.

In 1870 he married Susanna, a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Wise) Moyer, the issue being: William H., of Allentown; Charles G., of Trexlertown; Alfred H., a miller, of Trexlertown; Laura, who died aged 8 years; Annie, who died, aged 4 years, and Lennie, aged 4 months.

A family of Moatz's distantly related, live in

Berks county, Pa. Martin H. Motes, a contractor and builder, of Hamburg, Pa., was born Dec. 25, 1835, in Rockland township. For a time he had followed boat building. He married Sept. 18, 1858, Catharine, daughter of Jacob and Addie (Croll) Behler. They had twelve children of whom two died small. Frank, a son, traveled for eighteen months with the "Buffalo Bill" show.

John Motes, the father of Martin H., was born Jan. 5, 1810, and drowned during a freshet in August, 1876. In 1834 he married Hannah, a daughter of John Hall, of New Jersey, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. Their children were: Martin, Eliza (married to Jerry Rubright), Augustus, Noah, Hettie (married to George Walters), Hannah (married to Addison Schmick), Ellen (married to Charles Roudenbush), John, and Peter. Peter was married twice, having issue from each wife. His children were: Jacob, John, Isaac, Peter, William, Ellen, Caroline, Mary, and Susanna wife of Jacob Herb.

Gideon Moatz was a farmer at Breinigsville, where he died at an advanced age. He was married and had a son, Edwin, who was born in Upper Macungie township, in 1861, and resides at Emaus. He was an engineer for a number of years, but he has been employed by the W. H. Taylor & Co., Allentown, for a number of years. In his position as foreman of the erection of automatic fire sprinklers for the company he has traveled all over the United States. He is one of the reliable employees of this old established house.

He married Rebecca, a daughter of William D. and Caroline Neumoyer, and their union is blessed with three children, as follows: Howard, a pattern maker by trade, resides at Emaus; George E. P., history follows; and Milton, a silk weaver, at Emaus.

GEORGE E. P. MOATZ, superintendent of the Emaus Silk Company, was born in Breinigsville, April 11, 1882. At the age of thirteen he was an errand boy in the Keystone Silk Mill, and at a suitable age he learned the core-making trade at the Allentown Foundry Company, with which he was employed for four years. Afterwards for seven years he was employed as loom fixer at the D. G. Derry silk mill at Emaus. On Oct. 6, 1913, he accepted his present responsible position, and has charge of 225 employees.

He and family are members of the Reformed Church, and fraternally Mr. Moatz is a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge.

On March 23, 1908, he was married to Elizabeth De Frain, a daughter of Benjamni and Sybilla (Carl) De Frain. Their union is blessed

with three children, namely: Charles, Ruth, and Paul.

#### WILLIAM JOSEPH MOESSNER.

William Joseph Moessner, secretary of the Arbogast & Bastian Company, is a native of the city of New York, born October 12, 1870. He was the fourth child of Ernest F. and Catharine (McKenna) Moessner, and his mother was a daughter of James and Catharine (Comiskey) McKenna. The children of these parents were: 1. Anna, unmarried. 2. Thomas F., who married Catharine Gibson, and to whom were born two children—Harold and Thomas, Jr. 3. Pauline, who became the wife of Thomas M. Gartland, and the mother of one child, Ignatius. 4. William J., the immediate subject of this memoir. 5. Louise, unmarried. 6. Mary, who became the wife of William F. Koehler; no issue. 7. Louis, who married Ellen Brett, no issue. 8. Josephine, unmarried. 9. Agnes, unmarried.

William J. Moessner was educated in the public schools of his native city and at St. Francis Xavier's College in the same place. He was too intent to enter upon mercantile pursuits to be content to remain in college to the completion of the collegiate course, and when well grounded in a liberal and practical education he entered the employ of a western packing company, with which he remained for four years, working industriously, and closely investigating all the methods of that house, mechanical and managerial. In 1894 he located in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he engaged with the firm of Arbogast & Bastian in the capacity of salesman and head bookkeeper, and he occupied this two-fold position until the incorporation of the Arbogast & Bastian Company in 1902, when he was chosen to his present position of secretary. During these years he has witnessed the growth of the business of the house from its early annual receipts of \$150,000 to \$200,000, to the immense sum of three and a half million dollars. His methods in keeping in hand the innumerable and complicated accounts necessary to this large business gave him a reputation as a masterly accountant, and his intimate knowledge of all the details not only of the office, but of the mechanical departments, enables him to keep closely in touch with both producer and buyer. Deeply immersed in his duties, he has devoted his entire attention to the house with which he has been so long identified, holding aloof from both political and club life. He is, however, loyally devoted to the city which is his home, and affords willing aid to the furtherance of every community interest. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Moessner married Miss Maud L. Starr, a daughter of Walter and Alice (Gangewere) Starr, and the latter's children are: Maud L.; Irene, who is the wife of Frank R. Halligan, and to whom were born two children: Irene and Frank; Edna, who is the wife of Frank Maury; and Erma.

Mr. and Mrs. Moessner have the following children: Josephine, William, Catherine, Alice, Mary, Ernest, and Walter.

#### MOHN FAMILY.

Henry Mohn, a native of Northampton county, lived in Plainfield township, where he was for a time a shoemaker, but subsequently cultivated a farm of seventy acres near Belfast for six years. He then sold the farm and engaged in the hotel business for a number of years at Brodheads, between Bethlehem and Nazareth and later in Salisbury township, at which latter place he remained three years, when he retired. He died March 13, 1876, aged 73 years and 5 months. He married Eliza, daughter of John Fehr. She was born June 7, 1805, and died Sept. 22, 1890. They had eight children: Sylvester, who was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, was wounded at Antietam and died in the field hospital; Charles, of Easton, who also served in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry and who married Louisa Moyer; Henry, who served 9 months in the Civil War, married Caroline Smith and died in Northampton county; John J.; Louisa, married Jackson Leibert; Julia, married Dr. Wm. Crawford, of Nazareth; Ellen, married Francis Buchecker, and Helen, married Josiah Moyer.

JOHN J. MOHN, storekeeper in Salisbury township, son of Henry, was born in Plainfield township, Dec. 6, 1836. He was educated in the local schools and assisted his father on the farm and at the hotel. On Oct. 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Col. Butler Price and participated in the battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Todd's Tavern, Yellow Tavern, Meadow Bridge, Harve's Shop, St. Mary's church, Deep Bottom, Malvern Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Wyatt's Farm, Boydton Plank Road and Five Forks. He was wounded at Chancellorsville and taken to Fort Howard Hospital, where he remained four weeks until discharged, Aug. 20, 1863. He re-enlisted Feb. 10, 1864, was promoted to Corporal, March 1, 1865, and served until honorably discharged as a veteran, June 28, 1865.

After the war Mr. Mohn engaged in the hotel business in Salisbury for three years, then spent ten years in manufacturing brick, four years as

a storekeeper, some time in the fire clay business, again kept hotel for three years, and a store for five years and the balance of the time he spent in farming. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of Eastern Salisbury church, where he has served as an elder for 20 years. He is a staunch Democrat and was township supervisor for ten years and tax collector for five years. He married, Feb. 23, 1860, Araminta, daughter of John Bishop, who was born July 28, 1838. Her father was born in Easton March 15, 1810 and died Dec. 25, 1889. He was a mason by occupation and married Pauline Smith, who was born Oct. 10, 1810, and died Sept. 22, 1893. They are buried at Farmersville. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had ten children: Emeline, Araminta, Edward, Jeremiah, Elemina, Mary, Kate, William, Amanda and Uriah. Mr. and Mrs. Mohn had seven children: Milton, died aged sixteen; Laura, died in infancy; Forest; Helen, married James R. Brown, of Reading; Lillie, married Albert C. Levan; Stella, deceased, and Henry F.

HENRY F. MOHN was born in Salisbury, March 26, 1878. He attended the schools of the vicinity until the age of sixteen, when he became a conductor on the Lehigh Valley Railroad for ten years, after which he engaged in the store business with his father. He married, Jan. 15, 1901, Nellie, daughter of Oliver H. and Jane (Swick) Reinhard, of Salisbury, and they have three children: Marie, Minerva and Lucille.

#### MOHR FAMILY.

Andrew Mohr was a farmer in Lower Macungie township. He had learned the blacksmith trade but did not follow it. He married Miss Mechlin. Both were buried at Zionsville church graveyard. Their children were: Julia A., married to Peter Brunner; Sarah, married to Andrew Schultz; Mary, married to George Landis; Amelia, married to Benjamin Helfrich; Charles, married to Sarah Kern; and John M. Mohr, whose history follows.

John Mechlin Mohr, son of Andrew Mohr, was born March 26, 1838, in Macungie township. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the common schools in Lower Macungie and in Quakertown. At an early age he learned the carpenters' trade, after which he was employed in a general store at Longswamp, for six years. The store was owned by his brother-in-law. Afterwards he embarked in the general mercantile business for himself, at Longswamp, and subsequently at Macungie, and later sold out his business and followed farming in Longswamp township for six years. In 1888 he removed to Allentown where he worked at the carpenter trade



until 1913, when he retired from business and now resides at 1131 Linden street. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of Salem Reformed church.

John Mechlin Mohr married (first) Sarah Dry Fritch, a daughter of Nathan and Mariah (Dry) Fritch, born Feb. 25, 1843, and died May 10, 1871. Issue: Ellen Laura, married to Frank K. Kemmerer; and Agnes Mary, who died, aged six years. John Mechlin Mohr was married (second) March 18, 1875, to Marthe B. Graver, a daughter of Jacob Graver, and his wife, Henrietta Young. She died March 13, 1899, aged 48 years. Issue: An only child, Harry Luther Mohr.

HARRY LUTHER MOHR, son of John Mechlin and Martha B. (Graver) Mohr, was born Nov. 10, 1875, in Longswamp township, Berks county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his neighborhood and at Allentown. Afterwards he took a course in the American Commercial School, Allentown. He then accepted employment as bookkeeper, first with Krause's Wholesale Shoe Co., then with A. J. Ziegler Co., and later with Clauss Bros., continuing with the latter house for ten years. On Sept. 1, 1907, he removed to Bethlehem, and conducted a retail shoe business for two years, when he sold out to J. C. Shankweiler, and returned to Allentown in 1908 and organized the Lehigh Shoe and Rubber Co., Incorporated. The firm does a wholesale business only. In politics Mr. Mohr is a Democrat. He and family are active members of the Salem Evangelical church, which he has served as a steward and secretary. He holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., the Jr. O. U. A. M., and the T. P. A.

Harry Luther Mohr was married in 1905 to Miss Stella Schultz, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Schultz) Schultz, of Reading, Pa. They have these children: Sarah Martha, Helen Viola, Mary Elizabeth, and Katherine Estella Mohr.

LLEWELLYN MOHR was brought up on a farm near Fogelsville. He was born in 1849. When he became of age he learned the carpenter trade and he has since carried it on. He owns a farm of 95 acres, and this he cultivates in connection with his trade. He has filled the position of treasurer of the St. John's Reformed church, at Fogelsville, for about forty years, and during this time has also been interested in the choir singing. He was married to Elmina Rauch, daughter of Jonas, of South Whitehall, and they had six children: Ambrose, m. Katie Fritz; John, m. Katie Hantz; Messina; Henry, m. Lucy Albright; and two died young. And Solomon Mohr, of the same place, was her grand-

father, and there carried on farming. He was the leader of the choir of the same church for many years, and in his day the members did not have the aid of a pipe organ. He died in 1892, aged 83 years. He was married to Elizabeth Peter, daughter of Xander Peter, of Weisenberg, and they had nine children: Solomon, m. Elmina Benner; Tevilla, m. James Fries; Jonathan, m. Mary Knecht; Tilghman, m. Elizabeth Shollenberger; Llewellyn; Maria, m. Jesse Larisch; Phaon, m. Messina Rauch; Andrew, died single, in 1882, aged 30 years; and Catharine, died single, in 1880.

Mrs. Hausman's grandfather, Jonas Rauch, was a carpenter and pump-maker, and followed the business for many years. He died 1890, aged 70 years. He was married to Polly Kuhns, and they had fourteen children: Elvina, m. Aaron Kuhns; Matilda; Maria, m. William Freyman; Monroe, m. Mary Shoemaker; Catharine, m. Joseph Rupp; Elmina; Leon, m. Amelia Knerr; Cresura, m. Amandus Albright; Eliza, m. Edwin Faust; Clara, m. Milton Leibelsperger; Andrew; Messina, m. Phaon Mohr; and two died young.

#### OLIVER KERN MOHR.

Oliver Kern Mohr, job printer at Allentown, was born June 26, 1867, in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, and educated in the local public schools. At an early age, he entered the printing office of Oscar P. Knauss, at Macungie, where he learned the trade of printer. After working for a time at Philadelphia, he located at Slatington and published the *Slatington News* for four years. He afterward worked at his trade for short periods at Bethlehem and Catasauqua; and in 1897 located at Allentown, first engaged for a while in the Dorney furniture store, but since then in the job printing business. He started at No. 524 Hamilton street and continued there seven years; next he was located five years at No. 40 North Seventh street; then he removed to No. 727 Turner street and there he has continued until the present time, employing upward of eight hands. He has become affiliated with the Junior Order American Mechanics, Patriotic Order Sons of America and Knights of Friendship.

In 1890, Mr. Mohr was married to Sally Haines, a daughter of James and Emma (Kline) Haines. They are members of the Linden Street Methodist Episcopal church.

His father, Charles Meckling Mohr, son of Andrew Mohr, was born March 21, 1832, in Upper Milford township, educated in the township school and brought up on a farm. He first learned the trade of blacksmith which he carried

on for ten years, from 1852 to 1862, and afterward engaged in the general store business at East Macungie for twelve years, conducting at the same time a small truck farm which was situated on the opposite side of the road. Later he removed to Allentown. After living in retirement for a time, he died April 2, 1912, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, and was buried at Macungie. He was married to Sarah Kern, a daughter of David and Susanna (Neumoyer) Kern and they had four children: Edwin K., m. 1st Allie Eldridge, by whom he had one child, Esther P., and upon her decease, married Elizabeth Taylor, who lived at Chicago, Ill.; Hannah K., who died single; Meda Cornelia, m. Emmanuel Schoenly and they have two children, Elmer H. and Edwin O.; and Oliver K. They were members of the Old Zionsville Reformed church, and afterward became connected with the Macungie Lutheran church, which the father served for many years as elder until the time of his decease. The widow has made her home with the son, Oliver.

#### MORELL FAMILY.

Adam Morell was born in Bavaria, Dec. 10, 1826. After attending the public school he worked at farm labor until he became of age. Then he entered the army and served a period of five years. In 1852 he emigrated to America and landed at New York City, where he remained one year; then he located at Allentown. He first worked for a time in the iron ore mines beyond Emaus, after which he was employed at the Lewis Furnace at the foot of Gordon street until he was sixty years old; then he served as janitor of the Tenth ward public school for six years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and of Zion Reformed church. He died June 30, 1906, and was buried in Union Cemetery. In 1852, upon his arrival at New York City, he was married to Catharine Epp, daughter of Peter, a stone mason, of Bavaria, and they had ten children: Francis; John; Charles; William; Mary, at home, with her widowed mother, at 532 Liberty Street; Eliza; George, who died when sixteen years old; Edward; Henry, and one died in infancy.

Francis Morell, the eldest son, was born in 1853. After attending the public school, he learned the trade of blacksmith and worked for a time at the axle works. He subsequently served as a letter carrier and also as the city sanitary inspector; and for some years he has been engaged as an insurance collector. He was married to Sarah Sterner, of Allentown, and they had two children: Mabel, m. Edward Houckman,

who have a son, Woodrow, and Maud, who died in infancy.

John Morell, second son of Adam, was born in Allentown on Dec. 15, 1855. After attending the public school, he began working in a brickyard while still a boy, and afterward was employed in the Allentown Rolling Mill for a number of years, until 1893, when he engaged in the grocery business at No. 253 Gordon street. He continued there three years; then he purchased the property at No. 524 Liberty street and here he has carried on the business until the present time. In 1879, he was married to Anna M. Baumgartner, daughter of Gottlieb and Mary (Leuthi) Baumgartner, of South Whitehall, and they had four children: William J.; Florence E., m. Anton Jerant, of Hungary, and they have a daughter, Anna Maria; Eva, and Edwin J.—the first and third having died in infancy.

EDWIN JOHN MORELL, son of John, was born where he resides, No. 524 Liberty street, on Nov. 4, 1893. He attended the parochial school of the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart until he was graduated, after which he took up the study of music and became a musician.

Charles Morell, third son of Adam, was born at Allentown in 1858. He received a limited education in the public school and was put to work at an early age in a brickyard. Afterward he worked in a rolling mill four years, then learned the trade of plumber which he has since followed. In 1880, he was married to Emma J., daughter of Edward and Eliza Menges, and they had three children: Alice, m. Henry Y. Monier; George and Ruth, the last two having died in infancy.

William Morell, fourth son of Adam, was born in 1860 and educated in the public school, after which he learned the trade of cigarmaker. He was employed for a number of years in the shipping department of the C. R. R. of N. J., and afterward, of the Kleppinger wholesale store. In August, 1914, he started conducting a retail grocery business. He was married to Mary Tombler, daughter of Thomas, of Allentown, and they have two children: William, m. Caroline Gehman, and Esther.

Henry, the youngest son, married Anna Schock and they have five children: Clarence, m. Mamie Miller, who have a daughter, Emily; Helen, m. Warren Zehner, who have a son, Carl; Margaret, Jennie and Frederick, who died when five years old.

#### WILLIAM H. MOREY.

William H. Morey, of Slatington, was born at Harlem, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1839, and while a

little boy, only five years old, he was placed in a Children's Home in New York City, on account of the illness of his parents, and there he was kept five years, both father and mother having died in this time. He then worked on a farm in New Jersey for five years, after which he secured employment at a hotel along the North River in New York City, where he met a drover from Bath, Northampton county, (George Schaeffer) who took him along home. There he worked on a farm for nearly two years when he learned shoemaking under Adam Bellesfield, near Shoenersville, and he followed this trade in the vicinity of Bath for sixteen years. He then worked at farming until the Civil War broke out and responding to the call for troops he enlisted in Company C, of the 159th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for nine months. After his discharge from the army, he returned to Upper Saucon township and followed his trade several years; then he located at Slatington in 1882, and engaged first in the produce business and later in the baking business, which he carried on fifteen years and retired to private life. He was a charter member of G. A. R. Post No. 284, and also of the Vigilant Fire Company No. 2, at Slatington, and a member of the K. G. E.

In 1860, Mr. Morey was married to Eliza Snyder, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Froelich) Snyder, of Hanover township, and they had two children: Meda, m. to Wm. M. Sell, and Aquilla, m. to B. F. Hunt. They were members of the Reformed Church. He died Jan. 2, 1912 and was buried in the Union Cemetery. He was active in the church affairs for many years and served as a deacon and elder.

Mr. Morey's father, John Morey, was a sailor by occupation and resided at Harlem, N. Y., where he died in 1845. He had two children: William H., and Isabella, who died young.

#### JOHN MORGAN.

John R. Morgan, of North Whitehall township, represents the Welsh element of the colony's early emigrators. The progenitor of the family was Thomas Morgan, an iron worker, a native of the district of Caernarvon, in the northern part of Wales, and settled in Carvenon township, Berks county, Pa. The exact date of his coming to this country is not definitely known, but is supposed to have been before 1725. His son, Jacob, who was born in 1716 became one of the most prominent figures in colonial history of Berks county. In 1755 he was commissioned captain of a company of provincial troops and was actively engaged in military service until 1760. In June, 1776, he represented the county

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in the provincial conference, and in 1777 was a member of the constitutional convention. He served in various capacities in raising troops for the continental army and was usually addressed (Colonel). He officiated as judge for the years of 1768, 1769, 1772, and 1774 to 1777, and a justice of the lower district of the county from 1771 to 1779. He died Nov. 11, 1792 and was buried in the St. Thomas Episcopal graveyard at Morgantown. A branch of this family, so says family tradition, settled at Durham, in Bucks county, and were employed at the iron furnace there. We find James Morgan, the father of General Daniel Morgan, of Revolutionary fame, lived near Durham in 1736, when his son, Daniel, was born. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to who the father of James Morgan was. The late General W. W. Davis, of Doylestown, claiming that he was a son of John Morgan, who died at Durham, in 1743, while Warren S. Ely claims that he was a son of Thomas and Jennet Morgan, both, however, agree that the Morgans are of Welsh extraction and that the two branches are of the same blood. Tradition has it that James Morgan used to boast that he had four sons in the Revolutionary War. Daniel and his brother, John, settled in the Shenandoah valley, about 1745. Daniel was a teamster in Braddock's ill-fated expedition, and when the war for independence broke out he organized a company of riflemen and became famous. He was with Arnold in his Canadian expedition, took part in the battles of Bemis Heights, Stillwater, Saratoga, Brandywine, Whitemarsh, and Monmouth; served under Green, in North Carolina, and for his conduct at the Battle of Cowpens, Congress voted him a gold medal and appointed him a brigadier general. He was also present at the surrender of Cornwallis. At the close of the war he returned to his farm. He served one term in Congress and died at Winchester, Va., July, 1802. Daniel so overshadowed his brothers that their services have been forgotten. One of them received as a reward for his services a tract of land in Monroe county, which was later occupied by one of his sons. This is the line of the family represented by the subscriber.

To James Morgan, of Monroe county, and his wife, a Miss Bennett, were born four sons and five daughters, of which the names of the sons were: James; Bennett; Madison, and Thomas. James Morgan died in 1843, aged 63 years, and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Stroudsburg.

Thomas B. Morgan was born Nov. 11, 1832 in Monroe county, and was a coach trimmer and saddler by trade. After a short stay in Blairs-town, N. J., he came to Mechanicsville, Lehigh



county, and entered into the employ of John Hess. He was married to Sarah, a daughter of John and Abigail (Miller) Romig. This union was blessed with five children: John R.; James, deceased; Edwin, of Tipton, Pa.; Annie, married to Dr. A. H. Balliet, of Allentown, and Charles, of Altoona, Pa. Mr. Morgan was a highly respected citizen, served two terms as school director in his native township, was elected sheriff of Lehigh county in 1877, and refused a nomination for the legislature. He and his family were members of the Unionville Reformed congregation, in which he served as deacon and elder, and where his remains repose. He died May 21, 1910.

John R. Morgan, business man, miller, and farmer, was born at Romig's Mill, June 17, 1858. He was educated in the public schools and learned the art of milling and for a period of thirty years operated Romig's mill. In 1897 he built a portable saw-mill, which he operated until 1910. Mr. Morgan is president of the Morgan Portland Cement Company, and owns one hundred acres of valuable cement land in North Whitehall township, besides many other splendid properties. He resides in a beautiful and comfortable home in Schnecksville, which he built in 1905. Mr. Morgan is one of those quiet forces, which have so materially developed the resources of the county. He and his family are members of the Unionville congregation, in which he now serves as an elder. In 1882 he was married to Sarah A. Geyer, a daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth (Steimnger) Geiger. She died Nov. 10, 1909, aged 52 years.

The mill in which Mr. Morgan passed many of his busy years is known as Romig's mill. It was erected by Adam Romig in 1790 (see Romig family). It was a saw- and grist-mill combined of which the saw-mill was erected first. The present structure, a fine specimen of the early mills, was erected in about 1826, and continued in the name until 1896, when Mr. Morgan became the owner and operated it until 1910, when he leased it to Lewis Wotring, who operated it until the following year, when, on account of needed repairs, it was abandoned. Adam Romig built the mill for his son, Peter, who operated it for a long time, until succeeded by his son, Peter J.; Owen, son of Peter, Jr., later operated it and thus it came down the line until Mr. Morgan finally became the owner. The stone dwelling opposite this old saw-mill, was erected in 1811 by Peter Romig, Sr., and the brick house by Owen Romig, and it was occupied by him until his removal to Catasauqua.

#### GEORGE M. H. MORGAN.

George Morris Harrison Morgan, engaged in the laundry business at Slatington since 1904, was born at Catasauqua Jan. 6, 1889, and when a year old his parents moved to Slatington where he attended the public schools until 1904. He then entered the employ of Warren E. Desch and assisted him in establishing the laundry business at Slatington, the first attempt in that line, and he continued with Mr. Desch until 1908, when he purchased the business and embarked in the new enterprise for himself. He has carried it on for himself in a successful manner with increasing patronage until the present time, the work being still done at Allentown. Mr. Morgan has affiliated with the Knights of Friendship and the Knights of Malta, at Slatington.

The father of Mr. Morgan was Charles G. Morgan, a native of Monmouthshire, in Wales. He was born March 17, 1838, and emigrated to the United States in 1861, settling at Catasauqua, in Lehigh county, where he was employed in the rolling mill until 1890. He there accompanied the proprietors who removed their plant to Slatington, and he continued in their employ for forty-seven years as shipping clerk and also pay-roll clerk until his decease, Nov. 4, 1908. He married as his second wife, Mary Morriss (born March 9, 1850) daughter of David Morriss, of Catasauqua, and by her had nine children: Anna (m. Rev. I. F. Frankenfield, resident minister at Tower City), George M. H., Raymond A., James G. (of Tower City), Maud, Ruth Ellen, and three died young. By a previous wife (who died in —) he had four children: Emma (m. Harry Shuler, and died 1912), Hattie, Lizzie, and Mary Ann (m. Charles —). He and the family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

David Morriss, the father of the Mr. Morgan's second wife, was born at Cardiff, Wales, in 1813. He emigrated to the United States in 1846, and settled at Catasauqua where he purchased an iron foundry and operated it for a number of years. He then went to Watsonstown in the employ of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., and served first as superintendent of the car shops and then of the company's car shops at Buffalo for a considerable time. He lived in retirement for about twenty years at Cherry-Creek and died Aug. 16, 1912, at the remarkable old age of ninety-nine years.

Mr. Morriss' wife was Elizabeth Voyle, of Scotland. She was born at the Cape of Good-Hope on Aug. 8, 1832, and died March 28, 1878. They had seven children: Mary (Mrs.





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W. WALLACE MORGAN.

The late W. Wallace Morgan, for many years one of the foremost and active and influential citizens of Slatington, having ever the interests of his home town at heart, championing every project looking to the upbuilding of its business and social enterprises, was a native of Slatington, Pennsylvania, born April 25, 1870, fourth child and third eldest son of William and Margaret (Marshall) Morgan.

W. Wallace Morgan, familiarly known as "Wallie," attended the schools of Slatington until eleven years of age, when he began work in the slate quarries, and later entered the employ of the Eagle Store Company, of Slatington, and his faithfulness soon won for him the management of the business, though still a boy. When eighteen years of age he entered the employ of A. P. Berlin in the Washington Slate Company's office, where the foundation of his career in the manufacture and sale of slate was laid, and where he remained for five years and was considered a valuable employee. His relations with the above firm were reluctantly severed, in 1893, when he became associated with the Provident Slate Company, with which concern his proficiency had long been an indispensable asset. The many years of continuous peaceful business relationship without one instance of friction, or one word of anger, will long gender pleasant recollections in the hearts of his employer and his fellow employees. He served as confidential bookkeeper for A. S. Haines. Being active for a lifetime in the slate business, he had a keen grasp of the situation, and was a strong advocate at the time of his demise of putting the slate industry upon a stronger business basis. He was a member of the firm of Dilliard, Haines & Morgan; director and treasurer of the Washington Slate Company; for years was a member of the Star Slate Company, of Slatington, which was long operated by the Morgan Brothers, all practical and successful business men, upon whom the loss of the keystone member of the family, and the leadership of their business councils, have fallen with double force. He was also named as a receiver for the Collins School Slate Company.

In politics Mr. Morgan was a Progressive Republican, applying his well defined principles of righteous administration of city, county, state and national politics, and would always vehemently denounce any movement that he considered tarnished by an impure motive to thwart the purpose and will of the people, and at the time of his death was a member of the State Committee. He took a keen interest in municipal affairs in the

slate borough, serving as councilman. Under the administration of President Roosevelt he was postmaster of Slatington, filling the unexpired term of John Roberts, who died while in office, and at the end of the term Mr. Morgan was re-appointed for a full term, and during his incumbency gave that office prestige by proficient management.

Mr. Morgan was an ardent lover of good fellowship and was largely connected with fraternal societies, being a Mason of high rank. He was a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, Free and Accepted Masons; Slatington Chapter, No. 292, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, of Allentown; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading; he served in the Blue Lodge as Worshipful Master and was High Priest of the Chapter. He was also a member of Woodmen of America, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and Knights of Pythias. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, served as trustee and elder for several years, and was liberal in his support of the same, taking an active interest in its welfare.

Mr. Morgan married, Oct. 18, 1898, Ella Kern, daughter of the late Thomas Kern, the Slatington lumber dealer, who died Jan. 12, 1914. They were the parents of two daughters: Lillian Farrel and Clara Kern, both of whom are students in the Slatington school.

Mr. Morgan died at his home in Slatington, July 3, 1913. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Morgan, of Slatington; his wife, daughters, and five brothers: Alexander B., John W., Samuel M., Alfred S., Dr. Robert D. Morgan, of Slatington, and one sister, Mrs. John Boyle, of Catasauqua. By his death Slatington has lost one of its most prominent citizens, a man who could truly be called four-square, a self-made man, whose judgment on many subjects was often sought by people as an authority, and his advice was often put to good purpose, through which he made a host of friends and admirers, attracted to him undoubtedly through a warmth of disposition that cheered every one with whom he came in contact, and his quick grasp of the difficult problems into which he seemed to look with a keen, cool insight, that made him stand out with deserving distinctness. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Boal, of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Peters, of the Reformed Church. At the cemetery the Masonic ceremonies were carried out, the funeral being held under their auspices, in accordance with the wish of the deceased.





Morgan), Annie (m. James McHenry, London, Ontario, Canada), Lizzie (m. James Shepherd, of Danville, Ill., he having died), George (Middletown, N. Y., master mechanic of L. V. R. R. Co. shops), Frederick (m. Emma —, residing at Erie, Pa.), David (m. Sarah Fry, of Neff, Pa., residing at Detroit, Mich.), William (also at Middletown).

The branch of the Morgan family which is located at Slatington, in Lehigh county, traces its history in America to John Morgan, a native of Scotland, who was born March 8, 1808, and emigrated in the spring of 1855. He settled at Slatington and remained there for six years when he moved to Ohio and engaged in farming. He continued in this occupation for a number of years, then returned to Slatington to engage in the slate business with his son, William, and he continued in it until his retirement. He died March 2, 1885. He was married to Susan Black, also a native of Scotland, born in 1804 and died in 1873. They were buried at Slatington. They had two sons: William and John.

WILLIAM MORGAN, the elder son, was born in Wigtonshire, Scotland, on August 21, 1831, and there he assisted his father at farming until he became nineteen years old when he emigrated to America. The first year was spent in the state of New York, then he went to Slatington and engaged in the slate business as a contractor, coming to employ upwards of forty men, and realizing a large share of success as a reward of his persevering efforts and economy. Though a very busy man, he nevertheless found time to show a proper interest in the political welfare of his community and this was appreciated by his fellow citizens, for he was elected to serve as a town councilman and borough treasurer for several terms respectively and also as the chief burgess for one term, and these public offices were filled by him with the same degree of honor and fidelity as he gave to his own personal affairs.

He was enlisted in the Civil War in 176th Regt., Penna. Vol., to rank as commissary sergeant from Nov. 20, 1862, and in active service in South Carolina; and was discharged at Philadelphia, Aug. 18, 1863. For some time he was actively engaged in recruiting service at Slatington.

On November 2, 1862, he was married to Margaret Marshall, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Davidson) Marshall, natives of Scotland but resident at Slatington, and they had seven children: Edith (married John Boyle, of Catasauqua); Alexander B.; John W.; W. Wallace; Samuel M.; Alfred S.; and Robert Dalby. They were active members of the Presbyterian

Church, which he served as deacon for a time, filling the office when he died, July 23, 1898. His wife was born Feb. 11, 1840, and she resides at Slatington.

ALFRED S. MORGAN, son of William and Margaret, was born in the borough on October 9, 1875, and here he has since resided. He received his education in the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1892, and after teaching public school for two terms he attended the East Stroudsburg State Normal School from which he was graduated in 1896. He then resumed teaching school at Slatington and continued for six years, during the last three years having acted as assistant to the principal of the high school.

In 1902 he and his two brothers, Alexander B. and W. Wallace, became the owners of the Star Slate Co., which they operated for nine years, when they associated themselves with the Washington Slate Co. (now one of the largest slate operations in the Slatington district), and he became the business manager and secretary which positions he has filled until the present time.

Mr. Morgan affiliated himself with the Slatington Lodge 440, F. and A. M. and Royal Arch Chapter 292; the Allen Commandry, No. 20 K. T., at Allentown, and the Rajah Temple, at Reading; also with the following secret societies: O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Republican and he served as a director of the Slatington school board from 1902 to 1908, filling the office of president for two years and of treasurer for two years.

In 1903, Mr. Morgan was married to Jennie Roper, daughter of the late D. D. Roper, Esq., of Slatington, and they have two children: Evelyn Amy and May R.

Robert Dalby Morgan, youngest son of William and Margaret, was born Jan. 15, 1884, and received his preliminary education at Slatington. He then attended the Stroudsburg Normal School, and the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and afterward the University of Maryland at Baltimore from which he was graduated in 1910. He was then engaged in hospital work at Baltimore and Lancaster for a year when he returned to Slatington and has since practiced his medical profession at that place. In January, 1913, he was elected a member of the Board of Health for five years, and since then has also served as Health Officer of the borough.

JOHN MORGAN, a deceased merchant at Slatington, son of John and Susan Morgan, was born at Garlieston, in Scotland, on April 5, 1836, and he emigrated with his parents in 1855, locating with them at Slatington. He was employed as a salesman in the company store of the

old Lehigh Slate Co. for some years and then became the book-keeper in its slate office and after filling this position for a number of years he engaged in the mercantile business for himself which he carried on until 1896 when he retired. He died June 29, 1906, and was buried on the family lot in the Fairview cemetery.

During the Civil War, Mr. Morgan was enlisted on October 16, 1862, in Co. D, 176th Regt. Penna. Vols., as a 1st sergeant and he served with the company until it was regularly mustered out of service on August 18, 1863. He was one of the owners and organizers of the Kern Farm Slate Co., and his estate is still financially interested in the affairs of the company.

In politics, Mr. Morgan was a Republican. He manifested a great interest in the welfare of the public school system and devoted a great part of his time to the improvement of the local schools, and in this behalf he served for a number of years as a school director, filling the office of secretary and president of the board for a time. He was affiliated with Slatington Lodge 440, F. and A. M., having been a charter member at the time of its institution, and filling the office of treasurer at the time of his death (which he had served for a continuous period of twenty-seven years) also with the R. A. Chapter, No. 284, of Catasauqua, and with the Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., of Allentown.

Mr. Morgan was married on Dec. 20, 1864, to Effie J. Long, a daughter of Anthony and Eliza (Durling) Long, and they had nine children: Susan, George B., Jennie, Dr. Lemuel J., Dr. Oliver B., Anthony, Eliza, J. Andrew and J. Arthur. They were active members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Morgan, during his lifetime showed great interest in it in religious affairs including the work of its Sunday-school. Mrs. Morgan died Nov., 1911.

Dr. Lemuel graduated from the Slatington High school, and from the Pennsylvania Dental College; then took a post graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania. He is now engaged in the practice of dentistry at East Stroudsburg.

Dr. Oliver P. also graduated from the local high school, and from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, having taken a post graduate course in Dentistry at the University. He was engaged in active practice for a time at Washington, N. J., and then went to Baltimore, Md., where he has since practiced his profession.

J. Arthur also graduated from the local high school, and from the Columbia University, at New York, where he received two degrees, and

he is now an Electrical Engineer, located at Louisville, Kentucky.

Susan, the eldest daughter, was married to William Rupert. They resided in Texas where he died about 1890, and since she has made her home at Slatington. Jennie was married to Percy Carlton, and they reside at Baltimore, Md. These daughters were given a thorough education. They traveled together extensively in the United States, Canada and Mexico; and in 1910 they made an extended tour through Europe.

#### MOSSER ( MOSER ) FAMILIES.

##### *Hans Michael Moser and His Descendants.*

Hans Michael Moser emigrated from Germany to America, on the ship *Duke of Wurtemberg*, which landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1751. He brought his wife, Catharine, and four children with him. The "original list" of the ship's passengers, records the names, births, ages, etc., are as follows: George Moser, born 1740, died 1806, aged 66 years; 11 years of age on arrival in America; will probated 1807; no children; settled in Gladwyne; buried at St. John's Center Square, Montgomery county.

Peter Moser, born 1742; died 1829; aged 87 years; 9 years old on arrival in America; will probated 1830; 12 children; settled in Pottstown; buried in Pottstown graveyard.

Barbara Moser, born 1745; died 1848; aged 72 years; 6 years of age on arrival in America; will probated 1818; four children; settled at Pottstown; place of burial, unknown.

Burkhard Moser, born 1748; died in 1828 (?); aged 80 years; three years old on arrival in America; died intestate and without issue; settled in Schuylkill county; place of burial, unknown.

Christian Moser, born 1755, a few years after the arrival of the family in America; died 1839; four children; settled at Whiteplain; buried in St. John's cemetery, Center Square.

George Moser married a Miss Leber, had no children; she survived him forty-eight years. after her husband's death she lived at Evansburg, Montgomery county, until she was one hundred years of age; then her relatives fearing to let her live by herself at such an age, took her to the Trappe, where she died at the extreme old age of 104 years and some months. While she lived at Evansburg, her husband's brothers, (Peter, Burkhard and Christian), called to see her, if a Mrs. Casselberry's statement can be relied upon (a lady of Evansburg, high in the nineties, in 1900, and who was possessed with excellent mental faculties).

Peter Moser had twelve children, five boys and seven girls, viz: Anna Maria, m. a Geiger;

Catharine, m. a Pyle; Margaret, m. a Neidig; Eliza, m. a Yocum; Anna, m. a Egolf; and Lydia, m. a Brunner.

Barbara Moser, born 1745, and who died in 1848, was married to a Neuman, and had four children.

Christian Moser had four children, two sons and two daughters. Both boys died young. Mary married Jacob M. Hurst, and Elizabeth, Benjamin F. Harry.

Burkhard Moser was the second youngest child of Hans Michael Moser. At the time of the American Revolution he (being about 28 years of age) and his brother Christian (aged about 21 years,) joined the American forces under Washington and served their country the whole of that war. (Penna. Actives and War Records, at Washington, D. C.) The pay they received from the government was sent to Peter, their brother, who lived near Pottstown, Pa., then known as Pottsgrove. After the close of the war for Independence, they returned to Montgomery county, Pa.

Christian Moser settled in Whiteplain township, buying a farm with the money he received from the government. Burkhard Moser, being persona non grata with the family generally, on account of his eccentricities and wild habits, went into the mountains about 1800, or a little earlier, and settled in that region of country now known as Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa. He visited his brothers on several occasions subsequently, and Peter visited him once or twice in his mountainous home. On the 17th day of January, 1815, he purchased 420 acres of land from one James McCosckle and John Didier, paying \$510 in silver for it. The deed gives the exact lines and posts, starting thus: "Beginning at a pine tree of Philip Mosser's land and thence by the same land of Burkhard Mosser." Peter Moser was the financial custodian of his brother Burkhard and gave him the money with which he paid the land. Burkhard Moser built a log house on this land, began to cultivate a portion of it, and lived upon it for thirteen or fourteen years, and paid the taxes on it up to the time of his death. He died in full possession without debts in 1828. Where he is buried or who performed his burial rites, it now appears that those who knew best (outside of God himself) are silent in death.

The coal company paid the taxes for two years after his death in his name, and then built a log house, still standing, on an elevation near Panther creek, and then claimed it on a squatter's claim.

This queer and eccentric old man, living alone in the mountains, naturally gave the impression

in the minds of the inhabitants of this sparsely settled region, that he was alone in the world without brothers or sisters or friends, and as the coal craze was just then beginning to manifest itself, the greed of the coal company had no bounds; they evidently buried his body and kept quiet. Peter died in 1829, ignorant of his brother's death; Christian died in 1838; and was completely blind for eight years before he died; and being a devout Christian, thought little and cared less for all earthly estates. He often spoke of his mansions in Heaven. Thus by their death and burial, the true knowledge of their brother Burkhard Moser's estate was also buried.

Burkhard Mosser, Sr., came from Germany and arrived in this country about 1727 or earlier. He owned land in Schuylkill (then Northampton) county.

Burkhard Mosser, Sr., tradition states was married to an Oswald. He was one of the pioneers in Lynn township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, in which district, on Dec. 22, 1748 one Simon Moser took out a warrant for 203 acres of land; again on Nov. 19, 1766 he took out another warrant for thirty-three acres in the same township. Michael Moser, June 8, 1754, took out a warrant for fifty-four acres in the same district.

On Dec. 13, 1785, Erhart Seisloff and his brother George, only surviving children and sons of George Seisloff, who with his wife and five or six children, in 1757, were massacred by the Indians, sold unto Burkhard Mosser, of Lynn township the farm, which belonged to their parents, for the consideration of five hundred and fifty pounds of current and lawful money. The said tract of land was situated and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak thence by land of Jacob Kistler and George Kistler and Paul Hertzog, west ninety-one perches crossing a run to a chestnut oak, north seven degrees, west ninety-six perches to a stone, the land of Philip Sittler, south one hundred and eighty-nine perches crossing a run to a post, thence by land of Henry Finck, and Frederick Sechler, east one hundred and eighty-four perches crossing a run to a chestnut oak thence by other land of the said Burkhard Mosser, etc. This is conclusive proof that tradition is correct in stating that Burkhard Mosser, Sr., lived where aged Jacob Mosser, a descendant, now lives, on the public road leading to Lynnvillle. The deed to which reference is made above was witnessed by Peter Kohler and Burkhard Mosser, Jr., each of whom wrote his name clearly on the deed, the original copy is still in possession of the present owner, James A. Oswald, of what is still locally known as the Seisloff homestead.



Burkhard Mosser died in 1807, leaving a family of six children, viz.:

Philip, Michael, Jacob, Burkhard, Jr., Anna Maria m. John Oswald, Barbara, m. a Mr. Sittler.

Burkhard Mosser, Jr., son of Burkhard, Sr., had a family consisting of ten children, viz.:

Jacob, John, Mary (Mrs. John Kerschner), Catharine (Mrs. Henry Frey), Mary M. (Mrs. Nicholas Boyer), Elizabeth (Mrs. Philip Brobst), Barbara (Mrs. John Whetstone), Rebecca (Mrs. A. Rabinold), Michael, Polly M. (Mrs. George Longenberger).

All these children were born in this country; and it is contended that the descendants of the various branches of this family erroneously claim to be the heirs of Burkhard Moser, the bachelor. It is true they are the direct heirs of Burkhard Mosser, Jr., who owned 220 acres of land adjoining that of Burkhard Moser, the bachelor. It was the father (Burkhard Mosser, Jr.) of this family, who was sued by John Oswald (his brother-in-law) for trespass on his (Oswald's) property (who owned land adjoining that of Mosser), and against whom the fieri facias was issued, condemnation made, but never legally sold. The trespass consisted in Burkhard Mosser, Jr., going on his brother-in-law's land, cutting down the timber, making it into boards and planks and selling it at a profit. He died in 1849. Some of his sons owned land in Carbon and Schuylkill counties or leased it in 1734, I believe, to the Greenwood or Greenaugh Coal Co., and the Little Schuylkill Coal Co., for ninety-nine years, the lease expiring in 1883.

Lewis F. Mosser, miller and farmer at Mossersville, in Lynn township, states:

"That Burkhard Moser and Philip Mosser were brothers; that they held land in common in Schuylkill county; that the land was considered valueless; that Philip Mosser sold his interests in the land to his brother, Burkhard Moser, for a blind halter and a silver dollar.

Philip Mosser frequently related the above incident to his grandchildren.

It is related that the Mossers and the Indian friendly; that the savages had marked the bounds of the Mosser lands, that perchance, should other tribes come in that territory during the Indian tribe of that section have always been most Wars, 1755-1758, that they would not harm this friendly family.

Philip Mosser (son of Burkhard, Sr.), was born in the Goshenhoppen, and settled in Lynn township.

On May 23, 1750, a proprietary warrant was given to Sebastian Mosser (the relation of this

person and aforesaid Philip is uncertain; some suppose them to be brothers; others, since on June 10, 1761, the above tract was conveyed to Philip, regard him as the father of Philip, which is altogether likely, since a Sebastian Mosser came to America Sept. 23, 1732, being under sixteen years).

One Johannes Mock, by warrant dated Aug. 13, 1746, obtained a tract of land called "Little Belt," which he deeded unto Philip Mosser under date May 2, 1763, the latter conveyed this land unto David Mosser, his son, on Jan. 29, 1798.

Philip Mosser by application Number 3918, obtained a warrant for a tract of land called "Emfworth," in Lynn, bearing date of April 27, 1769. This tract, with other lands he conveyed unto David Mosser, his son, on Aug. 2, 1805. A spring house built in 1794, by Philip Mosser is still standing at Mossersville, on the property of Mr. Lewis F. Mosser.

Mrs. David Mosser used to relate to her children that she remembered when in 1794 two companies of New Jersey soldiers, on their return from the western part of the state where they had been to assist in putting down the whiskey insurrection, tired and hungry, encamped on the farms of Philip Mosser, Jacob Oswald, and Peter Hunsicker. The ovens at these farm houses were brought into requisition and Mrs. Mosser was actively engaged in baking for the soldiers who stood anxiously waiting for the bread to bake. After their hunger was appeased and they were rested they went on their way.

The children of Philip were: (1) Johannes; (2) Sebastian. (3) Michael. 4. Philip. 5. Jacob, (with the exception of David, and Jacob, all of the sons moved to Center county, Pa., where they now pass by the name of Mosser). 7. Mrs. Pike, of Center Co. 8. Mrs. Michael Uhl, of Schuylkill county. 9. Mrs. Samuel Everett, some of whose descendants are in Cleveland, O.

David Mosser, son of Philip, was born December 30, 1766, in Lehigh, then Northampton county. He died in Lynn township, Oct. 18, 1832, aged sixty-five years, nine months and eighteen days. He was a miller by trade, and operated a custom-mill and saw-mill, at Mossersville, where a post office was established in 1866. David Mosser had 180 acres of land, which he cultivated in connection with his other business. On April 25, 1798, he purchased the farm from his father Philip, who died in 1817. In this year David rebuilt the grist mill, and this is still standing. David Mosser was married to Catharine Oswald, who was born April 7, 1776, and died May 11, 1857. Both are buried on the old graveyard at New Tripoli.

David Mosser was in the milling business about forty years. He was succeeded by his son, Joseph. His land he divided between his sons, John and Joseph. His children follow: John; Jacob; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1800, m. to Henry Grim, of Allentown; William; Magda-1807; Joseph; Catharine, born May 9, 1813, m. Joshua Seiberling; Esther, born May 24, 1816, m. Stephen Kistler, of Tannersville; Sallie, born March 6, 1819, m. James Seiberling; David, born April 4, 1822.

John Mosser, Sr., son of David, was born Jan. 17, 1796, at Mossersville, and died there, Oct. 29, 1852. He was a tanner and farmer for many years. He was the leading tanner in the entire county, and employed a number of men in that business. He used the bark-mill which belonged to his father, David Mosser. The mill consisted of a large stone, the top of which was about eighteen inches wide, by about six feet high. The stone stood upon a solid foundation of other stones. An upright shaft extended through the big upright stone. To this arrangement was fastened a pole about 14 feet in length and to the end away from the mill was hitched a horse which walked around the mill. This crude invention was the best apparatus they had to grind and break up their bark. The stone mill was also used to soften Spanish hides. John Mosser and his father were the pioneer tanners in this section of the country.

John Mosser's wife was Sophia Ebert. She as born Sept. 19, 1799, and died Sept. 18, 1883. They had six children: Catharine, Polly, m. Nathan Wetherhold, Mary, David, John, and Aaron.

Aaron E. Mosser, son of John, was born on the Mosser homestead at Mossersville, June 1, 1834, and died at Allentown, June 17, 1876. He attended a school of higher education at the Trappe, Pa. After his school days he clerked in a general store at Breinigsville. Upon marriage, he established a general store at Mossersville, which he continued for six years. Thereafter moving to Allentown, he clerked for a short time in Lawfer & Hartzell's store. There upon he associated himself with Frank Hersh under the firm name of Hersh & Mosser, hardware merchants, which continued to his death. Two years after his demise, his heirs sold their interests to Hersh Bros. and Dr. Grim. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Jane A., daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Trexler) Breinig, a granddaughter of Jacob Breinig. The union was blessed with seven children: 1. Mary A., single; 2. John J., of Allentown; 3. George E.; 4. Annie, m. to Oscar Trexler; 5. Jennie, m. to James Gladhill;

6. Harry, of Allentown; and 7. May, who died in infancy.

GEORGE E. MOSSER, son of Aaron, trading as George E. Mosser, of Allentown, was born at Mossersville, Pa., in 1864. Reared at the place of birth, he later clerked in the store, worked on the farm and at the Mosser tannery, where he learned his trade, serving three years. Thereupon, in 1885, he went to Williamsport, where he worked in the tannery of James K. Mosser, then Mosser, Keck & Co. (a cousin of his father). Since 1888 he is engaged in the hide business at Allentown. He is a member of the Lutheran church. In 1890, he married Lizzie A., daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Newhard) Rau, of Northampton county, and they have the following children: Margaret M., died at the age of five years; Aaron R.; and George W.

Jacob Mosser, second child of David, was born Jan. 29, 1798. He lived at Allentown, where he was a tanner and a very substantial citizen. His wife was Salome Kistler and their children were: William, m. to Lucy Fisher; 2. Catherine, m. to Samuel E. Albright; 3. Charles K., m. to Annie Mink; 4. Elizabeth, m. to Peter K. Grim; 5. James K., m. to Marie E. Keck.

William Mosser, fourth child of David, was born May 18, 1802. He moved to the line of Berks and Lehigh counties, where he operated a mill on the Ontelaunee. This mill consists of a stone building still in a good state of preservation, and a saw-mill annex which was built by M. B. in 1793. William Mosser came into possession of this property about 1828 and operated the same up to the time of his retirement, when he was succeeded by his son, William K. The mill is known as "Mosser's Mill" and the property contains 161 acres of good land, located in the potato belt. Mr. Mosser was a Lutheran member of "Jacobs" or Jacksonville Union church, which he served officially for many years, being treasurer, when the present church was built. He died at the age of 76 years. His wife was Susanna, daughter of Daniel Kuhns. Fourteen children were born to them, three of whom died when young. The remainder were: 1. Thomas, late of Saegersville. 2. Mary, m. to Owen A. Miller, of Philadelphia; 3. Charles, late of Missouri; 4. Lucy, deceased, m. to Joseph Clauss, of Allentown; 5. Catharine, deceased, m. to Wilson Peter, of Slatington; 6. James K.; 7. William; 8. Sarah, m. to Dr. Aaron Miller, of Saegersville; 9. Amanda, m. to Owen Hoffman, of Philadelphia; 10. Ellen, m. to Abraham D. Kistler, of Allentown; 11. Albert, late of Allentown.

JAMES K. MOSSER, son of William, was born at Mosser's Mill, Dec. 21, 1834. In 1868 he

moved to Schuylkill county, settling near Ringtown, where he was a leading business man for thirty-nine years, operating a mill, farm, huckster team, and was engaged in lumbering, employing a number of men. A Republican in politics, he served as school director and auditor. He had been choir leader of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran church for many years, and was active in church matters. In May, 1907, he and his wife retired and moved to Allentown, where Mr. Mosser died in 1912. In 1859, he married Cordelia, daughter of Daniel and Persena (Lutz) Wannemacher, from which union there was no issue. The children of Daniel and Persena Wannemacher were: Cordelia; Sarah, m. to Aaron Hahn; Amandus, m. to Sarah Klingaman, of Saegersville; Albert, died single; and Emma, m. to Dr. William Miller.

William K. Mosser, son of William, was born July 24, 1839, died Dec. 15, 1905. He owned the homestead after his father, the present Mosser's mill, and farm, and an adjacent farm of 102 acres, these he cultivated to the time of his retirement. He was an esteemed citizen, and during his retirement he lived in a fine brick house, built by his father in 1839. He had been a successful potato-farmer. Dr. James Graber and he were instrumental in the erection of the Jacksonville creamery. He and Wilson P. Krum, of Krumsville, operated slate quarries at Slateville, Williamstown, and Jacksonville. He had been a Lutheran member of the Jacksonville church, which he served officially from early manhood to the time of his death.

He was married May 11, 1862, to Sarah, b. Sept. 4, 1842, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Wannemacher) Lutz, the issue being: 1. Lena, b. Dec. 4, 1863; 2. Adda, b. Jan. 12, 1865; 3. Charles, b. May 12, 1866; 4. William J.; 5. Sallie, b. Dec. 24, 1871, drowned March 28, 1873; 6. Clara, b. March 30, 1873; 7. Albert, b. May 12, 1874; 8. Edward, b. Feb. 7, 1876; 9. Nellie, b. Oct. 22, 1878; 10. Robert, b. Oct. 18, 1879; 11. Daisy, b. July 16, 1884.

William J. Mosser, son of William K., was born Jan. 5, 1869. He succeeded his father on the old homestead, following farming and the milling business. On the 161-acre farm he raises annually thousands of bushels of potatoes. He is married to Caroline, daughter of Moses and Caroline (Long) Straub, and they have ten children: 1. Warren; 2. Milo; 3. Harry; 4. Robert; 5. Marguerite; 6. Clara; 7. George; 8. William; 9. Florence; 10. Frederick.

Joseph Mosser, son of David, was born at Mossersville, May 28, 1810. He obtained the tract upon which the original homestead was situated, also the mill. He followed the milling

trade and farming all his active life. He and his family were actively identified with the Lutheran congregation of Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli, where they are buried. His wife was Maria Krause. She was born November 1, 1813, and died Feb. 6, 1911, at the remarkable age of 97 years, 3 months and 5 days. He died April 23, 1893, in his eighty-third year. They had these three children: William F.; Rosa Anna, wife of Edwin Camp, deceased, of Newton Center, Mass., and Lewis F., who died in May, 1913.

William Franklin Mosser, son of Joseph, was born at Mossersville, Pa., Dec. 26, 1833, died Jan. 6, 1908. He began his active life at Breinigsville, where Mr. Gehman and he conducted a general store. Later he returned to his home to farm and help in the mill. Subsequently he bought a small store at Williamstown, near Slatington, which he conducted for three years. Thereupon he came to Allentown, and became interested in and established the Lehigh Axle Works in 1862 or 63 (now William F. Mosser & Son Iron Foundry and Machine Shop), in which he continued to the end of his life. During the Centennial, Mr. Mosser exhibited a turbine water wheel, which stood high in public tests, but which dropped into disuse on account of the difficulty of securing proper water-rights. He was a Republican, serving as justice of the peace at Mossersville, fraternally was a member of F. & A. M., and of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He also served as one of the building committee when St. John's Lutheran church, Allentown, was remodeled. He was first president of the Allentown Steam Heat and Power Co. He was married to Louisa, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Hartman) Seiberling, the issue being: 1. Alvena L., m. to George W. Eckert, of Allentown; 2. Amanda L., m. to Thomas E. Bechtel, of Italy; 3. Emma L., m. to William G. Keck, of Allentown; 4. Rosa L., m. to G. T. Roth, of Elkin, N. C.; 5. Joseph, deceased; 6. Charles F.

CHARLES FRANKLIN MOSSER, son of William F., was born in Allentown, Pa., Nov. 14, 1867. He attending the public schools to March, 1885. In the fall of the same year he entered his father's shops to learn the trade, working four years at his apprenticeship, when he took up the office-work. In 1890, he became a member of the afore-mentioned firm. Mr. Mosser serves as a director of the Lehigh Valley Trust Co., since 1907. Politically, he is a Republican; socially, he belongs to the Livingston Club, B. P. O. E., St. Leger Club, and Country Club, Director in Allentown Steam Heat & Power Co., and a trustee Muhlenberg College.

He was married on April 16, 1890, to Flora, daughter of Henry and Tavilla (Shafer) Bohlén, their children being: 1. Hannah; 2. Joseph; 3. Ruth; 4. William. He resides at 1544 Hamilton street, Allentown.

In 1901 John Greenall became a member of the firm of William F. Mosser & Son, which name is retained to the present day.

LEWIS F. MOSSER, son of Joseph and Maria (Krause) Mosser, was born at Mossersville, Nov. 6, 1840. He obtained a business education and successfully operated the custom grist and saw-mill for almost half a century. He gave steady employment to a number of men and was an influential and representative citizen of Lynn township. He established the postoffice at Mossersville in 1866 and for many years served as postmaster, having as assistants his nephews, John and David Mosser. He died in May, 1913. His wife, Sarah A., is a daughter of Peter Bachman. Their children are: Alice, married to Alvin J. Ziegler; 2. Mary, married to Rev. George Richards, D.D.; 3. Annie, married to Granville Snyder; 4. Ida; and 5. Ella.

David O. Mosser, the tenth child of David, was born April 14, 1822, died Feb. 23, 1861. He was a physician and lived at Breinigsville. He married Susan, daughter of Jesse Breinig, who was born July 4, 1828, and died Aug. 16, 1871. The issue had been: 1. Oliver; 2. Hannah, m. Dr. Belden, of Akron, Ohio; and 3. Ida, b. Dec. 17, 1864, d. April 12, 1872.

*The Mosser Family of Center County, Pennsylvania, who now pass by the name of Musser.*

Michael Mosser, son of Philip, also spelled Moser, and whose descendants now spell the name *Musser*, the family Bible states, was "ein son das Mickel Mosser von Lecha County." The latter was a son of Burkhard Mosser, Sr., and a brother of Philip and Burkhard, Jr. The second Michael Mosser in the latter half of the eighteenth century, settled in Center county, Pa., and took up government land in Gregg township, where he passed away in 1859, at a ripe old age. He was married twice, having by his first wife five children, as follows: George and Jonathan; Mrs. Betsy Kepler; Mrs. George Haring, and Mrs. John Confer. The first four named children remained in Gregg township, but Mrs. John Confer went with her husband to Illinois.

George Moser was born July 7, 1804, obtained the homestead of his father which consisted of 161 acres. On this homestead he spent the balance of his life, dying on the 2d of February, 1846. His wife was a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Ilgen Moser. She was born in

1811, and died in 1846. Their eight children were: Rosetta, married to the Hon. John W. Krumrine, late of State College, Pa.; Elias, who died a farmer in Gregg township, in 1888; Emanuel, who was born in 1834, and was a prosperous farmer in College township, Center county; Mrs. Rebecca Wolf, who died at Loggansville, Pa., in 1883; Maria, was the wife of Henry Gramley (Kramlich), of Iowa; George M., died in childhood; William H. H., of Mercer, N. D.; Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Gates, of Illinois.

Sebastian Mosser (son of Michael, Sr., and brother of Michael, Jr.), was born in Lynn township, Northampton county (now Lehigh), Jan. 3, 1760. He was married to Anna Maria Miller of the same township. He settled in Penn's Valley, Center county, Pa., with his brother Michael. His descendants go under the name of Musser. Sebastian Mosser was a farmer and a pioneer settler of his district. They had an only child, Philip B., who was born in Lynn township, Aug. 27, 1785, a few years before the family settled in Center county. He was a successful farmer and held a prominent place in the Lutheran church of his section. He served his township as justice of the peace and was an influential citizen. In 1806 he was married in Center county to Elizabeth Ilgen, who was born Aug. 26, 1790. She was a daughter of Rev. Ludwig A. Ilgen, an old-time Lutheran minister.

Philip B. Mosser and wife had thirteen children, namely: John Sebastian, born March 29, 1808, he was a farmer and minister of the Evangelical Church, and died in Penn township, Center county, Jan. 9, 1887; Ludwig A. W., born Aug. 10, 1810, died at Millheim, Oct. 4, 1889; Maria E., born Oct. 10, 1811, married George Musser, died in Gregg township, Center county; John P., born Nov. 4, 1813, died in infancy; Philip A., born Dec. 9, 1816, a farmer, died in Penn township, Center county, Oct. 11, 1794; Anna B., born July 3, 1818, married John Hubler, died in Brush Valley; John G., born Dec. 12, 1820, died at Millheim; Daniel A., born June 28, 1822, was a prominent and very influential business man of Penn's Valley, Centre county, he operated a mill and saw-mill, and died June 30, 1888, he was married to Lydia A. Shreffler, a native of Mifflinburg, Pa. and had eight children; Maria C., born Feb. 16, 1826, was the wife of Thomas Frank; Lydia E., was born March 16, 1828; John F. Ilgen, was born Jan. 23, 1830; Sarah C., married Frederick Catherman, was born Feb. 20, 1833; and James J., born Nov. 19, 1834, and lives at Hartleton, Union county, Pa.



J. Jacob Mosser, son of Burkhardt, Sr., was born April 29, 1772 and reared where his grandson, Jacob, still lives. He died May 30, 1855 and is buried at New Tripoli, Pa. For many years he conducted a store and hotel in an old historic log-house, which had served as a fort during the French and Indian War. Besides aforesaid, he also had a large farm, whereon he built the present barn in about 1806. By his first wife, ——— Oswald, he had the following children: 1. Jacob; 2. Michael, who settled in the Mahanoy Valley; 3. John, who lived on the homestead; 4. David, of Lynn township, resided where Henry Weaver now lives; 5. Molly, m. to Jonas Neff; 6. Lydia, m. to Elias Neff; 7. Leah, m. to Jacob Mantz.

J. Jacob Mosser married second, Susanna Hunsicker. Their children were: 1. Hettie, m. to Nathan Snyder; 2. Abbie, m. to Jacob Weaver; 3. Sallie, m. to Adam Benninger; 4. Regina, m. to Frank Hausman, who went West; 5. Nathan and Samuel, who settled in Mahanoy Valley.

Jacob Mosser, son of Jacob, lived in Lynn township, where he owned a farm of 150 acres, at present the property of Henry Fenstermacher. The house and barn thereon were built by him. He had been a Lutheran member of Ebenezer church, New Tripoli, where he and his wife, Susanna, *nee* Peter, are buried. Their children were: 1. Catharine, m. to Michael Werley; 2. Leah, m. to Jeremiah Klingerman; 3. Susanna, m. to Andrew Hoppes; 4. Mary, m. to John Kistler; 5. Sarah, m. to Noah Kistler; 6. Judith, m. to Aaron Peter; 7. Caroline, m. to Alfred Dorward; 8. Jacob; 9. Levi, lived near Lynnville; 10. Lydia, single; 11. Elizabeth, m. to Benjamin Snyder.

JACOB MOSSEER, son of Jacob, was born near New Tripoli, Aug. 29, 1832. In 1857, he began farming, where his son, Wilson now lives. At this place he continued until 1880, when he moved to the present 86-acre farm, which he purchased from his uncle, John Mosser. The present brick-house was built by him in 1880. He together with his family are Lutheran members of Ebenezer church, which he served as deacon and elder.

In 1856, he married ———, daughter of John Hunsicker, their children being: 1. Wilson A.; 2. John S.; 3. Lewis H., deceased; 4. Osville J.; 5. Amanda.

Solomon Mosser was a farmer of Lynn, owning the farm since 1909 in possession of Edwin Kunkel. The tract contains 70 acres. His wife was Magdalena Kistler (b. May 30, 1798; d. April 17, 1870). Their children were: 1. William; 2. Elizabeth, m. to Samuel Sechler; 3. Lovina, m. to Mr. Steigerwald.

William Mosser, son of Solomon, was born April 12, 1823, d. March 12, 1889. He was a farmer and also a carpenter by trade. He is buried at the Lynnville church, which he served as elder and trustee for many years. He had been chorister of Frieden's church, Wessnersville.

His wife had been Carolina (b. Oct. 16, 1828, d. May 21, 1875), a daughter of John Weiss. The children were: Amanda, m. to Joseph E. Miller; 2. William F.; 3. Anna Eliza, deceased, m. to James Werley; 4. Sarah and James, who died young; Emma, m. to William Werley.

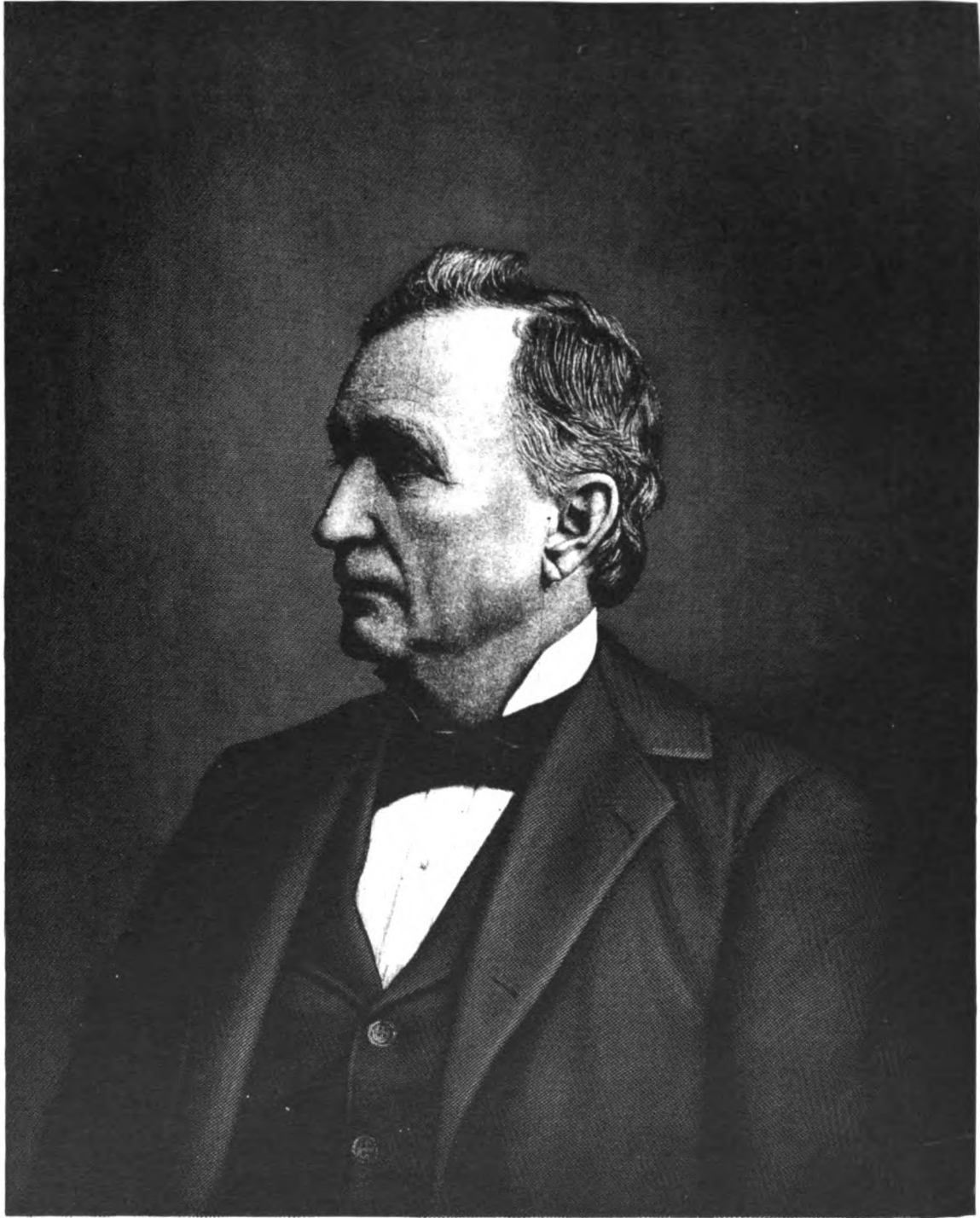
William F. Mosser, sn of William, was born at Lynnville, Pa., June 7, 1850. He attended Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa. When he became of age, he began farming on the homestead, where he continued until the Spring of 1903, when he moved to a farm near the Lynnville church. Here he farmed till the Spring of 1911, when he retired. He is a Lutheran member of St. Peter's church, at Lynnville, which he served as deacon. His wife is Mary C., daughter of Janos and Lydia (Werley) Bachman, and they have the following children: Charles, m. to Mabel Kistler; and Ida, m. to Dr. Alvin Kistler, of Chester, Pa. (Both Mabel and Dr. Alvin are children of Charles Kistler).

Philip Mosser was born about 1770. He lived in Lynn township, where Cornelius Moyer now resides. He had an 80-acre farm. His death occurred about 1843, aged 73 years, and his wife was Catharine Schneider, of Lynn township. Their children were: Molly, married Jonas Miller; Philip; Catharine, married Jesse Hantz; Salome, married Daniel Miller. We do not know at this writing who his father was. Was he a brother to Michael, Jr., and Sebastian Mosser?

Philip Mosser, son of the above Philip, was born in Lynn, and was a farmer. His 100-acre farm is now owned by his son, Eli. It is located along the base of the Blue mountains, two miles east of Lynnport. He and his family were Lutherans. His wife was Mary Wertman, daughter of Andrew Wertman. Their children were: Eli, Sarah, married John Leiby; Carolina, married James Ely; Madina, married Eli Mohr; David, of Turbotville, Northumberland county, Pa.; Mary, married Frank Laubach; Messina, married George George; Rosa, died young; Emma, married Samuel Kressley.

Eli Mosser is a farmer in Lynn, and owns his father's homestead on which he was born May 11, 1842. In 1864 he began farming the homestead. The Leiningers Slate Company purchased





*James K Monro*

part of his land. A log-house, weather-boarded on the outside and plastered on the inside hides its historic interest. There are three of four port holes on each side of it on the second story. The antiquated appearance of the house and its hidden port-holes are convincing proof that the house stood during the French and Indian War, from 1755 to 1763.

The land was taken up by Henry Kuntzman, the warrant bearing date of Sept. 2, 1749, and was for 160 acres. It is tradition that one Sickie was the first settler on this tract, and that he was buried along the wall on the eastern gable end of the Eli Mosser barn. Later an Eisenhart, then a Sittler, owned the land. Philip Mosser, purchased it from the latter owner.

Eli Mosser was married in 1868 to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Wertman, of Schuylkill county. Five of the nine children born to them died small. The living are: Sarah, married William Sterner; Alice, married James Handwerk, of Monterey, Pa.; Lizzie, married Lenius Schuck, of Slatedale; Eli W., married Alice Tyson, of Greenwich township, and they farm the Mosser homestead and have a son, James Philip.

John Mosser, son of Jacob, was a farmer in Lynn township, but spent his retiring years in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died and is buried. He married Abigail Sensinger, daughter of John and Barbara (Peter) Sensinger. They had the following children:

Polly, married to Israel Meyerle.  
Lydia, married to Daniel Steigerwald.  
Eliza, married to William Ely.  
David, was never married.  
Jacob, married to Susan Gilbert.  
Angelina.  
Amanda, married to John Miller.  
Sarah, married to Amandes Ebert.

#### JAMES K. MOSSER.

James K. Mosser, late of Allentown, was born at Trexlertown, Pa., Feb. 6, 1830, son of Jacob and Salome (Kistler) Mosser, and grandson of David Mosser.

Jacob and Salome (Kistler) Mosser were the parents of the following children: 1. William K., married to Lucy Fisher, and had two children; William F., who married Emily Guiley; and Mary, wife of Colonel H. C. Trexler, of Allentown. (2) Catharine, married to Samuel E. Albright, and their five children are: John, Rosa, George, Peter, and Mary. (3) Charles K., married to Annie Mink, and they had eight children: Albert, Charles, Frank, Ellen, Emma, Alice, Annie, and Eva. (4) Elizabeth, married to Peter K. Grim, and their children are: Katie, David Albert, Jacob, Ellen, Anna, and Amanda. (5) James K.

James Kistler Mosser acquired his early intellectual training in the public schools of his native town and afterward began working in a tannery with his father, under whose direction he learned the trade of tanning sole leather. His father came to Trexlertown in 1829, to take charge of a tannery which had been built many years previous. As his sons attained suitable ages he instructed them in the trade and taught them the business in which the family has been identified for many years. In 1849, he removed to Allentown, and in 1854 the father turned over the tannery business to his two sons, W. K. and J. K., and the firm became W. K. and J. K. Mosser. This continued until 1859, when J. K. withdrew and with Thomas Keck and Alfred G. Saeger, formed a company styled Mosser, Keck & Company. In 1863, they established a commission house in New York City, under the name of Keck, Mosser & Company. They were the same people but took different positions in the firm at the several places. In 1873, Keck, Mosser & Company established a branch house at Boston. In 1875, Mr. Saeger withdrew from the firm. In 1876, Mr. Mosser and Thomas Keck built a tannery at Williamsport, Pa., and the firm name became J. K. Mosser & Company, which name it retained until the present time. In 1884, Mr. Mosser's three sons were taken into the firm. Mr. Mosser was regarded as one of the ablest tanners in the country and he was active in business until his death on Feb. 6, 1905. Each of his sons was given charge of a department, and the name of Mosser has become synonymous with the tanning industry of America.

Mr. Mosser was a director of the Allentown National Bank for a quarter of a century, and a director of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company from the time of its organization until he died. He built the "Mosser Mansion" in the Fourteenth ward, Allentown, and this he and family occupied until the completion of the fine residence at No. 445 Hamilton street, now occupied by Mrs. Mosser and her daughter, Lucy. Mr. Mosser had been actively identified with the Lutheran Church, and politically he was a Republican.

He was married to Marie E. Keck, and they had four children, namely: (1) Henry, married Mary Grim. They have five children: Helen, James, Henry, Miriam, and Lucy. (2) Jacob, married Sallie Seiberling, and they have eight children: Annie, Paul, Carl, Harris, John, Catharine, Philip, and Charles. (3) George, married Ida Hausman, and has three children: Fred, Robert, and Mary. Lucy Mosser married Dr. Irving Huebner. They have two children: James K., and Richard.



## WM, R. MOSER.

William Richard Moser was born Dec. 31, 1840, at Lower Nazareth, Northampton county. He was reared upon the farm, and at the age of 18 worked in the Bethlehem Steel Works, and later with the Zinc Company for two years. He left Bethlehem and moved to Westfield township, Medina county, O., where he purchased a farm of 78 acres. After farming this land for 18 years, he sold it and moved to Salisbury township, where he cultivated a farm of seventeen and one-half acres. On Sept. 2, 1862, he enlisted at Nazareth as a private in Company A, 153 Pennsylvania Volunteers for nine months. He served in the second battalion at Gettysburg and Chambersburg and received his discharge at Harrisburg. He was a member of the Western Salisbury Lutheran Church. Mr. Moser died Dec. 11, 1913, and was buried at the Western Salisbury church.

He was married in Bethlehem, Nov. 19, 1876, to Miss Libbie Barndt. They had the following children: Albert, m. Lucy Smith; Annie, m. George Loehr, a farmer; Robert, m. Lillian Kemmerer, and Jacob B.

William Moser, father of William R., was born at Petersville, Northampton county. He died at Nazareth in 1858, aged 68 years. He was by trade a blacksmith. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics was a Democrat. He married Margaret Ricshell, of Nazareth, and they had the following children: Mrs. Sarah Ann Hanshue; Samuel, died in the Civil War, m. a Miss Hummel; Harrison, m. a Miss Moser, a second cousin; Mrs. Kate Seiffert; Mrs. Amelia Hess; Eliza, m. John Kulp; Angelina; William R.; James and Malinda, who died in infancy.

## MOYER (MEYER) FAMILY.

Among the early settlers of Lowhill township was Wilhelm Meyer, who lived in the southwest corner of that township and it appears some of his land extended into Lynn and Weisenberg townships. William P. Moyer, a prominent citizen of Allentown, Pennsylvania, has among his cherished heirlooms, a parchment deed, which was given on the sixteenth day of June, 1764, by John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, to his great-great-grandfather above named, for 53 acres of land situated on the east side of Weisenberg township, but this pioneer had already owned land before this time, as his name appears among the taxables of Lowhill in 1762.

On March 17, 1765, the records of Ebenezer church at New Tripoli, Pa., mention the baptism of Johann Peter, son of Wilhelm and Bar-

bara Elizabeth Meyer, born Dec. 19, 1764. This Johann Peter was a farmer many years near New Tripoli. He was married to Maria Everett who hailed from one of the very first families to settle in Lynn township. [See Everett Family.] Johann Peter Meyer died on Nov. 3, 1828, aged 64 years, 10 months, and 17 days. He is buried on the old church graveyard at New Tripoli. They were the parents of 16 children, as follows:

(1) Nathan.

(2) Leah, born July 21, 1808, married Joshua Oswald.

(3) Gideon, born June 15, 1810, married Susan, and had 9 children: William, Daniel, Priscilla, Esther, Susan, Gideon, Matilda, Mary, and Catharine.

(4) Esther, born Nov. 1, 1812.

(5) Abigail, born July 11, 1814, married Jesse Lynn.

(6) Sabina, born Sept. 14, 1823, married Frederick Sponsaler.

(7) Rachel, married Mr. Leiby.

(8) Elizabeth, married Simon Moyer.

(9) Catharine, married Peter Hartz.

(10) Hannah, married Jacob Kressly.

(11) John, had children: William; Carolina, married John Smith; Mary, married Joseph Gilbert; Lavina, married David Bailey; Anna, married Hamilton Wilson; Carolina, married Jonathan Gilbert; Helena, married Mr. Gilbert.

(12) Jonathan, had children: William, Peter, Nathan, and Mary.

(13) Benjamin, married Salome Loch, and had children: Jacob; Mary, married Jacob Witherstine; Polly, married Emanuel Baker; and Rebecca, married William Hunt.

(14) Jacob, married Sarah, and had children: Catharine, married Jonas Snyder; Mary, married Nathan Rau; Lydia, married Peter Bailey; Sarah, married John Platt; Lavina, married George Platt; Elizabeth, married Louis Durst; Eliza, married Benjamin Sechler; Nathan, and Daniel.

(15) Peter.

(16) Magdalena, born May 6, 1802, died May 8, 1862, married Michael Frey, and had children: Jonas; Nathan; Mary, married Amos Knerr; Carolina, married David Mühlhouse; Catharine, married Benjamin Heil; Amelia, married Daniel Fenstermacher; and Sarah.

All of the above with the exception of Mrs. Hartz, Mrs. Kressly, Mrs. Frey, and Peter, settled in the state of Ohio, and their descendants are widely scattered throughout the United States.

Peter Moyer, the fifteenth child and seventh son of Peter Meyer, Sr., was born in Lynn town-

ship, in April, 1800, and died in the house on the old homestead where he was born in December, 1857. He was married to Catharine Gernard, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 5, 1804, and came to this country with her mother in 1816, landing at Philadelphia. She was a "Redemptioner," and was indentured to John Miller for the cost of the passage of herself and daughter, serving for the same for six years. After an eventful courtship, on Jan. 11, 1823, the daughter was married in the Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli, to Peter Moyer. They began farming the Moyer homestead, near New Tripoli, now owned by George D. Miller. In connection with farming, Peter Moyer from 1830 until within a year of his death, conducted an apple-jack distillery.

Peter Moyer and his good wife had adopted a number of homeless children, whom they reared in the fear and admonition of the Lord in connection with their own large family. They were faithful in worship and active in the Lutheran congregation of Ebenezer church, which Mr. Moyer served officially for many years. There were born to them thirteen children, of whom Gideon, the sainted father of William P. Moyer, was the oldest. The names of the children follow:

1. Gideon, born Sept. 22, 1824.
2. Adelina, born in 1826.
3. Caroline, born Sept. 21, 1827, married Jonas Rabenold.
4. Esther, born July 5, 1829, married Nathan Fritzinger.
5. Amelia, born Dec. 29, 1830, married Solomon Zellner.
6. William, cut himself with an ax, resulting in his death.
7. Peter, married Elizabeth Ricker.
8. Benneville, born in 1836, died Nov. 18, 1907.
9. Henry, was drowned.
10. Owen, of White Haven, Pa.
11. Noah, of Hazleton, Pa.
12. Nathan D., born Feb. 27, 1838, died Oct. 9, 1909.
13. Infant son.

Of the above named children, Mrs. Rabenold and Mrs. Fritzinger remained in Lynn township; Mrs. Zellner and her family removed to Cass county, Indiana; Peter resides at White Haven; Benneville, died at Homestead, Pa., from injuries sustained in the steel foundry where he was employed; Owen resides at White Haven; Noah resides at Hazleton; Nathan D., was killed in a wreck near Siegfried's, on the C. R. R. of N. J. He was married to Mary, daughter of William and Anna Catharine Sander. They have six children.

Gideon Moyer, oldest son of Peter, was born on the homestead farm near New Tripoli, Sept. 22, 1824. He married Jane Amanda Smith, daughter of Abraham and Amelia (Seiberling) Smith. She departed this life Aug. 24, 1899, aged 71 years. Mr. Moyer died at Allentown, Nov. 2, 1904, at the age of 80 years.

Gideon Moyer was reared upon the farm, and soon after his marriage purchased his father-in-law's farm near Lynnvillle, and engaged in farming and operating a grist-mill and saw-mill until 1868, when he disposed of his interests in Lynn township and moved to Allentown. Here he engaged in the mercantile business on a small scale, and shortly thereafter purchased a property and built a store house thereon, at the corner of Ninth and Chew streets. By his enterprise and attention to business he prospered, and a more commodious building became necessary. He then purchased the property at the southeast corner of Sixth and Gordon streets, and upon it he erected a three-story brick building, where he continued the business for many years.

To this family were born three children: Julius A., Elias, and William P. Of these Elias died at the age of six years.

WILLIAM P. MOYER, who is well known in the financial, social and religious life of Allentown, is a native son of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lynn township, May 12, 1859, and attended the schools at Allentown, until he was twelve years of age. He then assisted his father in the store business until he learned the trade of a cigar-maker, and when but a lad of fifteen he started in the business for himself, manufacturing cigars, and at the same time assisting his father in the store until he was of age. Afterward, owing to the condition of his health, he accepted a position as traveling salesman with a large Philadelphia house, which he served with marked ability for seven years, but at the same time continuing his manufacturing business. After he had successfully established himself in the cigar manufacturing business, he began to deal in real estate, purchasing vacant lands, which he cut up into building lots upon which he erected houses. It is true, Mr. Moyer commenced in a small way, but it was not long until he erected rows of dwelling houses which he sold when completed to satisfied customers, and he continued to build homes until he became the largest builder in the city. Mr. Moyer had purchased 35 acres of the old fair grounds on North Sixth street, which was then on the outskirts of that section of the city, and upon it erected in the course of about five years upwards of 200 substantial dwelling houses. His extensive operations in this period of time has very materially increased the assessed valuation and

the population of the Tenth ward. In 1882 he had erected for himself at No. 258 North Sixth street, one of the finest residences in that section of the city. There he continued to reside until in 1912, when he sold it to Dr. G. H. Boyer, the present occupant, and in the fall of that year he occupied the "Moyer Mansion" located near Fifteenth and Linden streets, which he erected in 1912. Mr. Moyer was his own architect and builder of this magnificent residence facing West End Park, one of the most beautiful residential spots in all Allentown.

Mr. Moyer is loyal to his city and is interested in its administrative affairs. He had been a valued member of the city council for a period of six years, serving first for two years in common council and then for four years in select council. In politics he is a Republican. Charity has a true friend in Mr. Moyer for many years. The Allentown Hospital from its inception, has the benefit of his purse and experience as a builder. He was one of the first trustees, and was one of the building committee which erected the fine structure. He was one of the promoters of the Merchants National Bank, and is a director since its organization. Mr. Moyer was reared by godly parents and the influences for good which were implanted in him in childhood, have made him a propagator of the doctrine that "right living has its reward here and in the hereafter." He is a member of Seibert Evangelical church, which he has served as a trustee continually since its organization. Seibert church, at Ninth and Liberty streets, was erected in 1894, enlarged and remodelled in 1910, and each time it had the valuable services of Mr. Moyer as chairman of its building committee. In each case his services were cheerfully given without compensation or reward, and his liberal hand has materially aided the building funds as well as the general running expenses of the church. The fine "Bates and Culley" pipe organ in this church, which cost \$2,500.00, bears a plate containing the following inscription: "Presented by W. P. Moyer, M. C. Bastian, and Andrew Carnegie." One of the church memorial windows bears the inscription: "In sacred memory of Gideon Moyer." Socially, Mr. Moyer occupies a high position in Allentown. He is a high degree Free Mason; was one of the twenty members who organized Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; and is actively identified in the movement to secure a "Temple" for Allentown; has membership in the Knights of Friendship, and the Livingston Club.

William P. Moyer was married, Feb. 25, 1878, to Mary J. Holtzinger, daughter of John and Rosina (Long) Holtzinger, the latter being a

daughter of Jacob Long. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are the parents of these children:

1. Estella, who died aged three years.
2. Elsie Jane, the estimable wife of Edward Thomas, proprietor of the leading department store at Lansford, Pa. They have a daughter, Mary Isabella Thomas.

Julius Moyer, brother of William P., was married to Anna Shell, daughter of Rev. John Shell (See his biography), and they have four children: Howard, Arthur, Robert and Amy.

#### CALVIN H. MOYER.

Calvin H. Moyer, farmer, of Lowhill, near Claussville, was born March 27, 1857, on the plantation where he resides. He was educated in the local school, reared on the farm, and at the age of twenty-three rented the farm at Schleicher's Mill and carried it on four years; then the farm of Rev. U. P. Heilman, near Egypt, which he cultivated successfully for nineteen years. In 1903 he embarked in the general store business at Ruchsville, in N. Whitehall and was engaged in it for eight years when he sold out on account of the close confinement and resumed farming on the homestead where he has continued until now. He served as a school director of N. Whitehall for four years; also as a deacon of the Morganland church.

In 1879, Mr. Moyer was married to Sarah L. Bear, daughter of Phaon Bear, farmer, of Lowhill, with whom he had three children: Clara T. (who died when 9 years old); John C. (m. Carrie Klotz); and Annie E. (m. Orlando Wright). His wife died March 2, 1901, aged 40 years. He then married Katie E. Wilt, daughter of James F., of N. Whitehall.

The father of Mr. Moyer was Reuben Moyer, born in N. Whitehall (m. S. Whitehall), in 1832. He learned the trade of wheelright, which he followed for 54 years, four in Upper Macungie and 50 in Lowell. He served as a died Jan. 22, 1908, aged 76 years. He was m. deacon and elder of the Morganland church. He married Lovina Reinert, daughter of Amos, and had two children: Calvin and Mrs. John P. Bear. His wife died Sept. 5, 1909, aged 76 years.

Henry Moyer was Mr. Moyer's grandfather. He followed the trade of mason in S. Whitehall and vicinity for many years, and died 1844, aged 54 years. He was married to Elizabeth Houser, daughter of Adam, of N. Whitehall, and they had nine children: David (who moved to Reading); William (m. Caroline Heilman), Mary (m. Joseph Diehl), Joseph (m. a Miss Wetzel), John (m. Eliza Krasely), Reuben, Sallic, and two died young.

Mr. Moyer's great grandfather was George Moyer who married Maria Ruch, and lived to be 80 years old; and his great-great-grandfather was Lorentz Moyer.

His grandfather, Amos Reinert, was married to Susan Gilbert, daughter of Adam, and they had 13 children: Amandus, Edwin, Hiram, Lovina, Susan, Ellen, and seven died young. He died in 1876, aged 66 years; she died in 1884, aged 70 years. The father of Amos was Peter Reinert.

ELMER E. MOYER.

Elmer E. Moyer, farmer, of Weisenberg township, was born in Upper Macungie township, Sept. 16, 1873, and when four years old his parents moved to the farm of Dr. Fred. Seiberling, in Weisenberg township, near the Ziegel Church, and there they continued for seven years when they took possession of an adjoining farm. He was educated in the local school and he assisted his parents until he became thirty-one years old when he married and engaged in farming, which he has continued ever since.

In 1904 he married Agnes L. A. Walbert, a daughter of James Walbert, of Seipstown, and they have one child, Clarence C.

His father, Aaron Moyer, was a farmer of Upper Macungie and Weisenberg township, dying in the latter district in 1904, at the age of 74 years. He was a highly respected citizen, and served the township fifteen years as supervisor, and in the Ziegel Church eleven years as a deacon, and four years as an elder. He was married twice. His first wife was Julia Gehringer, and by her had seven children: Franklin, James, Elias, Lewis, Milton, and two died young. His second wife was Helena Fritz, daughter of Nathan, of Weisenberg, by whom he had nine children: John (m. Amanda Gehringer); Laura (m. Albert Kerschner); Mary (m. Preston Eischenhart); Daniel (m. Mary Walbert); Elmer; Emma, and Alice (who died in infancy); and Cora (m. Chester Smith).

His grandfather was Daniel Moyer, a farmer of Weisenberg, who died in 1849, and was buried at Ziegel Church. He was married to Magdalena Acker. They had nine children (five sons and four daughters): James, Amos, William, Aaron, and Charles (who went to Michigan), Judith (Mrs. Shoemaker), Mrs. Krum, Mrs. Semmel, and Mrs. Saeger. His great-grandfather was Nicholas Moyer.

His mother's father, Nathan Fritz, was the father of six children: Helena, Matilda (m. 1st Daniel Hoffman, and 2nd John Garret), Harry (m. Sabina Fink), Amanda (m. Jacob Warner), and Edwin and Alice (who both died young).

James Walbert, his wife's father, was a coach-

painter for thirty-nine years, at Seipstown factory for twenty years. He was married to Marie Knittel, a daughter of Daniel Knittel. She died in 1900, aged 54 years. They had six children: Charles W. (m. Clara Wentzel), Agnes, Katie (m. Edwin Reppert), Esther (m. Albert Adam), Monroe (died when two years old), and Abbie.

MOYER FAMILY.

This branch of the family has individually sanctioned four different forms of spelling, namely: Mayer, Meier, Meyer, and the more generally accepted form—Moyer.

Hans and Christian Meyer were immigrant ancestors, and both had two grandsons by the name of Abraham. The writer has in his possession the original will of his great-great-grandfather, Abraham H. Moyer, but I could never clearly understand whether he was a grandson of Hans or Christian Meyer.

Early in the eighteenth century many Pennsylvanians moved to North Carolina, among them were the three sons of Abraham H. Moyer, our great-great-grandfather. Their names were Abraham Jr., John and Jacob. The wife of Abraham H. Moyer, Sr., was Catharine. A circular stone found in the gable end of the old homestead near Palm, Pa., has upon it the initials A. H. M., and the year 1754. They prove quite conclusively who was the builder and proprietor of the same. In his will he calls his various land holdings "Plantations." Some of his land was situated in Northampton (now Lehigh) county. He had in all, a little more than 475 acres, mainly in the vicinity of Palm, Montgomery county, Pa. It is a notable fact that all the sons of Abraham H. Moyer, Sr., moved to the states of North Carolina and Georgia in the early part of the eighteenth century and that all their descendants are still there, with but a single exception of Jacob Moyer, his grandson, who was a son of Abraham Moyer, Jr.

Abraham Moyer, Jr., likely occupied the family homestead at Palm, Pa., for a limited time before he moved to North Carolina with his family, as did his three younger sisters with their families thereafter. What became of Abraham Moyer, Jr., in North Carolina is not known, but traditions have it, "He was either killed or carried away by the Indians." It is known that during the life of Jacob Moyer, his Southern relatives occasionally visited him, also that some came from South Carolina. The children of Abraham H. Moyer, Sr., were: John, of North Carolina; Jacob, of Georgia; Abraham, of North Carolina; Barbara, married to Michael Roeder. They lived in Maryland; Elizabeth, married to



Jacob Kieter, of Lehigh county, Pa.; Catharine, married to Peter Kugler, of Palm, Pa.; and Mary, wife of Abraham Friet, of Palm, Pa.

The children of Abraham Moyer, Jr., were: Jacob, and one daughter, who after the death of her parents made her home with her uncle, Jacob, in Hebershane county, Ga. Jacob Meier, (son of Abraham, Jr.) was born August 17, 1781, in North Carolina, and he came north to Pennsylvania at the age of twelve or fourteen years to live with relatives. He became a carpenter in Lehigh county, where he died April 16, 1861. He was married to Barbara Stahler, born in 1788, and died in 1854. Their children were: Nathan, Susanna, Samuel, Solomon, Abraham, Isaac, and Lydia.

Nathan S. Moyer was born Jan. 22, 1811, and died April 1, 1862. He married Barbara A., Frey, born Feb. 20, 1816, and who died Jan. 5, 1903. Their children follow: William H., Mary A., Joanna, Josephine and George W.

Samuel S. Moyer was born in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, March 20, 1817. He was a carpenter and assisted in building the locks in the Lehigh canal, also helped to build the first brick house in the borough of Macungie. Later he owned a slate yard and was a partner in the foundry of Miller & Moyer, also was connected with other enterprises in Macungie, Pa., where he lived retired many years. He died June 1, 1896.

He was married to Elizabeth Mertz, a daughter of Henry Mertz, who manufactured brooms at Macungie, Pa. She was born Dec. 14, 1819, and departed this life on Dec. 10, 1899. Their children are: Sarah, Mary, Addison, Jonas F., Lucy E., and Eliza.

Solomon S. Moyer was born March 3, 1820, died Sept. 22, 1894. He was married to Lydia Schubert, born Sept. 27, 1818, died May 24, 1876. He was a carpenter by trade. He and family were members of the Evangelical Church. Their children are: Mary, William (very tall), Susan, Sarah, Caroline, Thomas and Amelia.

Abraham S. Moyer was born Nov. 15, 1822. He was a carpenter by trade, and he and family were members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Moyer is a resident of Allentown, and died in 1912, past ninety years of age. His wife was Sarah Yeakel, born in 1817 and died in 1883. Their children are: Isaac, Jacob, Charles, Sarah, Emma, Lydia, Abraham, and Elizabeth.

Issac S. Moyer was born Nov. 27, 1825, and was a carpenter in Allentown and throughout the county. He died July 31, 1908; was married to Rebecca Schiffert, born Oct. 13, 1824, and died July 28, 1902. They were members of the United Evangelical Church. Their children are: Elizabeth, Henry S., Jesse S., Jonas S., and Isaac.

HON. JONAS FRANKLIN MOYER, cashier of Lehigh National Bank, Catasauqua, former legislator of Lehigh county and former postmaster, Catasauqua, Pa., was born at Macungie, Lehigh county, June 2, 1850; attended the public schools and graduated at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., and in 1877, commenced teaching in the public schools at the age of eighteen years, and followed that profession for eighteen years. He taught school at Ironton; the Sand Springs; in the old Fifth ward, Allentown; in North Whitehall township; and at Catasauqua. After teaching for two terms in the latter borough, he changed his vocation and became bookkeeper for William Yunger, the proprietor of the Catasauqua Flour Mills. After two years he resigned this position to become agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, and he has continued writing insurance for this company until this time. Since 1882 he has been correspondent for the Allentown *Daily Item* from Catasauqua.

Mr. Moyer is an influential Democrat. In January, 1894, he was appointed postmaster of Catasauqua by President Grover Cleveland, from a list of twenty-three applicants, taking possession of the office immediately and conducted it for four years with marked efficiency, also acted postmaster from July, 1899, to March, 1900; was elected to the House of Representatives from Lehigh county in 1898, 1900 and 1902; was delegate to a number of county and State conventions; is one of the strong Democrats of the county, and a leading townsman of Catasauqua. In 1906, he was one of the organizers of the Lehigh National Bank, of Catasauqua, and is the cashier of this bank ever since.

Mr. Moyer is an Odd Fellow; is past officer of the Knights of the Golden Eagles, having represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge; is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, being one of the founders of the lodge and is a past officer of the same. He was district president of District No. 2, of Lehigh county in 1913, and on Nov. 27, 1913, he was elected county president, also served as national delegate of the P. O. S. of A. Lodge, which met at Trenton, N. J., in September, 1913.

He was married, in 1878, to Miss Celia R. Troxell, a native of Washington township, this county, and a daughter of E. A. Troxell, who was a merchant at Catasauqua for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have these children: Rev. Samuel E., of Perkaspie, Pa.; Ida Estella; William A.; Russell F., a telegraph operator; Ella May, a noted musician and gifted vocalist of the Lehigh Valley; Clarence F., and Paul W. A. Two children, Mary E. and Solon, are deceased.

Rev. Samuel E. Moyer was educated in Catas-

auqua high school graduated in Muhlenberg College, and the Reformed Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; was ordained and served a charge for one year at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.; was called to the Perkasio charge, in Bucks county, to which he was unanimously elected. The charge includes the old Tohickon church, South Perkasio, and the Hatfield Mission. He is married to Elizabeth Lichtenwalner, a graduate of the Allentown College for Women, and former school teacher of Lehigh county. They have a daughter, Ruth.

Ida Estella Moyer, the fourth child of Hon. Jonas F., married Alexander Keenen, who is an inspector for Colby & Christie, engineers of bridges and structural works, at Philadelphia; is located at South Roanoke, Va. They have: Mildred and Paul.

William A. Moyer is a machinist in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company; is married to Susan, a daughter of John E. Moyer. They reside at Catasauqua, and have a son, Jonas Franklin Moyer.

#### MOYER (MEYER) FAMILY.

##### OF UPPER AND LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP.

In the tax list of Upper Milford township of 1762, are the names of Samuel, Benjamin and John Meyer, also the name of Michael Meyer's widow. They were all taxpayers. In the Mennonite graveyard at old Zionsville are buried Conrad Meyer, born 1746, died 1803; Heinrich Meyer, born 1751, died 1842; Abraham Meyer, born 1768, died 1824; and the wives of each one, also a member of generations of each of their descendants.

Heinrich Meyer purchased Jan. 28, 1783, from Michael Andreas, a tract of 81½ acres of land situated in Upper Milford township, for which a patent deed was granted to him by the Executive Council of Pennsylvania on April 17, 1789, designating it as "Meyerton." On June 7, 1813, Heinrich Meyer sold his "Meyerton" to his son, William Meyer, for 1,125 pounds. At the time of his death he left three sons—William, Henry, and Jacob Meyer, and three daughters. Henry Meyer purchased, in 1819, from John Schantz, Jr., over 92 acres, situated on the Saucon creek, in the present Lower Milford township. This tract was owned later by Emanuel Meyer and Henry E. Meyer. Jacob Meyer purchased June 26, 1822, 25 acres near Dillingersville, which was owned later by his son, Henry D. Meyer. The old premises, "Meyerton," passed from William Meyer to Peter S. Meyer. The latter sold it in 1874, to his son William G. Moyer, who owned it until his death in 1910; and in 1912

his estate sold it to W. H. Rupp, who sold it on Dec. 30, 1913, to W. M. Loux, of Allentown. The farm consists now of 128 acres.

William Meyer, son of Heinrich, was born August 25, 1782. He was a farmer upon the homestead, and died Oct. 16, 1867, in his 86th year of age. He was married to Susanna Schantz, born Nov. 26, 1784, died on Jan. 25, 1844, in her 60th year of age. Among their children was Peter S., who succeeded them to the homestead and Mrs. Schelly.

Peter S. Meyer, son of William, was born Sept. 25, 1810, upon the old homestead at Zionsville. He was a life long farmer; was active in the Mennonite Church, in which he served all its offices, and was one of its most liberal supporters financially.

He was married to Rebecca Gehman, who was born Feb. 9, 1815, and died June 28, 1899, aged 84 years, 4 months and 19 days. He died Jan. 13, 1878, and in his 68th year. They had four children, two dying in childhood, and Susanna, married to William Schelly, of Spinnersville; and William G. Meyer, who was born Dec. 17, 1844. He succeeded his father to the homestead upon which he lived until he died on Jan. 10, 1910. He was married to Amanda, a daughter of William Schantz. She was born Feb. 27, 1846, and died Feb. 11, 1901, aged 55 years less 16 days. They had six children, viz: Amelia, who died small; Frank P.; Susanna, married to Henry Diehl; Rebecca, married to Victor Backenstoe, of Allentown; Albert; and Victor, both deceased.

FRANK P. MOYER, a butcher, of Allentown, was born at Zionsville, Sept. 17, 1868. He lived upon the farm until he was twenty-one years old, then was a butcher at East Greenville, Pa., for one year, and in 1891 he came to Allentown, where he conducts an up-to-date meat market at the northwest corner of Seventh and Washington streets. In 1904 he erected the building which serves both as his residence and place of business. He and family are members of the Salem Reformed church, at Allentown.

He was married on May 2, 1894, to Mary Eisenhard, a daughter of Alfred and Maria (Schmoyer) Eisenhard. Two children are born unto them, as follows: Russell W., and Arbye E., who died aged six years.

SYDNEY TEMPLETON MOYER, hotel-keeper in East Allentown, was born Sept. 10, 1871, at Rittersville, in Lehigh county. After being educated in the public schools there, he went while still a boy to Bethlehem, and filled the position of errand-boy at the steel works for several years. Then he followed civil engineering at the works for nine years, and afterward learned brick-laying there, which he followed for fourteen years. In

1912 he engaged in the hotel business at Nos. 264-66 East Allentown, "Hanover Hotel," and he has conducted the place until now. The building is three-story brick and has sixteen rooms. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, Owls, and Sons of Veterans. Mr. Moyer was married to Ella Flickinger, a daughter of David and Susanna Flickinger, of Allentown. They are members of the Lutheran church at Rittersville.

Charles P. Moyer, his father, was a bricklayer by trade. He was accidentally killed by the breaking of a scaffold on which he was working in the 36th year of his age. He was married to Ansoneth Jacoby, a daughter of William Jacoby, of Bethlehem, and they had four children: Sydney T.; William, who died in infancy; John and Lulu, married William Freed.

His grandfather, William Moyer, and great grandfather, John T. Moyer, were farmers in Hanover township, Lehigh county.

ALVIN E. MOYER, shoe manufacturer at Macungie, was born at McKeansburg, in Schuylkill county, on Dec. 19, 1878. He received his education in the public school there, and at Orwigsburg (to which place his parents had removed), where he was graduated in 1897. He learned the trade of shoe cutter in the factory of J. S. Zulick & Company, and continued with this firm two years, then he went with the Reliable Shoe Company to Macungie, and filled the position of cutter three years until the company moved to another place, when he associated with C. C. Greiner and J. H. Beidler in forming the Century Shoe Company, of Macungie, and he has continued with this company until the present time. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Moyer was married to Sallie R. Neumoyer, a daughter of John and Jane (Fritz) Neumoyer, of Macungie. They have two children: Russel Frank and Mildred Evelyn. They are connected with the Baptist church.

Franklin M. Moyer, his father, was born in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, and learned the trade of blacksmith. He located at McKeansburg and carried on his trade there a number of years in connection with conducting a small farm. He then removed to Orwigsburg, where he directed his attention to shoe making and continues to reside. He is in his 74th year. He was married to Emma Schipe, a daughter of Abraham Schipe. She died in 1911, at the age of 69 years. They had seven children: Alice, m. Henry Fusselman, at Tamqua, Harry, Annie, (who died in 1912), Cora, m. Morris Stine, at Cressona, and Alvin E.

Daniel Moyer, born of Pennsylvania parentage, was a native of Tiffin, Ohio, and he lived

all his life in that city. It is known that he had six children, but only the names of the following can be recalled: William (who came East, settled in Hereford township, Berks county and died there); Daniel; Samuel; and a daughter who became the wife of George Weidenhammer. The other two, whose names are not remembered, remained in Ohio.

Daniel Moyer, the second son of the above-named Daniel, became a millwright by trade, and led a very active business life. He also went East and located at Kutztown, in Berks county, where he remained for some years; then he lived in Longswamp township for a time; but at the time of his decease he was resident at Schofer's, and his burial took place in the cemetery at Siegfried's church near by, having been a member of the Reformed congregation which worshipped there. It is said that he built many mills at Carlisle and in different counties of Eastern Pennsylvania. His wife was Sarah Kutz, a daughter of Jacob, and she was buried in the cemetery of the Blue Church at Coopersburg. Their children were: Charles and Jacob (who lived at Coopersburg); Henry (pattern-maker); Israel (bridge-builder); Daniel; Sarah (married to William Ritter, of Hoffman's, Pa.); and Catharine (married to Israel Kern, of Slatington).

Daniel Moyer, the fourth son of the second Daniel mentioned, was born at Kutztown, in Berks county, March 29, 1834, and he learned the trade of millwright under his father, which he carried on very actively and successfully until his second wife died in 1909, putting up grist-mills in different parts of Eastern Pennsylvania and employing at times as many as seven experienced mechanics. For some years he was associated in business with his brother Israel. He lived the greater part of his business career at New Tripoli; and for a time also operated the grist-mill situated at that place.

He was married twice. His first wife was Eliza Kistler, daughter of John and Susan (Jacob) Kistler, who was born May 14, 1839, and died February 13, 1864; and they had three children: Aaron, Jalleson D. O. (of Lynn township), and Josephine (married to Henry Kunkel of New Tripoli). His second wife was Luccetta Zellner, daughter of Daniel, and they also had three children: William (of New Tripoli), Rosa (married to Thomas Beltz of Reading), and Lewis (who died young). She was born April 6, 1843, and died October 19, 1909. He died December 6, 1911, very suddenly of apoplexy, and was buried in the cemetery at New Tripoli. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation.

AARON A. MOYER, the eldest son of the last named Daniel, a farmer of Lynn township, near New Tripoli, was born July 9, 1857, on the farm where he has always lived. His mother died when he was but six years old and then he was taken into the family of his uncle, Aaron Kistler, who was his sponsor, and brought him up to farming; and he worked for his uncle until he became of age without any wages, but afterward his uncle paid him for his services.

He began farming operations in 1887 as a tenant of his uncle Aaron, and carried them on in connection with his millwright business, and he continued to do so in the most satisfactory manner for twenty-two years without a written agreement and without a single complaint whether as to the manner of farming or as to the division of the proceeds; and upon the decease of his uncle, in the settlement of the estate, he bought the farm of 106 acres. There is an old log house on the place which is a landmark in the community, a likeness of which appears in the descriptive narrative of Lynn township in this publication. Valentine Carber obtained a warrant for this tract in 1750, and the log house is supposed to have been built soon afterward by Heinrich Fink.

He was married December 19, 1886, to Polly M. Kerschner, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Weaver) Kerschner, but not having had any children of their own, they adopted Charles D. Sittler as their son when he was six years old.

JALLESEN DANIEL OSCAR MOYER, son of the third Daniel, farmer of Lynn township, was born May 14, 1859. He attended the township schools whilst being reared on a farm, and in 1876 he studied at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown for the purpose of extending his education. When he became of age in 1880, he began working for Mrs. David Hartman in Lynn township, and he continued with her until 1895, when he purchased the farm where he now lives to carry on farming for himself. He bought it from Daniel Kerschner, and it was formerly the property of George Sittler. The original tract was 35 acres, but he added two tracts since, containing together 38 acres, and now the entire tract embraces 73 acres. He improved the place in 1902 by the erection of the present dwelling in place of the old house.

Mr. Moyer was married September 1883 to Ida J. Reitz, daughter of David and Sarah (Schitz) Reitz, of Lynn township, and they have four children: Flora L. (married to Samuel T. Weidelich, whose record appears in this publication); Oscar (mechanical draughtsman); Edgar J. (architect); and Herden D.

GEORGE S. MOYER, engineer of Koch Brothers, clothiers, at Allentown, was born at Egypt, Lehigh county, June 7, 1878, and there he attended the public schools until he was seventeen years old. He then secured employment at the Egypt cement works and continued five years, in the meantime taking up the study of mechanical engineering. Next he filled the position of engineer in the establishment of the Egypt Baking Co., for six years, when he became the fireman in the large clothing house of Koch Brothers at Allentown, and here he has continued until the present time. When the engineer, C. A. Moyer, resigned in May, 1912, he was promoted to that position. He has also been given charge of the electrical department, for which he had qualified himself. He is a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers and of the Red Men.

In 1899 Mr. Moyer was married to Florence Kline, daughter of David and Marie (Seip) Kline, and they have six children: Miriam, Paul, Ernest, Adelina, Clair and Florence. They are members of the Reformed Church at Allentown.

Horatio L. Moyer, the father of George S., is a mill-wright by occupation, who resides at Egypt. He and his wife, Amanda, had four children: George S.; Wilbert, married Lillie Buchman; and two died in infancy.

The grandparents were Moses Moyer and Leah, his wife. They were buried in the Jordan Reformed church cemetery, near Guthsville.

#### JOHN D. MURPHY.

Michael Murphy was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1845; and at the age of eighteen years he came to this country, settling at Cata-sauqua, Pennsylvania. There he married Elizabeth Boyle, born in 1843, and died October 26, 1904, aged 61 years. He died September 11, 1900, aged 55 years. They were members of the St. Lawrence Catholic church. He was a laborer. Their children were: Ellen, William, Michael, Patrick (1874-1902), Annie, Mary, George and John D.

John D. Murphy, of Hokendauqua, proprietor of the Washington Hotel, was born August 15, 1881, at the place named, and reared in that community. He worked for a time for the Atlas Cement Co.; then, for four years he was employed in a meat market in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon his return to Hokendauqua in 1901, he engaged in the wholesale liquor business for two and one-half years, and in September, 1904, he took charge of the Washington Hotel, which was established in 1859. He is a member of the F. O. E.

In 1904 he married Margaret Somers, daughter of Spence and Mary (Mullen) Somers, na-



tives of County Derry, Ireland; who emigrated and settled at Hokendauqua. They had these children: James (who was buried on his second birthday); Margaret, and John, Jr.

#### MUSCHLITZ FAMILY.

Members of the Muschlitz family who have located in Lehigh county in recent years trace their ancestry to Gottlieb Muschlitz a native of Switzerland, who emigrated to America on the ship Eastern-Branch which landed at Philadelphia on October 3, 1753. He settled first at Germantown, and had a number of children, one of whom was named John; and he had a son by name of Jacob; and this Jacob was the great-grandfather of Dr. Charles H. Muschlitz, of Slatington. In a list of the detachment of soldiers from Pennsylvania which was stationed in garrison at Fort Bradford under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph Shippen on January 20, 1760, the name of Godfrey Muschlitz appears.

Jacob Muschlitz located at Lockport, in Lehigh county, and was a cooper by trade. He was a private in the First Company of Riflemen from Lehigh county in the Pennsylvania Militia in the year 1812. In 1835 he moved to Millport where he had a farm of twelve acres and on this farm erected a stone dwelling-house for himself and lived in it until he died. He was married on July 26, 1791, to Elizabeth Gann by Reverend Blumer, and had five children: William, Jacob, Sallie (married to Stephen Lentz, of Towamensing), Lydia (married to William Ruch, of Weissport), and Robert.

Robert Muschlitz, the youngest son of Jacob, was born at Lockport, in Lehigh county, in 1827. He was reared at Millport (to which place his parents had removed when he was quite young), and he learned the trade of cooper; but he afterward followed boating for upwards of twenty-five years on the Lehigh canal. When he discontinued boating, he purchased some land and carried on farming until 1893 when he moved to Slatington and lived in retirement until he died in November, 1904. He was married to Lovina Boyer, daughter of John Boyer and his wife (*nee* Christman), born in 1834 and died in 1893; and they had twelve children: Robert F., Mary (married to W. C. Kramer), Sarah, Grant, Sobel (who died young), William A., Lizzie (who died young), Lewis, Henry, and three others who died in infancy. They were members of the Reformed congregation of Towamensing Church, and there he was buried. A part of the town of Palmerton is built on land which was formerly his property.

Robert F. Muschlitz, the eldest son of Robert, was born in Carbon county on April 19, 1852,

and educated in the local schools and in the Keystone Normal School at Kutztown. After teaching school four terms he filled a position as clerk in a store for a while, then became a partner of Henry Kuntz and traded with him under the name of Kuntz & Muschlitz for eighteen years when he withdrew and became the senior member of the firm of Muschlitz, Peter & Co., and this partnership was carried on for four years when Mr. Muschlitz acquired the sole ownership and conducted the business for himself until his death on October 25, 1910.

In politics Mr. Muschlitz was a Republican and he served as a school director for a time. He was interested in several slate industries, and was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank of Slatington and served as director and vice-president until he died. He was a member of the Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M. He was married to Amanda, daughter of Hon. Charles Meendsen, of Mauch Chunk, and they had three children: Dr. Charles H., Dr. F. A. (graduate of Jefferson Medical College, class of 1911), and Edgar A. (who died in infancy). They were members of the Reformed Church which he served as a trustee.

DOCTOR CHARLES H. MUSCHLITZ, son of Robert F., was born at Lehigh Gap on December 18, 1881, and after graduating from the Slatington high school, class of 1896, attended the American Commercial College, at Allentown, the Lafayette College, and the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1904. He then entered the Philadelphia hospital and after serving there two years he was associated with Dr. H. A. Wilson, in Philadelphia, in a general practice of medicine for three years, and in the fall of 1909 he located in his home town of Slatington at No. 435 Main street, where he has since developed a large practice. He is a member of the Lehigh county Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, Philadelphia Medical Society, and the University Club. He is also a member of the Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M.

In 1908 he was married to Minnie M. Roper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Roper, and they have a son, Robert Roper, and a daughter, Phyllis. They are members of the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM A. MUSCHLITZ, the third son of Robert, a farmer of Washington township, was born at Millport, in Carbon county, on May 6, 1867. He was reared on a farm and given a common school education; then he secured a clerical position with the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., at Caxton, which he filled for nine years, and a similar position with the Adams Express Co., at Pittston, where he remained nine years.



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In 1908 he began farming in Washington township on a 92-acre farm and having equipped himself with modern machinery he has carried on operations there in a successful manner.

In March, 1892, he was married to Lucy Bosteck, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Foster) Bosteck, and they have four children: Mary E. (a graduate of the Slatington High school and the American Commercial School); Harry W., Allen B., and Ethel L. They are members of the Reformed Church at Slatington.

Henry A. Muschlitz, the youngest son of Robert, a manufacturer of hosiery at Slatington, was born at Millport, in Carbon county, April 30, 1877. He was graduated from the Slatington high school in 1895. In 1896 he entered the employ of the Slatington Knitting Co., as book-keeper and served the company until 1901 when he organized the Crystal Knitting Mills and he has since operated this plant, giving employment to 70 people. He is a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M., Slatington Chapter R. A. M., No. 292, and Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., and also of the Rajah Temple, at Reading.

On Dec. 21, 1899, he was married to Carrie D. Schaeffer, daughter of B. J. and Elmira (Hunsicker) Schaeffer, and they have a daughter, Reba E. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He was the superintendent of the Sunday school there for seven years.

#### MUSE FAMILY.

The ship *Nancy*, John Ewing, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, amongst its passengers, brought to Philadelphia, Sept. 27, 1752, Jacob Mussgenug. Tradition has it that he came from Bingerloch on the Rhine. He located in Whitehall township, Northampton county, where he followed the trade of blacksmith. He is known to have had two sons: Jacob and David—and three daughters, Dorothea, m. (1) Samuel Musick, and (2) Andrew Knedler; Juliana Margaret, b. 1758, d. 1841, m. Peter Roth, and Christina Swartz, who had two daughters—Salome and Catharine. He died about November, 1798.

David Musgenung, son of Jacob, is said to have been a farmer in Whitehall township, his farm lying on the Jordan river. He served in the Revolution as a private of Capt. Adam Serfass' company, and his name appears amongst those who received Depreciation Pay. The name of his wife was Anna Maria Meyer, the issue being: Jacob, b. Jan. 29, 1786; John; Henry; Nancy, wife of John Dongle; and Betsy, who was a mute and never married. Whilst fixing a binder chain, the same broke, and the binder hit him,

breaking several ribs. He lived several days, and whilst being lifted in bed, a rib punctured his lung, death being almost instantaneous.

Henry Moose, son of David Musgenung, was a blacksmith by trade. He was married to Betsey Nagle, and amongst their issue was: Elias, Sr.; Betsey, wife of Charles Ibach; Lovina, m. to Mannasses Newhard; Lydia; Henry, married twice, his second wife being Macetta Guth; and Thomas and John, who went West. Henry died May 17, 1830.

Elias Moose, Sr., son of Henry, was born March 25, 1808, d. May 23, 1893. He was married to Anna M. Danner (b. March 21, 1801, d. Sept. 12, 1881), the issue being: Charles, deceased, m. to Sarah Hartzell; Ed., m. to Matilda Dorney, deceased, of Cetronia; Willoughby; Eliza, m. to John Fahringer, deceased, of Allentown; Catharine Anna, m. to Charles A. Keck, of Cetronia; and Elias, m. 1st to Amanda Fahringer, deceased; 2nd to Rebecca Grate.

Willoughby H. Muse, son of Elias, Sr., was born at Cetronia, Pa., Nov. 11, 1837, d. Dec. 3, 1894. He had been a carpenter and painter by trade, and later turned to contracting. He belonged to the Evangelical Church, which he served as trustee. He married S. Amelia (b. Sept. 2, 1847, d. April 29, 1909), daughter of George and Sallie (Brobst) Danner, the issue being: 1—Alverdo L., b. Sept. 19, 1863, d. July 6, 1903; 2—Hirmeno V., b. Feb. 10, 1865, d. March 11, 1865; 3—Herbert P. W. Mrs. Willoughby Muse was married, the second time, to Moses B. Schadt.

HERBERT P. W. MUSE, son of Willoughby, was born at Cetronia, Pa., Feb. 25, 1871. He attended Muhlenberg College Preparatory School during 1888-89, entering the College in the Fall of the latter year and finished the Freshman year. During 1890 attended the American Business College, went to Chicago, where he was 6 months, and, on returning, entered the employ of G. W. Seagreaves, with whom he continued for 10 years; thereafter he entered the employ of the Second National Bank, where, since Feb. 1903, he is the note clerk. In politics, he is a Republican, a member of Grace United Evangelical church, which he serves as steward since 1908. On April 12, 1899, he was married to Mary J., daughter of John B., and Elizabeth (Kast) Stuart, the issue being: (1) Miriam Jean; (2) Evelyn Stuart; and (3) Elizabeth Amelia. He resides at 1442 Linden Street, Allentown.

#### MUTH FAMILY.

The *Pennsylvania Archives* record the follow-



ing immigrants by the name "Muth" as having arrived at Philadelphia:

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Date of arrival.</i>
Johan Peter Muth, ....	Priscilla, .....	Sept. 12, 1750
Henry Muth, .....	Phoenix, .....	Nov. 2, 1752
Johannes Muth, .....	Prince of Wales, .....	Nov. 5, 1764
Johan Geo. Muth, ....	Boston, . . .	Nov. 10, 1764
Julian Muth, and daughter Maria, ....	Columbia, .....	Sept. 17, 1793
Dorothea Muth, .....	Wm. Whitsell, .....	Mar. 3, 1794

John Muth is recorded as a soldier of the Seventh Class Militia, from Northampton county, Pennsylvania, under Capt. John Trexler, whose company was a part of the First Battalion, commanded by Col. Stephen Balliet, in commission from Nov. 1, 1781, to Jan. 1, 1782.

In 1849, Elizabeth Muth, widow of Frederick Muth, Senior, died in Berks county one of the executors of her estate was Frederick Muth, Junior.

The ancestor of Charles L. Muth, of Steinsville, Lehigh county, and James M. Muth, of Catawissa, Lehigh county, was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America some time before the Revolutionary War. Tradition states that he was a married man when he came to this country and settled in Windsor township, Berks county. He had a son, John,

John Muth, in earlier life, lived in Windsor township, Berks county, and from there he went to Weisenberg township, Lehigh county. He was a farmer, and a member of the Reformed church, having been buried on the graveyard at the Ziegel's church. He was twice married: first to Elizabeth Schuler; second to Regina Grim, of Weisenberg township.

The children by his first wife were: Mrs. Henry Keck; Mrs. ——— Landis (who is buried at the Egypt church); Mrs. Dinah Schaffer; Mrs. ——— Bleiler; Mrs. Hannah ———; and Andrew (who owned land at the Blue Mountain).

By his second wife he had seven children: Daniel; Jacob (lived in Weisenberg); Solomon (died in North Whitehall and buried at Cedarville); Reuben (buried at Cedarville); Samuel (buried at Seiberlingsville); Sallie (m. David Miller); and Lydia (m. Adam Hahn).

Daniel Muth was born in Windsor township, April 15, 1822. He worked on a farm until he learned the carpenter trade in Weisenberg township, from a man by the name of Rauch. In 1849 he settled at Steinsville, Lehigh county. There he began housekeeping, and also the undertaking trade, which he followed with carpentering many years, until his death, August 8, 1886, in his 65th year. He usually employed eight men.

He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation of Steinsville church, which

he served as a trustee. On March 28, 1852, he married Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Berger) Kern. She was born February 24, 1832, and is still a well preserved lady, having her home with her son, James M., at Catasauqua, Pa. Their children were: Amanda (m. Ferdinand Strauss); Mary J. (m. John B. Follweiler); John Albert (born December 16, 1856, d. March 18, 1884); Frank D. (b. March 5, 1858); Ida C. (m. Alfred Kramer); Charles L., and James M.

CHARLES L. MUTH, a native of Lynn township, residing at Steinsville, where he operates the Steinsville creamery, was born January 30, 1864. He learned the carpenter trade and followed it for some years; then entered the slate quarry and was employed in the preparation of blocks and roofing slate for several years. In 1902 he became the manager of the creamery at Steinsville and has since carried on its management in a successful manner.

Mr. Muth is a Democrat and in 1893 served the township as tax collector. He has become prominently identified with the Sons of America and the Odd Fellows. He was a charter member of Camp 288, P. O. S. of A., at Steinsville, served as the financial secretary for six years and as the treasurer since 1907. He has also been a member of the Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 249, I. O. of O. F., at Steinsville, since 1896, serving as the secretary for a number of years, and in 1910 was elected the District Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and honored with the appointment of District Deputy. He is also a member of the Rebeccas, a branch of the Ladies Lodge of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Muth and his wife are prominent members of the Reformed congregation in the Jacobs church, which he served as deacon and treasurer, each office for two years. He is greatly interested in the Sunday-school work at Steinsville, having officiated as the superintendent of the Union Sunday School since the Spring of 1902. The school has a membership of 140.

Mr. Muth was married October 4, 1892 to Ivanora M., daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Wynans) Braucher, grand-daughter of Heinrich and Anna Mary (Kuhns) Braucher, and great-granddaughter of Jacob Braucher and his wife, born a Ritter.

JAMES M. MUTH, at Catasauqua, was born in Lynn township, February 2, 1868. In his young manhood he learned the carpenter trade from his father, Daniel. He was in the employ of John B. Follweiler a number of years. Later he located at Staudtsville, West Penn township, Schuylkill county, where he followed the trade until 1900, then settled at Catasauqua, where,

in 1911, he erected a modern frame residence at No. 725 Fourth street, and this is his residence. He still follows his trade as a boss carpenter.

He and his family are members of Salem Reformed church, which he served as deacon and is now treasurer. He is a member of these lodges: Camp No. 288, P. O. S. of A., Steinsville; Council No. 963, J. O. U. A. M., Siegfried, and the Whitehall Beneficial Association. In politics he is a Democrat.

On August 11, 1894, he was married to Elmira Staudt. She is a daughter of John and Sarah (Snyder) Staudt, merchant and extensive real estate owner at Staudtsville, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. They had two children: Hettie Sarah (who died April 26, 1906, aged 10 years, 4 months and 9 days); and Ralph A. (born April 30, 1903).

#### NADIG FAMILY.

Charles Henry Nadig, father of Henry Nadig, of Allentown, was a native of Prussia, Germany. He was a cooper by trade, a farmer and landowner, and also a manufacturer of wine and owned a vineyard. He was married in 1850 to Catharina Mathews. Mr. Nadig and family sailed for America from Havre De Grass in the sailing vessel, Felshitz, and landed at New York after a passage of 34 days. They came direct to Allentown, where the family located. He established a cooperage and became engaged in the manufacture of barrels and other commodities. The rest of his life was spent in Allentown, where he died in 1862. His wife died in 1908, aged 85 years. Both are buried on Fairview cemetery. They had four children, all of whom were born in Germany, as follows: Henry; Rebecca, deceased, married Lewis Bengier; Katharine, married Henry Moyer, of Allentown; and Philip.

HENRY NADIG was born Oct. 14, 1844, in Prussia, Germany. When six years old, his parents emigrated to America, and he was reared and educated in the schools at Allentown. At an early age he learned the trade of machinist at the Barber machine shop of Allentown, and for a short period worked as a journeyman.

In 1870, with his brother Philip, he established a foundry and machine shop on Fourth street, known as Nadig Bros., which they have conducted successfully for 35 years, and now employ upward of 45 hands. The business is now conducted by Charles Nadig, a son of Henry Nadig.

Mr. Nadig is a man of inventive mind. He invented and had patented a single automatic engine, also a puller moulding machine. In 1889, he built the first automobile at Allentown, which was run by gasoline, and it was the first of its kind in the country.

The firm has continued to build automobiles since. In 1880 he built his present fine home at Fourth and Linden streets, Allentown. Mr. Nadig has been an earnest student of nature, which has received much of his time and consideration. He is an independent voter, and his motto in the affairs of life have been the Golden Rule.

He was married in 1873 to Miss Clara S. Walter, a daughter of Frederick Walter. They have ten children: Charles, who succeeded his father in the foundry and machine business; Lawrence, who is in the foundry and machine business at Quakertown, Pa.; Harry H., a medical doctor, and who conducts a private sanitarium at Halebroke, N. H.; Frederick, died in infancy; Robert F., who conducts a private school for mechanical engineering at Columbus, Ohio; William, who conducts a foundry and machine shop at Clarion, Pa.; Esther, married to Charles Deiley, of Allentown; John, who is engaged in the automobile business at Franklin, Pa.; Clara, married to a Mr. Guth, a photographer, at Chicago, and Earl, a student at Muhlenberg College.

#### NAGLE (NAGEL) FAMILY.

Leonard Nagle, an immigrant from Germany, came to the Province of Pennsylvania after the middle of the eighteenth century. His name appears among the list of house owners of Allentown, in 1781, where some of his many descendants still live. He was married and among his children were: George; Leonard; John; Rebecca, married to James Ginkinger; and Christiana, the wife of Casper Newhard. She was born in 1790, and died in 1871. Her children were: Joseph F. Newhard, who was a popular merchant and landlord of Allentown and was high sheriff of Lehigh county; William H.; Charles; James J.; and S. P. Newhard. The last two resided in Philadelphia.

Leonard Nagle was recorder and register of wills of Lehigh county from 1812 to 1821.

John Nagle, son of Leonard, was a laborer in Whitehall township. He died very suddenly while his son Joseph was not yet twelve years old. His wife, a born Weightknecht, was a good, hard-working woman, dying in 1883, at the ripe age of 93 years. Their children were: Joseph; William; Mary, married (first) Moses Roth, and (second) Peter Herman; Eliza, married to Richard Snyder; and Hettie, who was married to a Light, and died at the age of 56 years. William Nagle was past seventy, and Mary, his sister, was past 70 when they died. Eliza was still living in 1912 and was almost 90 years old.

Joseph Nagle, the oldest son of John, was born Oct. 16, 1813. He died at Allentown on March 23, 1896, in his 72d year. He was married to

Salome Biechy, born Sept. 15, 1813, and died on Aug. 23, 1898, in her 83d year. They are buried in the Allentown cemetery. They had lived in Whitehall township, at Grim's Mill, and from there they moved to Allentown, settling on North Seventh street, between Gordon and Liberty streets, Allentown. There he built two frame houses, one of which is still standing, and at that place he lived many years. He was a tailor and had his shop at the corner of Seventh and Turner streets for many years. His mother upon her death-bed, gave him a silver dollar of the year 1813; this he kept until sometime before his death, when he gave it to his son, Alfred, who holds it in sacred memory. Joseph Nagle and his wife had these children: Cordelia, married to Daniel Schaffer; Alfred; and Andrew Peter, who was born Feb. 2, 1844, and died Dec. 2, 1902. His wife was a Schaffer and she bore him these children: John; Edward; George, who was killed upon the railroad; Lou, Minerva and Daisy.

ALFRED NAGLE, an aged and retired citizen of Fullerton, was born at Helfrich Springs, in Lehigh county, July 17, 1835. In 1853, he learned the blacksmith trade at Ruchsville, then for a short time he worked at Griesemersville, and in 1854 he located near Catasauqua, where he remained for three years. In 1857, he established a shop at Turner street and Hall alley, Allentown, and there he carried on the business for forty-two years. In 1900, moved to Fullerton and there followed the business five years more, after which he retired, having been a blacksmith for more than fifty years. He has valuable blue dishes, having refused fifty dollars for a single plate, whereupon he was asked to name his price for it. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He was married (first) in 1857, to Maria, daughter of Henry Snyder. She died Oct. 22, 1882, aged fifty-six years. She is buried on the family plot at Allentown. They had an only son, Lewis J. H., who died in 1885, in his 26th year. Mr. Nagle married (second) Eliza A. E. Dieffenderfer, on March 6, 1884. She is a daughter of John and Sarah (Reichard) Dieffenderfer. They had a son, Edgar E., who died in infancy.

Jacob Nagle, son of Jacob, was born in Salisbury township in 1814, and he died in 1894. He was married to Margaret Albright and their union was blessed by the following children: Henry J.; James; John J.; Josiah; Benjamin; Mary; Sarah; Minerva; and Emma.

James Nagle, son of Jacob, was born in Whitehall, township, Oct. 18, 1840. He had been a leading contractor and builder at Allentown for many years. He resides at 302 North Second

street, Allentown, and has been retired from business since 1903. Mr. Nagle was an active and prominent member of the Evangelical Church for half a century. He was married to Rosetta White, born Sept. 16, 1845, and who departed this life on April 17, 1898. They had the following children: Anna R., married to G. H. Nealey; Amanda R., married to O. C. Donecker; George W., married to Laura E. Henninger; Jacob A.; and Elsie B., married to J. A. Borowski. All these children reside at Allentown.

JACOB A. NAGLE, the second son of James and Rosetta (White) Nagle, was born Sept. 30, 1872, in an old stone house on the present site of the Arbogast & Bastian's packing house at the foot of Hamilton street, Allentown. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown and when his text books were laid aside he learned the trade of bricklayer and plasterer. In 1892 he became his father's partner in the contracting and building business. The partnership continued until the father's retirement in 1903; and the business has been continued by the son up to the present time. Many of the finest residences of Allentown were erected under the supervision of Jacob A. Nagle. His reputation as a reliable builder extended beyond the confines of his own city and county and he was honored with many contracts from different sections of the state. The splendid apartment house on South Twelfth street, named "Grandview," recently erected by him, will be regarded as a fitting monument to his architectural skill. In politics he is a Republican, and his fraternal connections are with the following orders: K. G. E.; K. of F.; Knights of Mystic Chain; and the Foresters of America. He is also a prominent member of the Ebenezer Evangelical Association, which he has served officially for many years.

Jacob A. Nagle was married August 22, 1900, to Minnie Bollman, of Reading, Pa. Their union is blessed with the following children: Agnes R., born August 2, 1901, who died in infancy.

Dr. Thomas S. Nagle, prominent physician and druggist at Allentown for nearly forty years, was the son of Charles and Maria Kuntz Nagle, of Allen township, in Northampton county, and there he was born Jan. 29, 1847. He received his preliminary education in the local schools and the preparatory academy at Albany, N. Y., after which he pursued a general course of medical studies in Long Island College, from which he was graduated in 1870. He then began the practice of his profession at Kreidersville, and continued there until 1876, when he removed to Allentown and associated with Dr. E. J. Danowsky,

No. 733 Hamilton, in conducting a drug store, first as a clerk for a time and afterward as a partner until Dr. Danowsky's decease, when he became the sole owner of the business. The store was removed to No. 708 and there he conducted it in a successful manner until he died, Aug. 28, 1914. He was prominently identified with the American Medical Association, and the Lehigh County Medical Society.

Dr. Nagle was married to Sabina, daughter of Jonas and Lydia (Gradwohl) Lichtenwalner, and they had two children: Ida, who died in 1897; and David J. His wife had died in 1882, aged 38 years. They were buried in the West End cemetery.

DAVID J. NAGLE was born at Kreidersville, Northampton county, July 17, 1871, and is the son of Dr. Thomas S. Nagle, the well known physician and druggist of Allentown, and his wife, Sabina (Lichtenwalner) Nagle, who was a daughter of Jonas Lichtenwalner, and his wife, Lydia Gradwohl.

David J. Nagle received his education in the public schools of Allentown, after which he served a three year apprenticeship with his father in the drug store. Following this he was employed as bookkeeper for the Allentown Hardware Company for a period of seven years, after which he engaged in the general insurance business, building up a large clientele during the fourteen years in which he has been thus engaged. Mr. Nagle represents life, liability, accident, fire and other forms of insurance companies; and is also interested in Building and Loan Associations.

Mr. Nagle is a member of Christ Lutheran church. His fraternal connections are with B. P. O. E., No. 130; and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. and A. M. He married Mildred K., daughter of William Roth, of Allentown. Their children are: Nina Elizabeth, born March 10, 1892, and Thomas William, born April 14, 1895.

#### NEFF FAMILY.

One of early settled families of the section now embraced in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, were the Neffs, who name is perpetuated in the town Neffs, located in North Whitehall township. The Penna. Archives record the following immigrants:

NAME.	AGE.	SHIP.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.
Jacob Neff, .....	39.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Conrad Naffe, .....	22.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Jacob Conrad Naffe, .....	—	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Anna Naf, .....	19.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Conrad Naf, .....	52.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Jacob Naf, .....	24.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Anna Naf, .....	19.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Elizabeth Naf, .....	4.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Hans Jacob Naf, .....	9.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Jacob Naf, .....	7.	Mercury, .....	May 29, 1735
Hans Ulrich Naff, .....	29.	Jamaica Galley, .....	Feb. 7, 1739
Hans Heinrich Naff, .....	47.	Francis & Elizabeth, .....	Aug. 30, 1743
Hans Jacob Naff, .....	46.	Francis & Elizabeth, .....	Aug. 30, 1743
Uherich Naff, .....	40.	Francis & Elizabeth, .....	Aug. 30, 1743
Hans Henry Naff, .....	—	Francis & Elizabeth, .....	Aug. 30, 1743

The following land warrants were taken out by members of the family, all of them were located in Heidelberg township:

Name	Date	Acres
Nafe Ulrich, .....	May 26, 1746	147
Nafe Ulrich, .....	Nov. 6, 1751	103
Nafe Ulrich, .....	Aug. 5, 1765	19
Nafe Ulrich, .....	Nov. 29, 1766	75
Nafe Ulrich Henry, .....	Nov. 29, 1766	30

In 1744, Ulrich Neff was one of the organizers of the Heidelberg church. One Ulrich Neff made a will, written in German, which is of record at Easton, Pa., and was probated in 1795. Conrad Neff was the executor of it.

Bernhard Neff, of Heidelberg township, made his will, May 7, 1778, and died in the same year. He had a son, Bernhard, Jr., who was not 21 in 1781. Henry Neff was the executor of the will. Bernhard Neff, Jr., was married on Jan. 18, 1791; and Catharine Neff was married on Nov. 30, 1800, to Jacob Miller, of Heidelberg township.

#### Taxables Heidelberg Township

	1762	£
Ulrich Neaf, .....		14
Bernet Neaf, .....		5
	1781	
Henry Neff	Ulrich Neff	
Widow Neff		
	1790	
Ulrich Neaf	Conrad Nafe	
Ulrich Nafe	Bernhard Nafe	
	1812	
Bernhard Neff	Widow Neff	
Henry Neff	Michael Neff	

Bernhard Neff, Jr., was a farmer near Germansville, Heidelberg township. He is buried on the old graveyard of the Heidelberg church, of which he was a Reformed member. He had three sons: Abraham, John and George.

Abraham Neff, son of Bernhard, Jr., was born in Heidelberg about 1811 and died at Neff's in 1881. He was a cabinet maker, wheelwright, and watch-maker. He began housekeeping in Heidelberg and from there he moved to what is now Neff's, where he built the first house in the woods. There he carried on cabinet-making and undertaking for years; established the post-office and became its first postmaster, serving the office until his death. About 1840 he laid out the village, and in 1850 he was granted the first hotel license, being succeeded in the hotel by his sons, Edward and Peter Neff.

He was a leading and successful businessman of the community; was active as a member of the Unionville Reformed church, in which he served all the offices. He was married to Anna Eliza Kichline, of Allentown. Their children were: 1. Edward B. 2. Tilghman K. 3. Susan



M., died in childhood. 4. Abraham P. 5. William H. 6. Mary Ellen, married to Paul Balliet. 7. Milton. 8. Newton. 9. Osville. 10. Agatha, married to Clinton Metzger.

John Neff, son of Bernhard, Jr., in 1829, received a part of his father's land; about 1845, he conveyed his portion to Abraham Lobach, and he moved to East Penn township, Carbon county, close to Andrew Church, where he died. He one son and several daughters, who were married respectively to a Frantz and a Ruch. The son, Reuben, succeeded him to the homestead in Carbon county.

George Neff, son of Bernhard, Jr., received a portion of his father's homestead in Heidelberg. He died intestate on Nov. 26, 1881, and on April 3, 1882, Joel Neff, his son, accepted the property at appraisement. Joel Neff lived at Slatington for many years and there was an extensive slate operator.

George Neff was married to Susan Handwerk and their issue follows: Joel; Edward B.; Catharine; Flora; and another daughter, whose name is not recalled.

Edward B. Neff conducted the Arlington Hotel, Slatington, for six years, and the Neff House, the oldest licensed hotel in the borough, for forty years. He also carried on a livery in connection with the hotel for the same long period of time. He was associated with John Unger in the business for a number of years. He had sons: Oscar A., an extensive contractor, residing in Slatington; and Oliver H., who succeeded his father to the livery business and has conducted it up to the present time.

William H. Neff, son of Abraham, was born in 1840 in Heidelberg township. He attended the public schools and assisted his father in his business, thereby acquiring (at an early age) a thorough knowledge of the wheelwright trade, which he has followed all his life.

He removed to Allentown about 1898, from Neffs, which place was named in honor of his father. He is a Republican, and a member of St. Andrew's Reformed church. He married, in 1868, Priscilla Ecker. She died at Slatington, Pa. Issue: 1. Susan M. 2. Ellen M. 3. Florence M. 4. Ida L. 5. Daisy M. 6. Emma J. 7. Eva May. 8. William H., of Slatington 9. Katie. 10. James A., of Easton, Pa.

WILLIAM H. NEFF, ice cream manufacturer and dealer in ice cream, confectionery, and the proprietor of the "Neff's Restaurant," on Upper Main street, Slatington, was born Dec. 16, 1870, at Neffs. When seventeen years old he learned the baking trade at Allentown and continued to follow it in Allentown until in 1893, when he located at Slatington and worked in the slate

industry until in 1901. He then engaged in the present business at 627 Main street. He enjoys a large trade in the wholesale ice business and supplies the upper end of the county with a superior product, and he conducts an up-to-date eating restaurant and ice cream parlor.

Mr. Neff is active in church and Sunday school work; is an official member of the Baptist Church and has served the Sunday school as its superintendent and the B. Y. P. U. as its president.

Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Knights of Friendship; the Royal Arcanum, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On March 25, 1899, he married Molly E. Jones, a daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Jones. They have two children, viz: Ruth L., and Ethel M.

John Neff was a farmer near Mossersville, in Lynn township. His farm was about 75 acres. He is buried at the Ebenezer church at New Tripoli. His wife was Miss Oswald and they had children as follows:

1. John, who had his father's homestead and late in life married the widow of his brother Henry, but they had no children. His brother died in middle life. 2. Jonas B. 3. Elias, who was a farmer and lived in Lynn township. 4. Henry.

Jonas B. Neff, was born Oct. 4, 1803, died on Nov. 3, 1867, aged 64 years, and is buried at Frieden's church, near Slatington. He was a tanner and lived at New Tripoli. For fourteen years he was captain of the old state militia from Lynn township, of which Amos Ettinger was the brigadier-general and David Laury, the major. Mr. Neff was six feet tall and during battalion days was in his best and attracted considerable attention from the interested people who had gathered to witness the battalion drills. He was a great disciplinarian and gave the commands loudly and in a clear voice, thus gaining the admiration and plaudits of the populace. Mr. Neff and his family were members of the German Reformed church, which he served as elder and trustee.

His wife was Mary Magdalene (Molly) Mosser, daughter of Michael Mosser, who was born in 1800 and died in 1883, aged 83 years. They had children: Nathan, Edward, Jonas, Matilda, who married David Weaver, of Germansville, and Duan.

Duan Neff, son of Jonas B., was born in Lehigh county, Pa., July 19, 1839. He learned the carpenter trade, following it until 1879, and afterwards he followed the carpenter and contracting business, employing about fifty people. He built the Presbyterian church, several schools, and about 75 houses in and about Slatington;

also a large hotel and houses at Weatherly. After 1879 he was engaged in the slate business and did roof contracting. From 1880 to 1885 he roofed several hundred buildings at Milton, Pa., which was after the disastrous fire at that place. In 1863, Mr. Neff enlisted in Company I, 38th Penn'a. Regiment, and served 43 days during the emergency. He was a member of the Slatington town council, and the Reformed congregation of the Friends' church at Hoffman, near Slatington.

In 1903 he came to Allentown and resides with his daughter at 430½ North Tenth street. He had lived in Slatington for 35 years. In 1859 he was married to Amelia Hunsicker, daughter of Dennis Hunsicker. Mrs. Neff died May 4, 1907, aged 66 years, and is buried on the family plot at Slatington. Their children were: 1. Ida, who died in infancy. 2. James, who died in infancy; 3. Allen, of Allentown, who married Mrs. Meda Kutz, and has one daughter, Emily. 4. Calvin, of Allentown. 5. Walter, who died at the age of eleven years. 6. Melvin B., before mentioned. 7. Ella E., single, of Allentown. 8. Emma, who married E. L. Krauss of Slatington, Pa. 9. William, of Allentown, who married Cora Krause, of Slatington, and they have children: Florence, Russell, Mabel, Hilda, Esther, Dorothy and an infant son.

MELVIN B. NEFF, a member of the firm of Neff, Chattoe & Co., Inc., was born in Slatington, Sept. 15, 1873. On March 4, 1886, he began to learn the trade of making art stained glass in Philadelphia, serving three years as an apprentice, and continued his services in the largest establishments in Philadelphia until 1900, when he accepted a position at his trade at Harrisburg and continued there until 1903. In November, 1903, the above-mentioned firm was organized at Allentown, and located at 34 North Seventh street. In the Spring of 1904 they located at 911 Linden street and in 1909 the firm erected their present building at 429-431 North Howard street, which is a two-story brick building and has dimensions 20x80 feet. This firm employs eight and nine men and is the only concern of its kind in the city and county. Among their many contracts are the following: Koch Bros, Merchants National Bank, the Thomas J. Koch residence, the Max Hess residence, the St. Paul's Sunday school, Dubbs Memorial church, all of Allentown; one of the leading churches at Seaford, Del.; the Catholic church at Easton; Down Works, Philipsburg, N. J.; the Alprato church, Mifflin county, Pa., and since 1903 the firm enjoyed most of the trade in this section.

Mr. Neff is a member of the Modern Wood-

men of America. He and his family are members of St. Andrew's Reformed church.

On Sept. 18, 1901, he was married to Katharine Moorehead, daughter of Terrance Moorehead, of Ireland, and they have children: Helen M., who died in infancy; and Eugene M., who was born Feb. 25, 1907.

#### NEIMEYER FAMILY.

The progenitor of the Neimeyer family of Lehigh county was Conrad Neimeyer, who took the oath of allegiance immediately after landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 24, 1751, signing his name in his own hand. Very little is further known of him. A son, Conrad, was born during the voyage to America. This son married Christina Kemmerer, a daughter of F. Kemmerer. [See Kemmerer Family.] They lived in Upper Milford township, along the road leading from Emaus to Shimersville, at what is known as the Seislove homestead. This union was blessed with ten children: Conrad, Andreas, Jacob, Charles, Frederick, Christina, Rosina, Elizabeth, Polly and Susan.

Conrad Neimeyer, Jr., had one sister who was born in the fatherland. She married Nicholas Klein and removed to Williams township. She was born in 1749 and died aged eighty-four years. She was the mother of nine children, of whom one daughter was married to Abraham Fehr.

Conrad Neimeyer, grandson of the emigrant, was born Oct. 31, 1779, and was married to Lydia Diefenderfer. She was born Feb. 3, 1788, and died Feb. 1, 1848, and was buried at the Longswamp Church. He died Jan. 25, 1844, and was buried at Trexlertown. They had twelve children.

1. Charles married Catharine Laub and removed to Mercer county and he died leaving seven children.

2. Susan married David Keck and was the mother of two children.

3. George. See below.

4. Isaac, who died in infancy.

5. Jacob was married to Sarah Ort and was the father of ten children.

6. Catharine married David Mohr and removed to Ohio.

7. Reuben married Lucy Warmkessel and had seven children.

8. Lydia married Joseph Warmkessel and had six children.

9. Elizabeth married Lucas Warmkessel and had six children.

10. John was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died in Eldora, Cal.

11. Henry was married to Helen Falk and had two children.

12. Andrew was married to a Miss Gilsaver and had four children.

George Neimeyer, son of Conrad, 3d, was born in Lower Macungie township, Oct. 7, 1810. He was baptized in infancy by Reverend Heiny and confirmed as a member of the Trexlertown Lutheran congregation by Reverend Doering. He was married to Margaret Ruder, a daughter of Johannas and Maria Ruder, of New York. She was confirmed as a member of Zion's Reformed congregation, Allentown, by Reverend Gobrecht. She was born October, 1814, and died in Emaus, Feb. 13, 1884. She and her husband, who died May 15, 1881, lie buried at the Western Salisbury Church. This union was blessed with seven children.

1. Mary was married to John Dubbs and was the mother of three children: Horace, Charles and Elmeda.

2. Edwin, married to Permilia Heller, was the father of five children: Asa, Myra, Rebecca, Edwin, Robert and Richard.

3. Lydia, who died in infancy.

4. Tilghman. See below.

5. Isaac was born Aug. 15, 1844, and was married to Ellen, a daughter of S. C. Fischer, of Topton. They reside at Emaus, where he and son, Solon, conduct a general store. They had eight children of whom five are living. They are: Katie R., Maggie E., Lydia A., Solon and Milton.

6. Susan, married to Henry Rabenold, was the mother of one daughter, Mary Rebecca.

7. Amanda C., married to Hiram J. Bogert, was the mother of two children: George J. and Margaret Susan.

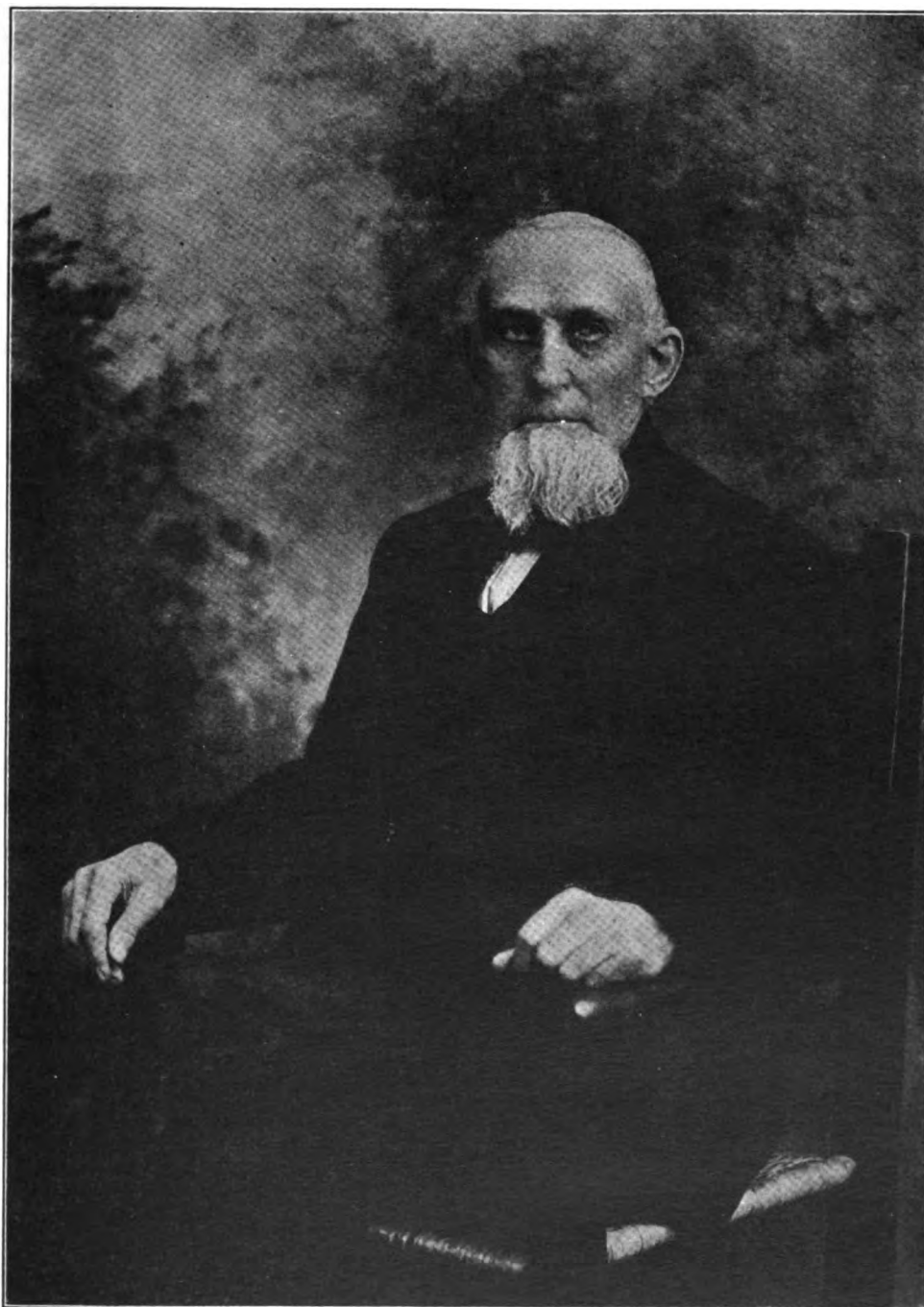
TILGHMAN NEIMEYER was born March 7, 1842, on Neimeyer homestead along the Little Lehigh river. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and attended for a time Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. He was confirmed in his youth as a member of the Salisbury Lutheran congregation by Rev. William Rath. He and his father were engaged in quarrying and mining. He was married to Maria Bogert, a daughter of John, Jr., and Abigail (Knauss) Bogert. Mrs. Neimeyer's grandparents were John Bogert, Sr., 1772-1854, and Elizabeth, *nee* Kline, who was born Oct. 28, 1767, and died Dec. 18, 1867, having reached the age of 100 years one month and twenty-one days. This union, which was blessed with two children which died in infancy, and continued for a period of upward of 43 years until broken by the recent death of Mr. Neimeyer.

As a young man he entered into a partnership with William Jobst in the conducting of a general store at the corner of Maine and Second streets in Emaus. His partner having died and desiring to retire he sold his interests to his brother, Isaac, who now conducts it. He was a member of the town council of Emaus in 1867, 1868-1883 and 1884 and for twenty-one years prior to his death a member of the board of health. He was a director of the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company and acted as secretary for a number of years, and was also a member of the Lehigh County Historical Society. He was an elder of the Salisbury Lutheran congregation for many years. He was instrumental in the establishment of a cemetery endowment fund and a leader in the quintennial reunion which the Salisbury union congregation has been holding. He has plotted the cemetery and made a record of all the burials, which are upward of 2,000. In 1911 he was chairman of the committee which published a history of the two congregations which worship in the church. He compiled genealogies of many of the early Salisbury families, much of which is included in the genealogies of this work, in which he was deeply interested and for which he furnished considerable data. Mr. Neimeyer died on Friday, Oct. 24, 1914, aged seventy-two years seven months seventeen days, and was buried on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, on the cemetery in the interest of which he labored so long and faithfully. He is survived by his wife, who has been a patient sufferer for many years. Mr. Neimeyer was a highly respected citizen, a pious and devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ, charitable, kind-hearted and true.

Edwin Neimeyer was born in Upper Macungie, March 15, 1838. He engaged in lead-mining at New Gelena, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, when a young man, and continued in the business about three years. Afterward, for eight years, he was associated with his father, George Neimeyer, in mining iron-ore in Lower Macungie. In 1867 he began burning lime near Emaus where the first lime kilns were located in the county. He continued in this business on an extensive scale until his death, Sept. 8, 1903. His demise occurred upon the homestead which he had acquired and owned until his last. It consisted of 18 acres. He had served the district as a school director, having been elected as a Democrat.

He was a Lutheran and served his congregation as deacon, elder, and trustee.

In 1869 he married Permilia C. Heller, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Egner) Heller. Issue: Asa H.; Edwin M., of Emaus; Myra M. R., married to John Dorney; Robert



*Silghman Keimyer*





G. A., of Emaus; and Richard T., a school-teacher at Atlantic City, N. J.

ASA M. NEUMEYER, ice cream manufacturer and dealer in dairy products in Allentown, was born in Lower Macungie township, Nov. 15, 1870. He was educated in the Emaus high school, and the Keystone State Normal School; began teaching school at the age of sixteen and has taught fourteen terms. In 1895 he began dealing in dairy products in Salisbury township; and in 1902 he removed to Allentown and is located at the corner of Jefferson and Union streets. He has employed a number of people and is the largest individual milk dealer in Lehigh county.

Politically he is a Democrat; and socially he has membership in the Order of Owls and Franklin Chamber, No. 9, O. K. of F.

He is a Lutheran member of the Western Salisbury church, and has been the superintendent of the Union Sunday school of that church for a period of fourteen years; and, during that time, was superintendent for four years of Riegel's Sunday school, located in the same locality.

On Feb. 29, 1894, he was married to Alice J. Kline, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Lichtenwalner) Kline.

#### HORACE FALK NEUMEYER.

Horace Falk Neumeyer, successful inventor at Macungie for forty years, was born July 27, 1856, in the borough, and here he was reared and educated in the public schools until he became eighteen years old. During this time, since he was ten years old, he assisted his father in the marble works, and in this way gradually familiarized himself with tools and machinery. He then engaged in teaching for five years, having taught public schools in Lower Macungie township, during the winter months, and during the summer months continued to assist his father. In 1879 he entered the hardware store of his father-in-law, Aaron Erdman, at Macungie, as a clerk, and after remaining so engaged for three years he became a partner. The partnership continued eight years when he purchased the interest of his father-in-law in the business, and carried on the store for four years; then he sold it to Aaron Weinberger, and conducted a ware-room three years for the sale of iron pumps, windmills, hydraulic rams, etc. In 1897 he established a general machine shop for constructing and repairing machinery, etc., and this he has carried on until the present time. He officiated as chief burgess for one term, 1906-9, and is now serving in the town council.

In his early associations with his father, Mr. Neumeyer came to direct his studious attention

to inventions, and when only eighteen years old he designed and received a patent for an electric burglar alarm and since then was granted twenty-five other patents for useful and valuable inventions.

The list embraces the following articles:

Electric burglar alarm.  
Electric fire escape (2).  
Spray Nozzles (3).  
Ball-cock for flushing closets.  
Valve for flushing closets.  
Hopper valve in closets.  
Yard hydrants (6).  
Wall hydrants (2).  
Hose couplings (2).  
Pawnee hydrant.  
Beer faucet.  
Beer bung.  
Flashlight lamp.  
Brush and soap-holder for buckets.  
Rotary lawn sprinkler.

Mr. Neumeyer was married to Emma Erdman, daughter of Aaron Erdman, merchant of Macungie, and they have one child, Frank E.

His father, Henry Neumeyer, was born Dec. 5, 1829, in Lower Macungie, and brought up on a farm until he became thirteen years old when his father died. He then went to Macungie and learned the trade of marble cutter under Jesse B. Nehs, who was also justice of the peace and followed land surveying; and when twenty years of age he engaged in the business of preparing and supplying tombstones and this he followed at Macungie for sixty years. Having been possessed of much mechanical genius he put up different machinery for facilitating his labors. From early youth for many years he showed much interest in researches of a literary character and also in mathematical calculations of a higher order. About 1900 he established a sun-dial on a large tree before his dwelling house which indicates the time of day accurately when the sunlight is not obstructed, and this has attracted much attention of visiting strangers. He served as justice of the peace for ten years; as a town councilman for fifteen years; and also as a school director. He was married to Helena Falk, daughter of George, of Macungie, and they had two children: Oliver, m. Emma Stahler; and Horace, above.

Conrad Neumeyer, the grandfather of Mr. Neumeyer, was born in 1780, in Lower Macungie, where he carried on farming in connection with milling. He died in 1844. He was married to Lydia Dieffenderfer, daughter of Henry, farmer of same township, and they had twelve children: Charles, Jacob, George, Reuben, John, Henry (above), Andrew, Isaac, Susan, m. David

Kern; Lydia, m. Joseph Warmkessel; Elizabeth, m. Lucas Warmkessel; and Catharine, m. David Mohr.

The emigrant ancestor of this family was Conrad Neumeyer, who came to Pennsylvania from Germany in 1751, and settled along the Little Lehigh. He had a son, also named Conrad, who was born in 1755, and had ten children, among them Conrad, above-named.

#### EUGENE W. NEISS.

Eugene Ulysses Neiss, a well-known baker of Mountainville, was born in Watertown, S. D., July 24, 1888. He was educated in the schools of Emaus, where his father established a bakery, which business he learned and was employed at various places for some time. He then learned boilermaking at the Taylor Engineering Works, but disliking this business, he went into the bakery business at Perkasio and later at Sellersville, after which he was employed as a journeyman baker by Miller & Co. and John S. Jacoby, at Allentown. In 1911 he established a bakery at Mountainville, but was unfortunately completely burned out on Dec. 11, 1911. He then entered the employ of Peters & Jacoby for a time, and on Aug. 1, 1912, again opened a bakery at Mountainville, in which he met with success, running several wagons. Mr. Neiss is a member of the Moravian Church at Emaus, a Republican in politics and affiliated with the Knights of Friendship. He married, Oct. 27, 1907, Sallie L., daughter of Frank J., and Annie (Hill) Muth, of Vera Cruz, and they have three children: Mabel M., Madeline L. and Paul F. George W. Neiss, father of Eugene W., was born at Pine Swamp, Luzerne county, March 17, 1863, the son of Henry and Julia (Leibert) Neiss, of Lower Milford. His father moved to Allentown in 1867, where he was a grocer and later engaged in the lumber business at Pine Swamp, Luzerne county. He had five children: Joseph, Charles, James, Sarah and George W. George W. entered the bakery of his uncle at Emaus after leaving school, but in 1878 went to South Dakota, where he owned land at Clear Lake. In 1890 he returned to Emaus and established a bakery at 227 Main street, which he still conducts. He is a member and has been a trustee for eleven years of the Moravian Church, and a Republican in politics. He married, in 1878, Louisa, daughter of Henry W. and Sophia M. (Christ) Jarrett, of Emaus, and has four children: Edward, of Allentown, who married Katie Heffner; Eugene W.; Norman N. and Helen. Mrs. Neiss was educated at the Moravian Parochial School at Bethlehem and assisted her father in his hardware store from the age of thirteen until her marriage.

#### NEWCOMER FAMILY.

John Newcomer had a brother, Philip, who located near Milton, Pa., and there in Turbut township he owned a large farm. He married Elizabeth Lantz, of Turbut township, and in 1864 they moved to Iowa, making the trip by team, the journey taking three months. They took up land in Iowa, and there they lived until they died. Their children were: John Samuel; Daniel; Susan; Emanuel; Levi, who served as a captain during the Civil War, from Iowa; Philip; Margaret; Kate; Annie; Joseph; and four others whose names are not recalled.

John and Philip Newcomer had a sister who was married to John Ott. A third brother also had settled at Milton, Pa., and he had a son, John J., who was Captain of Company D, Eighteenth Regiment, Seventh Cavalry, in the Civil War, from Northumberland county, Pa.

John Samuel, son of Philip, was born in Turbut township, in 1825. He accompanied his parents to Iowa, but not liking that country, returned to his native state and county. He purchased his father-in-law's farm, which he cultivated until his death in 1908, and is buried at Milton, Pa. He married Matilda, a daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Bachman) Jacoby. They had Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Seers, of Milton; Hattie M., wife of C. C. Gast, of Milton; and Franklin A., born Dec. 31, 1866; taught school and is an able musician. Since 1897 he farms the homestead and raises truck. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Milton, which he served as organist for sixteen years. He married Jennie Clewell. Issue: Franklin C., and John W.

John Newcomer, the brother of the above-named Philip, was a farmer in Upper Saucon township and after his active labors were over, he removed to Coopersburg, where he died and was buried at Blue Church, of which he was a member of the Reformed congregation. He married Lydia Ott. Issue: (1) Thomas; (2) Philip; (3) Elemina, married Peter Eckert; (4) Susanna, married Ephraim Schaffer; (5) Elizabeth, married to Charles Ott; (6) William.

Philip Newcomer, eldest son of John and Lydia (Ott) Newcomer, was born in Upper Saucon on May 21, 1828. He was educated in the public schools and at a suitable age he learned the saddlers' trade. He followed his trade in Coopersburg until 1869, then removed to South Bethlehem, and thence to Stockertown, remaining there until his wife's decease, in 1893, when he returned to Coopersburg, living with his son, until his death, on Feb. 21, 1905. He was a member of the Reformed congregation and was a deacon of the Blue church. He married Eliza-

beth Lentz. Issue: an only son, C. Frank Newcomer.

C. FRANK NEWCOMER, son of Philip, was born Sept. 4, 1854, and educated in the public schools and the Bethlehem High School. At the age of sixteen years he learned the trade of carriage trimming which he followed seventeen years, in various places. He returned to Coopersburg in 1890, where he now resides. He purchased the baking establishment of Krause Brothers, which he has since operated. He was one of the original men in the incorporation of the Coopersburg Electric Light Company, in 1911, which furnishes light for the borough and surrounding community which has been successful from the beginning.

It is capitalized at \$5,000. Officers, C. H. Stoneback, president; C. F. Newcomer, vice-president; R. D. Barron, Treasurer; and Willis Jordan, secretary.

Mr. Newcomer is a director, since 1909, of the Lehigh Valley Cold Storage Company, at South Bethlehem. He and Mr. Stoneback were largely instrumental in the establishment of the Emaus Telephone Company. Mr. Newcomer was one of the organizers of the Coopersburg National Bank, of which he is a director. He was one of the organizers and is the secretary of the Coopersburg Telephone Company, which operates seven miles of wire and has upwards of fifty subscribers. He was also one of the organizers in 1909, of the Mountainville Telephone Company in connection with Mr. Stoneback. In politics he is a Democrat and was burgess of the borough. He is a Lutheran member of St. Johns Union church and has been a trustee for four years. He was married on Nov. 25, 1880, to Emma E. Kromer, daughter of John and Lovina (Miller) Kromer.

#### NEWHARD FAMILY.

The name of this family, spelled Newhart, Neihart, Newhardt, and Neihardt, had its origin from the village of Newhart, in the Odenwald, Germany. There lived Conrad Newhart, whose name is found in records in the year 1140. He was an armorer and became so proficient in this art that Emperor Frederick, called Barbarossa, elevated him to the dignity of a Patrician and gave him a coat of arms. He settled in the province of Zweibruecken, where he was elected to the senate. He was long remembered on account of a legacy he left for widows and orphans. The document was lost in the thirty years' war. He died in 1191, as chief master of the armorer guild and senator. He married Martha Buck, and had two sons: Ulrich and Caspar, who both became armorers. Ulrich died without sons.

Caspar Neuhart, who was fond of travelling, married Johanna Bierer, of Thuringen, and received the same honors as his father. He purchased a fine estate in Zweibruecken and died in 1236. His son, George, managed the estate of his father, and married Mary Dauer. He died in 1280, leaving three sons: Andrew, Veit, and Michael.

Andrew made an agreement with his brothers and purchased the estate, giving them money for their share, which they squandered and died in poverty, without issue. Andrew prospered and purchased more property. He married Anna Frank and died in 1317. His descendants flourished as landlords and lived in Zweibruecken until the Thirty Years' War put an end to their prosperity. After this war, only a Daniel and Gottfried Neuhart can be found. Gottfried settled at Oberbach. Daniel took possession of one of the estate and married Dorothea Hornmeyer. He died in 1685, leaving two sons: Christof and George, who still lived there in the year 1710.

George Frederick, Michael and George Neuhard, of this family, emigrated to America in the ship St. Andrew, sailing from Rotterdam, and arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1737, when they took the oath of allegiance to the King of England before Judges James Logan, Clement Plumsted, Ralph Asheton, and William Allen. In the following year they settled in what was then the frontier of Bucks county. The eldest of the brothers, George Frederick, usually called Frederick, with George Kern, took up a warrant for 400 acres of land on the Coplay creek, in Whitehall township, on Feb. 1, 1743. This was divided on Nov. 30, 1744, and he received 203½ acres, which he later sold to Adam Deshler, on account of the lack of spring water and the abundance of heavy timber. On Nov. 28, 1746, he purchased 250 acres along the Jordan creek, from John Eastburn, which adjoined William Allen's land on the north. Portions of this tract are still owned by descendants, Francis J. Newhard, and the Koehler family.

Frederick Newhard was one of the principal citizens of Whitehall township, where he was assessed £22 in 1762, one of the twelve highest rated men in the township. In 1764, he was assessed for 250 acres of deeded land and 60 acres of undeeded land. He was naturalized April 10, 1755. He was a member of the Reformed congregation at Egypt, and when the Allentown congregation was organized attended church in the new town. He built a log house on his land, near the Jordan, the foundations of which can still be seen. He died Nov. 29, 1765, in his 66th year, and was buried in the old cemetery at Allentown. In 1768, his widow, Mary Margaret,



was assessed for 90 acres of cultivated land and 210 acres of uncultivated land, with two horses and two cows. His widow survived him some years and on May 27, 1771, with the other heirs, released to the two eldest sons, Frederick and Lawrence, in consideration of £5 paid to each, the entire tract of 371 acres which the father had owned.

Frederick Newhard's will read as follows:

The first day of January in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c., and in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred & sixty four, I, Frederick Neuhard, of Whitehall Township, in the County of Northampton, in the Province of Pennsylvania, Cordwainer, being somewhat infirm in Body but of sound & well disposing mind & memory, blessed be God for the same and all other of his mercies & favours confer'd upon me and being mindful of my mortality and desirous to settle my worldly affairs in the best manner I can, do make this to be my Last Will and Testament of and concerning all my temporal estate in manner following (hereby revoking all other Wills) that is to say, first, it is my will that my just debts & funeral expenses be duly paid and I do give unto my two sons Frederick and Lawrence the sum of Thirty pounds each lawful money of Pennsylvania, to be paid unto them within six months after my decease, and forasmuch as I have already advanced for my eldest son Christopher in my Life Time I do give unto him five shillings like money in full of his share or other expectancy out of my estate. And I do give unto my dear and well beloved wife Maria Margareta and her assigns all and singular my Mesuages and Tenements and Hereditament whatsoever or wheresoever with the appurtenances to hold her my said wife Maria Margareta and her assigns for & during all the Term of her natural Life without Impeachment of Waste. And I do will and devise that the same Premises upon the decease of my said wife shall revert and remain over unto my children namely, Frederick, Lawrence, Daniel, Peter, Juliana, the wife of Stephen Schneider of Whitehall township, aforesaid, yeoman, Salome, Sophia and Elizabeth Barbara, Part and Share alike and to their several & respective Heirs and Assigns forever. Moreover, I do give unto her my said wife Maria Margareta the Use and Occupation of all the rest & residue of my Goods & Chattels & Personal Estate for and during all the Term of her Natural Life and from & immediately after her Decease I would have what is left thereof to be equally divided amongst all my before named children. My meaning is not to lay my said wife under any Restraint or to make her or her Executors or administrators responsible or accountable for anything that shall hereby come to my said wife's possession, for I will not put her under the control of any of my children. And I do nominate & appoint my trusty and much esteemed Friends, George Knauss and George Jacob Kern, to be the Executors of this my Last Will & Testament, and I do hereby commit my minor children and their education unto them the said George Knauss and George Jacob Kern and the survivor of them. They may bind them out to learn Trades or Husbandry, as they in their Discretion shall think fit. In Witness

whereof I the said Frederick Neuhart, the Testator, have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Day and Year first above written.

FREDRICH NEUHART. Seal.

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared by the above named Frederick Neihart, the Testator, for and as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence & at his Request have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses to the same.

THOMAS HUNSICKER,	} Acknowledged at Easton, May 14, 1766, Before Lewis Gordon, Deputy Register.
JOHANNES ROTH,	
J. OKELY.	

Frederick and Mary Margaret Newhard had nine children: 1. Christopher; 2. Juliana; 3. Frederick; 4. Lawrence; 5. Salome; 6. Daniel; 7. Peter; 8. Sophia Margaret; 9. Elizabeth Barbara.

I. Christopher Newhard, the eldest son, was a farmer, and in 1761 lived on the Jennings farm along the Lehigh. In 1762 he removed to Mount Bethel township, where he secured 250 acres of land. He enlisted in Col. Samuel Miles' Regiment of Riflemen on April 14, 1776, in the Revolution, and was killed at the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776. His estate, amounting to £60, was administered by the court on July 1, 1777. He had one child, Elizabeth, who married George Schick.

II. Juliana Newhard, the eldest daughter, married Stephen Snyder, of Whitehall township. They both died in March, 1796. Their children were: Frederick; Henry, born 1758, died Sept. 9, 1825; Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1766; Peter; Elizabeth Barbara; Salome; and Magdalena.

III. Frederick Newhard, son of Frederick, with his brother, Lawrence, farmed the homestead, which they owned jointly, until March 10, 1789, when it was divided, the northeastern portion going to Frederick. He died in 1794, and was buried on his own land. His estate of 153 acres was valued at £1,006, and was accepted at the valuation by his eldest son, Daniel. His wife, Mary Susanna, was born Feb. 12, 1746, and died Aug. 3, 1821. They had nine children:

Daniel, eldest son of Frederick, Jr., was born March 8, 1773, and died Dec. 20, 1840. He farmed the land of the homestead and was a prominent citizen of the township. He was a member of Zion Reformed church and married, Aug. 1, 1796, Catharine Burger, who was born Dec. 22, 1774, and died Sept. 23, 1825. They had twelve children: 1. Jonathan, born Aug. 13, 1797, died unmarried, June 10, 1864. 2. Daniel, born July 26, 1798, died young. 3. Charles, born Aug. 9, 1799, died Nov. 23, 1883, who married Mary Ann Laury and had children: Monroe; Lavinia; Charles; Emily, wife of Morris F. Scheirer and Mary Newhard. 4. Abra-

ham, born Nov. 7, 1800, died Oct. 14, 1872, unmarried. 5. Elizabeth, born Nov. 28, 1801, died young. 6. Henry, of whom below. 7. Anna, born July 17, 1804, died Sept. 7, 1864, married John Marcks and had children: James, married Amanda Grammes; and had one daughter, Anna, married John Geisker; Tilghman, married Emma Heberly; Levi, married Louisa Kuhns, and had one son, John, married Lizzie Bastian; and Matilda, married William Schmoyer, and had a daughter, Laura, married James Geisinger. 8. Catharine, born Aug. 18, 1806, died July 6, 1887, unmarried. 9. James, of whom below. 10. Levi, born Jan. 30, 1810, died young. 11. Reuben, born Nov. 29, 1813, died Aug. 18, 1882, married Catharine Kline, and was the father of Ephraim R. Newhard, who was born April 17, 1849, and died June 2, 1901. 12. Edwin, born Jan. 17, 1817, died Aug. 12, 1821.

Henry Newhard, son of Daniel, was born April 24, 1803, and died Feb. 15, 1888. He was a blacksmith, as well as farmer, and when the Lehigh canal was constructed, sharpened the tools for the workmen, located at Siegfrieds. He was supervisor of the township several years and also was elected school director as a Democrat. He was a member of Zion Reformed church and later of Salem's, and served as deacon and elder. He died Feb. 15, 1888. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of the Reformed clergyman, Rev. John Gobrecht and was born Feb. 25, 1808, and died Aug. 12, 1881. They are buried on Union cemetery. They had five children: Carlotta L., born Nov. 14, 1834, died Aug. 6, 1907, who married Edward P. Reichard, and had children: Wm. H., of Allentown; Oscar D., of Philadelphia; Maria S.; Charles N.; Rev. F. E.; and Nathaniel P.; Angelina C., born 1836, died 1837; Adelina C., married Jacob Ritter; Rebecca Susanna, born March 27, 1843, of Philadelphia; and Francis James.

FRANCIS J. NEWHARD, of Whitehall township, proprietor of the Newhard stone crusher and quarry on the Egypt pike, was born on the homestead, March 27, 1843, one of twins. He was reared on the farm and engaged in farming until 1890, when he embarked in his present business, in which he employs twelve people. Mr. Newhard owns 67 acres of the original tract purchased by his great-great-grandfather in 1746, now in the family for 168 years. His father built the present house in 1849 and the barn in 1854. On the tract is also a small log house, built by a Tollman over a century ago. In 1908, Mr. Newhard erected a fine cement block residence on the pike, where he resides. He has served as a school director in the township for six years and as assessor for two years, as a Dem-

ocrat. He is a member of and has served as deacon of the Reformed congregation at Mickley's church. He is a member of the executive committee of the Newhard Family Reunion and served several years as treasurer. Mr. Newhard has rare natural ability in sketching and cartooning and is a free hand drawer and fine penman, as well as a skillful woodworker. He married, in 1869, Alice M., daughter of Abraham and Maria (Erdman) Mickley. They have no children, but have an adopted daughter, Maggie J., daughter of Charles Newhard, who married Frank T. Merkle, a grocer, at Eighth and Chew streets, Allentown, and has two children: Ralph F., and Esther L.

James Newhard, son of Daniel, was born Oct. 25, 1808, and died April 5, 1892. He located at Egypt and married Salome Kline, who was born July 9, 1815 and died Feb. 13, 1894. They had eight children: Alfred H., born Jan. 10, 1839, died Jan. 9, 1899, married Louisa E. Siegler and had children: Willis, of Chicago, Dallas, and Kate; Frank H., who married Fianna Miller and had children: Laura M., wife of H. J. Dehnhardt, Emma C., wife of Edw. Jones, Reba, wife of C. H. Shaw, Harvey L., of Oak Grove, Del., Carson, of the 46th U. S. Regt., and Walter F., deceased; James D.; Pauline E., wife of Lewis Kohler; Lewis; Elmina S., wife of Cyrus A. Kuhns; Chester H.; and Willoughby H.

JAMES D. NEWHARD, son of James, received his education in the Egypt schools and was engaged on the farm until the age of seventeen. He then spent two years in learning the coachmaker's trade with Frederick Becker, of Catasauqua. In 1871 he removed to Allentown and engaged in carriage-making with Wolf & Neligh, on North Seventh street. Later the business was extended on South Seventh street as Neligh & Newhard. Mr. Neligh subsequently sold his interest in the business and removed to West Point, Neb. Meanwhile, Mr. Newhard had engaged in the livery business on North Hall street, and since 1898 has been located on North Church street, where he stables 35 horses. He is the oldest liveryman in the city and does the largest business. His stables have been recently renovated and are models of neatness, with all modern appliances.

Mr. Newhard is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., Allentown Lodge of Elks, Knights of Malta, Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of the Mystic Chain, Jr. O. U. A. M., and of Salem Reformed church. He has been, in politics, a life-long Democrat. He married, in 1871, Eliza A., daughter of William Bachman, and has three

children: Dr. Irwin C., of Ashland, who married Jennie Price; Annie, widow of William H. Sherer, and Lillian, wife of Jacob Reiff.

Henry Newhard, son of Frederick, Jr., was born Sept. 18, 1774. He married Salome Yund, born March 20, 1778, and removed to Monroe county. He had children: Hannah, born Oct. 21, 1803, who married (first) Mr. Buskerck, (second) Jacob Storm; Jonas, born 1806, died 1885, who married Sarah Metzgar, born 1815, died 1891, and had children: Thomas, of Stroudsburg; George H., of Bartonsville; Caspar, of Stroudsburg; and Abraham, deceased, who had a son, Owen, of Snydersville, all of whom spell their name Neyhart; Sarah, married Jacob Shoemaker; Lydia, married Abraham Metzgar; and Henry, deceased, of Ithaca, N. Y.

Peter Newhard, third son of Frederick, Jr., was born Aug. 11, 1776. He removed to Monroe county.

Catharine, eldest daughter of Frederick, Jr., born Jan. 23, 1781, married Jacob Strauss, and removed to Monroe county. George Adam Newhard, fourth son of Frederick, Jr., was born March 2, 1783, and died June 21, 1846. He married, in 1805, Juliana Margaret Yund, born Jan. 21, 1786, died Feb. 21, 1852. They had five children: Judith, born 1806, died 1825; Esther, born 1809, married George Albright; Elizabeth, born 1811, married Michael Minnich; Appolonia, born 1815, married Solomon George; and Lydia, born 1817, married Daniel George. The two latter removed to Indiana. Elizabeth Newhard, second daughter of Frederick, Jr., was born March 12, 1787, and died, unmarried, Sept. 6, 1834. She was buried at Friedensville.

Abraham Newhard, born 1789, and John Frederick, born Sept. 14, 1792, sons of Frederick, Jr., removed to Ohio.

John Newhard, youngest son of Frederick, Jr., was born March 12, 1794. He was a tobacconist and served in the War of 1812. He removed to Milton, Montour county, where he died in 1858. He married, April 23, 1818, Eva Reber, who died at the age of 94 years. They had eight children: Charles, who had a son, William G., of Milton; Isabella, Edwin, Cyrus, William, Rebecca, Alavesta, and Katharine.

IV. Lawrence, or Lorentz Newhard, third son of Frederick, the first, was born in 1740 and baptized John Michael Lorentz, on Sept. 23, 1740, named after two of his sponsors, Lorentz Guth and Michael Newhard. In the division of his father's land with his brother Frederick, Lawrence secured the southeastern portion of 168 acres, which he subsequently added to by purchasing 130 acres. In 1790, he built a stone

grist-mill on the tract, which is still in use, called Strauss' mill, and which he operated about twenty-five years. He was a member of Zion Reformed church, Allentown, and at his death bequeathed £50 to the congregation and £50 to the poor of the township. His land was divided among his children, John and Daniel receiving the mill and nine acres. He died Aug. 1, 1817, and was buried at Allentown. His wife, Mary Magdalena, whose surname is said to have been Eckert, was born in 1746 and died Nov. 1, 1815. They had eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity:

1. Frederick Newhard, born March 13, 1768, married, Aug. 11, 1795, Eva Catharine Yund, who was born Dec. 22, 1771. He remained in the vicinity until shortly after his father's death, when he sold his portion and removed to the West. He had five children: George, born April 18, 1796; Sarah, born Oct. 25, 1798, died Dec. 26, 1881, married Peter Roth; Jonas, born Nov. 7, 1802; Leah, born Aug. 8, 1807; and Charles, born Oct. 4, 1816.

2. Christian Newhard, second son of Laurence, was born Oct. 5, 1769. He removed to Centre township, Columbia county, where he farmed a tract of land until his death, May 18, 1847. He married, Sept. 2, 1798, Elizabeth Saeger, born Sept. 2, 1773, died Aug. 1, 1823. They had nine children: Solomon; Lydia, born Aug. 9, 1800, died Oct. 8, 1867, married John Defrehn, of Ogell county, Ill.; Anna Maria, born Oct. 22, 1802, married Samuel Drescher, and had a son, Stephen, of Stillwater, Columbia county; Esther, born March 22, 1804; Susanna, born Feb. 2, 1806, died June 27, 1854; Veronica, born Aug. 1, 1807, married Benjamin Haman, and had a son, James P. Haman, of Berwick; David, born June 15, 1809, married Sarah Siegfried, and had children: Agnes, Susan and Amanda; Daniel, born Feb. 8, 1811, married Mary Shellhammer, and had a son, John, who married Priscilla Herring and had children: Charles, William, and Emma; Hannah, married David Herring; John, married (first) Lavinia Evans, and (second) Hester Fleckenstein, and had children: Mary, Agnes, Amos, William, Isaiah, and Salome, born in 1817, died in 1831.

Solomon Neyhard, son of Christian (which branch spell the name Neyhard), was born May 8, 1799, and died Jan. 10, 1879. He married Sarah Achenbach and had a son, Samuel, born June 24, 1833, a surveyor, of Bloomsburg, who married Henrietta, daughter of Reuben Newhard, and had nine children: Solomon D., born Dec. 30, 1857; Reuben F., born March 13, 1859, married Keturah J. Yohe; Mary M., born Feb. 25, 1861, married B. I. Price, of Denver, Col.;

Sarah E., born Feb. 21, 1864, married Mr. Sterling; Emma A., born May 30, 1867, married F. M. Everitt; John R., born Aug. 29, 1869; Christian F., born Aug. 13, 1872; Cora B., born Nov. 18, 1874, married B. R. Henrie, of Pittsburgh; and B. Waller, born Feb. 26, 1881, married Carrie Scott.

3. Elizabeth Newhard, eldest daughter of Laurence, born Aug. 27, 1771, married John Moll, and had children: John, born 1796, died 1883, married Elizabeth Ueberroth, born 1802, died 1897; Peter, born 1799; and Jacob, born 1803.

4. Mary Margaret, born April 19, 1774, died young.

5. John Jacob Newhard, born Nov. 21, 1776, married, April 12, 1801, Susanna Burger. He removed to Indiana with his eleven children: Hannah, William, Mary Anna, Moses, Edward, Magdalena, Elizabeth, Aaron, Euphemia, Owen, and Matilda.

6. Anna Maria, born Oct. 20, 1778, married Daniel Yundt, born Feb. 1, 1776, died Oct. 5, 1851. They had no children.

7. Peter Newhard, fourth son of Laurence, was born Feb. 7, 1781. He was a blacksmith and had his shop in the stone building still standing on Sumner avenue, Allentown, and in later years at the southwest corner of Seventh and Liberty streets. He was a member of Zion Reformed church, deeply religious, but stern in character. He died March 13, 1844, at 318 North Seventh street, and is buried in Union cemetery. He married Anna Margaretha, daughter of John and Charlotta Elizabeth (Shankweiler) Diefenderfer. She was born June 9, 1783, and died Aug. 29, 1859. They had ten children:

1. Louisa Newhard, born Feb. 9, 1805, died June 4, 1862, married Joseph Lehr, born March 29, 1807, died Jan. 12, 1864, and had five children: Charles, who married Eliza Paul, and had two children: Harry, deceased, and Grace L., wife of Howard W. Dennis; Colonel Samuel D. Lehr, who married Elizabeth S. Engelman, and had one daughter, Cora, wife of Arnon P. Miller; Horace, who married Mary S. Knappenberger and had children: William C. and Sarah E.; Christiana M., who married Ephraim Roth and had children: Rosa, Walter, Charles, Maggie, Jennie, and Ida, and Henry Lehr, married Sarah Whetstone and had sons: John, of Easton; and William, of Stockville, Ind.

2. Apollonia Newhard, born June 6, 1806, married Joseph Fatzinger, who was born Nov. 16, 1805, and died in 1887, at Bethel, Missouri, where he had removed. They had ten children: Mary Ann, wife of John Geiger; Susanna, wife

of Henry Mest, whose children are: Charles F.; Andrew F.; Jerusha, wife of Victor Heiberger; Ellen, wife of Wm. Spohn; Mary, wife of Geo. Kiefer; and Sarah, wife of Daniel Shur; Aaron, whose sons are John and James; Esther D., wife of Jonas Mest; Andrew; Peter S.; Isabella; Lewis; Charles; and Mrs. Lucretia Hoxworth.

3. Reuben Newhard, eldest son of Peter, was born Oct. 19, 1807, and died in 1893 in Columbia county. He married Mariana Gross and had nine children: Daniel, born 1823, died 1897, a Mexican War soldier, who married and had children: Mary, Susanna L., Lucinda A., Emeline J., wife of Abraham Fretz, Margaret E., Wm. E. H. H., and Sarah A. E.; Charles Tilghman, who married Sarah Bernhard; William P.; Ellenora M.; George M. D., of Milton, who married Mary Dotts, and had children: Margaret, Samuel, Cyrus, and Charles H.; Amanda, wife of Allen Brader; Rebecca, wife of John Richard, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Henrietta, wife of Samuel Neyhard.

4. Keren H. Newhard, daughter of Peter, was born July 25, 1810, and died Oct. 7, 1880. She married, April 3, 1831, Stephen Rhoads, of Allentown, and had ten children: Emmeline M.; Emmanuel P.; Mary A. B., wife of Jonas Mest; Sarah C., wife of Wilson Lightcap; Ellen L., wife of Wm. F. Hendricks; Augustus G.; Lavinia J., wife of Rev. Tobias Kessler; Senia S., wife of Charles Richter; Edwin A., and Alice S., wife of Moses Roberts, whose son, Charles R. Roberts, is the writer of this history.

5. Charlotte Newhard, born Feb. 6, 1812, died July 1, 1837, married William Miller. They had one child, Susanna L., born 1837, died 1860, who married Noah Trumbor, born 1832, died 1872, and had two sons: William and Morris.

6. Melitha Newhard, born July 27, 1815, married John Fatzinger, and had children: Eli, Walter, Maggie, and George.

7. Laurence Newhard, born Sept. 11, 1816, died young.

8. Thomas Newhard, born June 20, 1818, died April 28, 1894. He was a blacksmith and resided many years at South Bethlehem. He married, first, Lydia Fetzer, born April 7, 1820, died Nov. 20, 1855, and had five children: Sarah M., who married Henry Moritz and had children: Lila L., wife of Thomas B. Binns, Minnie, wife of E. J. Rasbridge, and George; Emmeline; Rosa A. M.; Maine D. I., born 1851, died 1853; and Druses, born 1855, died 1891, who had one daughter. He married, second, March 25, 1856, Mrs. Mary A. Kerschner, *nee* Snyder, and had four children: Maine, deceased; Oscar L.; Newton G.; and Montgomery.

9. Emmanuel Newhard, youngest son of Peter,



was born March 1, 1821, and died Aug. 4, 1893. He married Eliza Swartz, who died in 1909, aged 88 years. They had nine children: Allen P. J.; Mary, married Willard Ruger; William; Stephen H., born 1857, died 1882; John; Ella, deceased; Clara, wife of James T. Cooley; Ida L., married Charles W. C. Forstler, born 1869, died 1898, and had children: Emma S., Mary E., Florence I., and Harry G. Newhard.

10. Henrietta Newhard, born March 18, 1824, died July 31, 1826.

8. John Newhard, fifth son of Laurence, was born May 1, 1783, and died Aug. 5, 1850. With his brother, Daniel, he received the grist-mill built by his father and in 1834, Daniel sold to him his interest, and he conducted the mill until his death. He married, first, Margaret Shoener, who died March 9, 1830, and had two sons: Paul and Joseph. He married, second, Mrs. Lydia Yundt, *nee* Biery, born Oct. 28, 1799, died April 28, 1875, and had four daughters: Caroline, born Dec. 28, 1833, died Jan. 28, 1884, married Jonas George; Elenora, married William Miller; Deborah, born Feb. 7, 1812, married Thomas Clark; and Eliza, born May 8, 1822, married Tilghman Butz.

Paul Newhard, son of John, was born Feb. 2, 1808, and died Jan. 21, 1858. He married Deborah Burkhalter, born Dec. 24, 1811, died Jan. 19, 1887, and had two children: Franklin J., and Lewis P., born Sept. 10, 1838.

Franklin J. Newhard was born July 24, 1837, and died Feb. 20, 1891. He was a farmer and owned a farm near Helfrich's Springs, now owned by Wilson Butz. He was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace of Whitehall township for many years; was clerk of Quarter Sessions of Lehigh county, secretary of the Lehigh Mutual Fire Insurance Company and was actively and prominently identified with a number of organizations. He was married to Christianna Schaadt, a daughter of Henry and Magdalena (Knauss) Schaadt, and they had children as follows: Preston, who died in infancy; Annie M. D., who married Osville Sterner; Henry P.; Edward J., of Fullerton, and Ella M., who married George P. Diefenderfer.

HENRY P. NEWHARD, superintendent and secretary of the Dent Hardware Company, of Fullerton, son of Franklin J. Newhard, was born in Whitehall township, Nov. 29, 1862. He received his early education in the public schools of his native township, and in 1883 graduated from the Allentown Business College. Later he learned the machinist trade and was employed in the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Works, the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Allentown Hardware Company Works. Through his skill

as a machinist and his superior ability in dealing with workingmen he was promoted to the position of foreman of the Allentown Hardware Works, which position he filled two years. In 1894 he formed a partnership with Charles W. Kaiser, Henry P. Dent, George Brightbill and Charles Wackernagel, under the firm name of Dent Hardware Company, for the purpose of manufacturing hardware specialties and refrigerator trimmings. They began business on a small scale, employing only thirty men. The company prospered from the beginning and now employs about 500 men. In 1895 the company was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, with a capital of \$25,000. Mr. Brightbill and Mr. Wackernagel retired from the firm in 1898. The Dent Hardware Company is one of the principal industries of Lehigh county. They manufacture about ninety per cent of the cold storage and refrigerator trimmings of the country, and their product is sent to all parts of the globe. The plans for the large brass and iron foundries, machine shop and boilerhouse were prepared by him and the buildings were constructed under his supervision. He has charge of the manufacturing end of the works.

In politics Mr. Newhard is a Democrat. In 1905 he was elected commissioner of Whitehall township and this office he filled very satisfactorily for six years. He is an active member of St. John's Reformed church of Fullerton, having served as trustee for a number of years. He took a very active interest when the chapel was erected in 1886, and when improved in 1911. He is a member of the Fullerton Beneficial Association and the B. P. O. E. Lodge, No. 130, of Allentown.

In 1886, Mr. Newhard was married to Agnes A. Rhoads, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Henninger) Rhoads. In the same year he built his present place of residence at Third and Chestnut streets. They have one son, Miles R.

Miles R. Newhard, son of Henry P. Newhard, was born in Fullerton, where he received his early education. In 1904 he graduated from the township high school and the following year from the American Business College of Allentown. He is the bookkeeper of the Dent Hardware Company. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church, at Fullerton, and has been a member of the choir for a number of years; also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married to Blanche Hartman, a daughter of Thomas H. and Sarah C. (Radeline) Hartman. They have one son, Henry Thomas.

Joseph Newhard, son of John, was born Feb. 12, 1810, and died Aug. 27, 1868. He carried on the mill for some years, with his brother-in-



*Henry P. Newhard.*



law, Tilghman Butz, and then sold it to Peter Roth. He married Elizabeth Burkhalter in 1836. She was born Jan. 21, 1819, and died Jan. 8, 1900. They had two children: Susan E., and William, who was born Oct. 3, 1840, and died April 22, 1858. Susan E. was born Nov. 10, 1837, and died Dec. 21, 1898. She married Franklin Koehler, who owns a large portion of the original Newhard tract. They had six children: Joseph H., Wm. A., Emma J., Mrs. Lyman H. Howe, of Wilkes-Barre, Robert A., and Mrs. J. Thomas Schantz.

9. David Newhard, sixth son of Laurence, was born Aug. 3, 1785, and died in 1816, at Hamburg. He married, first, Catharine Lehr, and second, Christina Hauser, and had children: Magdalena, born 1809; Enoch, born 1811, died 1889, married, Dec. 2, 1833, Deborah Steckel, born 1814, died 1889, and had a son, David, whose children are: William Newhard, Emma D., wife of Harry S. Jacoby, and one deceased, Mary A., born 1861, died 1899, wife of George Wetherhold; Mrs. Esther Siegfried; Eliza, born 1820, died 1904, married Daniel Guth; and Mrs. Catharine Butz.

10. Salome, daughter of Laurence, was born Jan. 19, 1789, and died Feb. 3, 1860. She married George Yundt and had seven children: David, born April 5, 1807; Paul, married Anna Maria Helfrich; Francis; Magdalena, married Reuben Helfrich; Rebecca, married Reuben Wenner; Thomas, married Eliza Marcks; and Elizabeth, married Nathan Eberhard.

11. Daniel Newhard, youngest son of Laurence, was born May 7, 1791, and died June 13, 1851. He married, Aug. 2, 1811, Elizabeth Bischoff. It was he who first erected clapboard fences around his house, near the mill, from which the place, inhabited mainly by Newhards, became called "Clapboardtown." He had seven children: Manasses; Mrs. Lucinda Beers, born 1815, died 1895; Edwin C. D., who married Elvina Hartzell and had sons: Franklin H. D., and Charles E.; Menoni; Ervin, born April 19, 1823; Mrs. Daniel Bachman; and Laurence J., born Nov. 4, 1841, who married Matilda Kahler, and had children: L. Edwin, J. F. Allen, and Harry D. Newhard.

V. Salome Newhard, second daughter of Frederick, the emigrant, married John Mathias Albert. She died about 1774, leaving six children: Margaret, born 1766; Susanna, born 1767; Magdalena, born 1769; Catharine, born 1770; Abraham, born 1771; and Elizabeth Barbara, born 1772.

VI. Daniel Newhard, fourth son of Frederick, the emigrant, was never married and lived upon a tract of 125 acres situated south of Mickley's,

bounded by the Knauss, Eberhard, Roth, and Kolb tracts. He died in 1801, and his estate, valued at £937, was accepted at its valuation by George Shick, in right of his wife, Elizabeth, only daughter of Christopher Newhard, eldest brother of Daniel.

VII. Peter Newhard, fifth son of Frederick, was born May 26, 1750. He purchased jointly with Abraham Sterner a tract of land along the Lehigh on Jan. 1, 1776, and on Jan. 20, 1785, sold his interest to Sterner and removed to Salisbury township, where he resided in 1790. He subsequently removed to Monroe county. He married Elizabeth Sterner and had children: Salome, born April 17, 1778; John George, born April 29, 1780; John, born Sept. 5, 1784; Daniel, born March 12, 1787, died March 12, 1869, near Stroudsburg; and Henry, born Aug. 9, 1795.

VIII. Sophia Margaret Newhard, daughter of Frederick, married, Aug. 18, 1772, Caspar Hauser, who died in 1800, leaving nine children: Henry, Elizabeth, Susanna, John, Margaret, Veronica, Maria, Daniel, and Frederick.

IX. Elizabeth Barbara, youngest daughter of Frederick, was born April 3, 1753, and died July 24, 1838. She married John Adam Romig, born 1741, died 1798, and had nine children: Elizabeth, married John Henry Wint; Jacob, born 1782, died 1801; Susanna, married John J. Mory; Magdalena; Anna Eva, married Jacob Newhard; Daniel; Sarah, married Peter Newhard; Samuel; and Thomas.

Michael Newhard, the second of the three brothers who came to America, was born in Zweibruecken, Feb. 9, 1713, and died March 10, 1793. He secured by warrant of June 11, 1738, a tract of 83 acres along the Lehigh river, near what is now Laury's, North Whitehall township, and added to this so that in 1768 he owned 200 acres, 70 acres of which were cultivated. He was naturalized April 10, 1759, and was a member of the Egypt Reformed church, where he and his wife were buried and their ancient tombstones of brown-stone can still be seen. His wife, Barbara, was born April 1, 1716, and died Sept. 12, 1792. At the time of his death it was recorded that he was the father of fifteen children, and had 124 grandchildren, and 71 great-grandchildren. Records have been found of nine children, viz:

I. Elizabeth Margaret, who married John George Kuntz. He died in Oley in 1766, leaving five children: George Jacob, Barbara, Margaret, David, and Frederick.

II. Maria Barbara, married Jacob Kohler (1739-1830). She died in 1780, leaving six children: John, born 1766, died 1790; John Peter, born 1768, died 1848; Susanna, born 1772;



Anna Margaret, born 1774; John Jacob, born 1778, died 1817; and Maria Elizabeth, born 1779.

III. Catharine Newhard, born July 25, 1740, died May 3, 1803, married George Schall, of Oley, born 1735, died 1802. They had nine children: Magdalena, wife of Andrew Buchman; Catharine, wife of Jacob Hertzog; Margaret, wife of Charles Wagonhurst; George, born 1768, died 1831, married Catherine Eyster; Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Knerr; Tobias, born 1771, died 1849, married Elizabeth Eyster; Salome, wife of Nicholas Keyser; and Jacob, who died young.

IV. Michael Newhard, eldest son of Michael, was born May 7, 1742, and died in 1814. He was a weaver and farmer and owned 200 acres in North Whitehall, and in the War of the Revolution served as a private. He was a deacon of the Egypt Reformed congregation, where his father had been elder and deacon. He and his wife, Mary Barbara, had twelve children:

1. Michael Newhard, born in 1764, married Elizabeth, and had children: Magdalena, born July 16, 1792; Salome, born Jan. 19, 1794; John, born Aug. 26, 1796; Peter, born April 19, 1799; and Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1801.

2. John Peter Newhard, born Nov. 16, 1765.

3. Maria Magdalena, born Feb. 3, 1767, died Aug. 11, 1823, married John Steckel, and had four children: Salome, wife of Jacob Biery; Daniel, born 1789, died 1877, married (first) Salome Keck, (second) Elizabeth Frantz, and had twelve children; Peter, born 1792, died 1849, married (first) Elizabeth Hartman, (second) Esther Burkhalter; and Joseph, born 1802, died 1880, married Sarah Troxell.

4. Margaret Newhard, born Dec. 1, 1769, died April 9, 1846, married Adam Laubach.

5. Mary Barbara, born July 3, 1771.

6. Frederick Newhard, born Dec. 19, 1772, married, June 24, 1794, Elizabeth Newhard and had eight children: Catharine, born Feb. 1, 1795; Jonas, born Sept. 1, 1797; Michael, born Oct. 2, 1799, died Aug. 1, 1865, married, in 1825, Magdalena Buchman, born Dec. 2, 1806, died June 18, 1871, and had six children: Edwin, married Sarah Schnerr, whose daughter, Polly A., married O. P. Leh, John Hiram, born 1834, died 1900, Benjamin F., born 1837, Henry, born 1840, Aaron P., born 1844, married Christianna Bachman and had children: Harvey E., Robert A., John N., and Wm. E., and Eliza; Joseph; Mrs. Hettie Hoch; Mrs. Elizabeth Kreidler; Mollie, wife of Jonas Bachman; Mrs. Ross; and Charles.

Charles Newhard, son of Frederick, was born Feb. 10, 1807, and died July 10, 1882. He was

employed on the Lehigh Valley Railroad and lived at Hokendauqua. He married Eliza Koch, who was born May 26, 1805, and died Nov. 25, 1892. They had four children: Jacob, William, Charles, and Mary, wife of Dennis Fry.

Charles Newhard, son of Charles, was born in 1846 and died in 1909. He was a railroader and manufacturer of cough syrup. He married Fianna Roth and had eight children: Emma, wife of John Miller; John H.; Maggie J., wife of Frank T. Merkle; Elizabeth; Francis C.; Harry D.; Benjamin S.; and Estella, wife of John Hawk, of Freemansburg.

FRANCIS C. NEWHARD, son of Charles, Jr., farmer at Seiple's Station, was born at Slatington, Feb. 13, 1873. He was reared upon the farm of Francis J. Newhard, with whom he had lived seventeen years. In 1897 he went to Allentown, where he drove a milk team and later for two years was a trolley car conductor. In 1907 he began farming at Seiple's Station, where he purchased the Alfred Seiple farm of 54 acres, and in 1910 erected his present residence. He has a valuable herd of cattle and conducts a dairy farm. He and family are members of Salem Reformed church, Allentown.

Mr. Newhard married, Nov. 28, 1896, Sarah A., daughter of John and Catharine (Scheirer) Helfrich, and grand-daughter of George Helfrich. They have three children: Walter G., William F., and Albert H.

7. John Newhard, son of Michael, Jr., was born Sept. 29, 1774, and died May 28, 1848. He married, June 27, 1797, Sarah Koch, who was born Dec. 17, 1774, and died Dec. 29, 1851. They had nine children: Jonas, born May 21, 1798, died Dec. 15, 1855, married Catharine Miller and had children: Jacob; Thomas; David, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Ezra, of Lehigh, born 1833, died 1902, who had a son, George, and four daughters; Peter, born Jan. 20, 1800, died Aug. 21, 1801; Elizabeth, born March 17, 1802, married David Eberhard; Michael, born June 1, 1804, died Aug. 2, 1873, married Regina Lerch, and had six children; Joseph, born Nov. 20, 1806, died May 13, 1879; Maria, born March 23, 1809, died May 15, 1867, married Joseph Newhard, born 1805, died 1894; Abraham, born March 12, 1812, died Nov. 5, 1868, who had a son, David F., born July 29, 1842; Lydia, born Sept. 27, 1814, died Dec. 12, 1897, married Peter E. Strauss, and had a son, James; and Owen Newhard, born Jan. 20, 1818, died Dec. 14, 1890, who married Hannah Bear, born 1820, died 1895, and had children: Henry A., John, Alfred J., Silas, and Joseph.

Henry A. Newhard, son of Owen, died at Siegersville, March 2, 1912, aged 66 years. He

was a coal, grain and lumber merchant, and was a director of the Allentown Trust Company, and a member of Jordan Reformed church. He married Catharine Bower, and had two sons: William B., and Elmer J.

William B. Newhard was born in 1876, near Siegersville, and was educated in the public schools and the Kutztown State Normal School. He is a member and deacon of Jordan Reformed church, and a member of the K. G. E., and Jr. O. U. A. M. He married, in 1898, Jennie, daughter of Clinton Guth, and has one child, Ida C.

ELMER J. NEWHARD was born near Siegersville, July 22, 1878. He attended the local schools and assisted his father in the coal and grain business. In 1897 he came to Allentown and entered the retail shoe business at 641 Hamilton, with his brother-in-law, as the firm of John J. Hauser & Company, and continued until December, 1912, when the business was discontinued. He was also one of the partners of the Roney & Berger Shoe Manufacturing Company, for eight years. Upon the death of his father he succeeded him as a director of the Allentown Trust Company. Mr. Newhard died Jan. 11, 1913, after an illness of only one week. He was a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E.; Allentown Lodge, No. 1299, Loyal Order of Moose; Allentown Tent, No. 389, Knights of the Maccabees; Jordan Council, No. 746, Jr. O. U. A. M.; Red Men; Golden Eagles; and Allentown Post, T. P. A. He was a member of St. Michael's Lutheran church and active in church work. He married Ellen J., daughter of Samuel Ritter, and had one daughter, Alma. He was buried in Greenwood cemetery, with Knight Templar honors.

Michael Newhard, son of John, had six children: Maria Anne, married David Swartz; Abraham; John, married Anna Kleppinger, had no children; Mary, married Charles Young; Magdalena, married John Kuhns; and Sarah, married Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, and had sons: Rev. Albert Bartholomew, of Manheim; and Rev. Calvin Bartholomew, of Pottsville.

Abraham, son of Michael, was born Oct. 17, 1836, and married Mary Schall. He had eight children: Levi, of Fountain Green, Ill.; Senia, wife of George Kleckner; David, of Egypt; Mary, wife of Adam Beers; Jane, wife of Michael Deibert; Francis, of Illinois; Nathan, married Rebecca Diefenderfer; and Ellen, wife of Frank Van Billiard.

8. Juliana, daughter of Michael, Jr., was born

Sept. 23, 1776, and married, May 2, 1796, Henry Haas.

9. Peter Newhard, born Dec. 23, 1778, died Dec. 7, 1856, married Maria Remaley, and had eleven children. He lived in Washington township.

10. Maria Salome, born March 11, 1781.

11. Daniel Newhard, born Dec. 17, 1788, had children: Charles; Eliza, married Jacob Wickert; Mrs. Hettie Druckenmiller; Maria, married Stephen Schmidt; and Nathan. Nathan had children: Alfred, married Maria Berlin; Benjamin F., born 1845, died 1899, a miller near Emaus, who married Lydia Annie, daughter of George and Esther Klotz, born Oct. 19, 1846, died July 7, 1914, and had children: Irwin, Robert, Edwin, Frederick, and Minnie, married Harry Jones; William, who married Rosa Koch; Joseph; Sallie A., wife of John Kuehner; and Jane, born 1850, died 1901, married William F. DeLong.

12. Jonas Newhard, born March 12, 1793, married Catharine Saeger, born July 16, 1794, died Sept. 17, 1842. Their children were: Reuben, born Sept. 13, 1814; Levina, born Nov. 12, 1817, married Eli Steckel; Eliza, born Jan. 22, 1816, died June 21, 1853, married Peter Hecker, born Oct. 28, 1809, died Oct. 4, 1899, and had three children: Capt. Lewis P. Hecker, William F. Hecker, and Mrs. A. W. DeLong; and William Newhard, born Sept. 24, 1820, died Feb. 9, 1892, married Caroline Knauss, died Feb. 3, 1909, and had children: Elwood L., and Winfield. Elwood L. Newhard married Martha Snyder and had children: Libbie, Winfield, Mabel, Fred, Ruth, and George.

V. Peter Newhard, second son of Michael, the emigrant, was born Nov. 15, 1743, and died Sept. 16, 1813. He was a gunsmith and farmer and during the Revolution his services were in great demand for the making of guns. He owned 345 acres of land near Laury's, and was a member of the Egypt Reformed church, where he was buried. He married, first, Magdalena Kohler, who died in 1777, leaving three children: Catharine Elizabeth, born Feb. 25, 1768; Mary Barbara, born Sept. 25, 1776; and Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1777. He married, second, Catharine Miller, born Oct. 6, 1758, died June 23, 1842, who is buried at Indianland. They had six children: Maria Margaret, born Sept. 2, 1779, married, May 17, 1796, John Dieter Bauman, born 1772, died 1853, and had eight sons and four daughters, one of whom, Hon. Dennis Bauman, of Allentown, born in 1819, is still living in Allentown, aged 95 years; Peter Newhard, born Sept. 7, 1786, died Feb. 15, 1789; Salome, born Aug. 1, 1790, married Michael

Deibert, and had children: Dennis, Reuben, Solomon, Mary, and James; Catharine Newhard, married George Kuntz; Magdalena, married Jacob Buchman; and Michael Newhard, born Feb. 28, 1800, died June 11, 1853, married, 1823, Sarah Krauss, born 1802, died 1879, and had six children: William, born Feb. 6, 1825; Reuben, born June 29, 1830, married Susanna Clewell, and had children: William, Reuben, Mrs. Benjamin Kline, Mrs. Lewis Hohl, and Anna M., married Phaon F. Strauss, of Philadelphia, whose children are Carrie and Marguerite; Moses, born July 5, 1834, married Amelia Seibert, and had seven children: Elmer, died Dec. 21, 1900; Emma F., born Nov. 14, 1867, died March 2, 1900, married Richard S. Kistler, and had one daughter, Helen; Allen; Frank S.; May, wife of George F. Erich; Ellen; and Rosa; James, born Nov. 27, 1836; Mary Ann, wife of Joseph Scheirer; and Lydia, born Jan. 17, 1840.

VI. Maria Salome Newhard, daughter of Michael, the emigrant, was born Nov. 28, 1745, and died Jan. 12, 1829. She married Henry Biery and had 13 children: Joseph, died in infancy; Henry, of Seneca county, N. Y.; Frederick, of Catasauqua; David; Salome, wife of Peter Mickley; Magdalena, wife of Peter Mickley; Margaret, wife of John Mickley; Peter, died young; Barbara, wife of Henry Burkhalter; Abraham; Catharine, wife of Peter Burkhalter, of Indiana; John Jacob, of Seneca county, N. Y.; and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Steckel.

VII. John Frederick Newhard, third son of Michael, the emigrant, was born April 20, 1748, and died March 24, 1823. He was a farmer in the vicinity of Laury's, where he owned 130 acres. He married, first, Apollonia Dreisbach, born Feb. 1, 1850, died June 16, 1822, and second, Mrs. Catharine Newhard, his brother's widow. He had ten children:

1. Barbara, married Daniel Bachman.
2. Catharine Elizabeth, born May 9, 1774, married Frederick Newhard.
3. Peter Newhard, born Sept. 9, 1775, died Oct. 13, 1858, married, March, 1796, Catharine Frantz, born June 3, 1773, died July 16, 1851. Their children were: John, born 1801, died 1851; Magdalena, wife of George Miller; Joseph P., born 1805, died 1894, married Maria Newhard; Salome, wife of John Miller, whose son, Samuel F., was sheriff of the county; Margaret; Lydia; Regina, wife of Josiah Kohler; and Peter Newhard, Jr., who married Susanna Saege, and had sons: Aaron, Stephen, Tilghman, and Willoughby.
4. John Frederick, born April 4, 1777, died young.

5. Michael, born July 11, 1778, died March 10, 1842, married Maria Koch.

6. Conrad Newhard, born March 15, 1783, died Nov. 1, 1853, married (first) Susanna Esch, born June 13, 1777, died April 19, 1837, and (second) Susanna Leinberger, born Jan. 28, 1788, died May 11, 1870.

7. Salome, born March 24, 1780.

8. Magdalena, born April 16, 1785.

9. Catharine, born Aug. 3, 1787, died June 3, 1866, married, in 1809, Jacob Lerch, and had eight children.

10. Susanna, born July 8, 1796.

Jonas Newhard, son of Conrad, was born Aug. 6, 1805, and died Feb. 25, 1885. He married Lydia Leibenguth, born Aug. 8, 1802, died Aug. 2, 1871. They had these children: Stephen Newhard, of Cherryville, who married Sarah E. Kuhns and has two daughters: Mrs. Tilghman Hower and Mrs. Harley Hahn; Samuel Newhard, married Caroline Stem; Mary, married George Leibenguth; Fianna, married Aaron Benninger; Lavinia, born 1840, died 1876, married Elias B. Zerfass, and had a son, James F., who married Elmira L. Anthony; James Newhard, married Elamanda Berlin and had two sons: Clifford B., of Nazareth; and Harry, of Mahanoy City.

VIII and IX. George Jacob, born July 25, 1752; and Magdalena, born July 15, 1756.

George Jacob Newhard, youngest son of Michael, Sr., was born July 25, 1752, and died Sept. 18, 1835. He married, May 18, 1773, Anna Maria Kohler, daughter of Jacob Kohler. She was born May 6, 1752, and died Feb. 6, 1823. They are buried in the old Allentown cemetery. George Jacob Newhard removed from Whitehall township to Allentown in 1773, where he lived at the northeast corner of Eighth and Hamilton streets. In the Revolution, he served as a private in the company of his brother-in-law, Capt. George Graff. He was a joiner by occupation, and made writing desks, clock cases, and other articles of furniture. He served six years in the Legislature while Lehigh was still a part of Northampton county and in 1814 was elected county commissioner. He had seven children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 28, 1774; 2. Catharine, born Aug. 29, 1776; 3. Abraham, born Oct. 26, 1777, died Feb. 28, 1863, married, April 5, 1798, Maria B. Reber, born June 9, 1776, died June 24, 1831, and second, Mrs. Mary M. Blumer, *nee* Scheirer, widow of Jacob Blumer, born Jan. 18, 1787, died Dec. 29, 1858. He had six children: James, born Jan. 23, 1800; Thomas, born April 18, 1802, died Jan. 31, 1868, who was an undertaker, and married Maria Musselman; Samuel, born Feb. 7, 1804, had a

son, Dilworth H., of Warren, Ohio; Maria Anne, born Oct. 15, 1805, died Oct. 8, 1875, married Adam Koons; Ephraim, born Jan. 8, 1813, died 1818; and William Henry, born Feb. 22, 1818.

4. Susanna, born Oct. 28, 1779, died Aug. 24, 1854, married (first) Adam Rieb, born 1769, died 1833, and (second) John Romig. Her daughter, Catharine, married Martin Schwenk.

5. Peter Newhard, born July 26, 1783.

6. Mary Barbara, born May 16, 1786, died March 6, 1862, married, May 17, 1812, Jacob Kuntz, a famous gunsmith, of Philadelphia.

7. Jacob Newhard.

Peter Newhard, son of George Jacob, was born in Allentown, July 26, 1783, and died Feb. 19, 1860. As a young man he assisted his father and about 1812 opened the first hardware store in Allentown, on Hamilton street, east of Eighth. He was coroner of the county in 1816 and 1817, and in October, 1817, was elected to the State Legislature, and re-elected in 1818 and 1819, 1824, 1825 and 1829, the term then being one year. In October, 1833, he was elected State Senator and re-elected in 1837. In October, 1838, he was elected to Congress representing Lehigh, Schuylkill and Berks counties, and received in Lehigh, 2,411 votes, as a Democrat, to 2,359 votes cast for Walter C. Livingston, and was re-elected in 1840. He was chairman of the town council in 1824 and 1837 and Burgess in 1843. He was also a trustee of the Allentown Academy. He married, in 1810, Sarah Romig, daughter of John Adam and Elizabeth Barbara (Newhard) Romig. She was born May 24, 1791, and died Dec. 3, 1876. They had four children, two of whom died young: Owen, born Dec. 19, 1814, died March 19, 1836; and Sarah E., born July 16, 1826, died in 1832. The surviving children were Edmund R., and Amanda A., who married Walter C. Smith.

Major Edmund R. Newhard was born in Allentown, Dec. 12, 1819. He was educated at the Allentown Academy and entered the hardware store of his father as clerk, later became a partner, and in 1843 took over the business. He was appointed postmaster by President Polk on March 17, 1845, and was succeeded on Feb. 26, 1849, by Mrs. Maria E., widow of Congressman Hornbeck, in whose term he was chief clerk. While he was postmaster the office was destroyed in the great fire of 1848, as well as his hardware store. In later years he engaged in the lumber business and also conducted a saw-mill. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he recruited and became captain of Company K, 54th Regt. Penna. Vols. In October, 1862, while guarding the B. & O. R. R., they were captured by a band of

rebel raiders under Col. Imboden, on a foggy morning, while Capt. Newhard was calling the roll. All were taken to Libby prison, where he was one of the officers held as hostages by the Confederates to secure the safety of their spies, who had been captured and condemned to death. The Federal authorities were notified that if the spies were hung, every Union officer in Libby prison would meet a similar fate and the executions did not take place. Capt. Newhard was exchanged after seven weeks' imprisonment, but his health was so shattered that he was taken to the hospital and honorably discharged.

In 1869 he was elected register of wills and re-elected in 1872. In 1873, he was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of General Bolton in the National Guard, with the rank of major. He served five years in the guard and served in the Reading riot of 1877. He was also a member of city council and at one time was president of select council. He was a member of Zion Reformed church, and of E. B. Young Post, G. A. R. He married, July 13, 1844, Elemina R., daughter of Dr. Jacob and Jane (Savitz) Martin. She was born Dec. 14, 1824, and died Feb. 21, 1886. They had ten children, three of whom died young: Louis M., died at the age of twelve; Caroline, at the age of three; William H., in infancy. The seven surviving children are:

1. Alice J., who was educated in the Allentown Academy, and taught school in Allentown several years. She married George T. Althouse, who died in October, 1887. Mrs. Althouse died in March, 1907, leaving two children: Horace S., an official in the Reading postoffice, who married Martha Parton and has two children: Parton, and Alice J.; and Edmund D. Althouse, of Philadelphia.

2. Anna Penn, married C. M. W. Keck, of Allentown, and had children: Raymond N.; Helen G., wife of Dr. Palmer J. Kress; Frank M.; and Charles W.

3. Ella Penn, twin sister to Anna P., resides with her sister, Mrs. Colt.

4. Sarah E., married, Jan. 17, 1905, Henry Colt.

5. Peter Preston Newhard, of Reading, who died in December, 1913, married Alice Brader and had one child, Blanche, who married Harry Miller, and has a son, Harry.

6. Jennie Emily, married Thomas H. Haynor.

7. Harry Edmund, of Allentown, who married Matilda Bachman and has one son, Edmund Paul.

SARAH E. NEWHARD, widow of Henry Colt, was educated in the public and high schools of the city and taught school for five terms, while



R. K. Buehrle was superintendent, after which she conducted a kindergarten school, succeeding Miss Hoxworth, and for over twenty-five years successfully conducted a private kindergarten. She is a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and resides at 106 North Ninth street. Her husband, Henry Colt, only child of Henry and Elizabeth (Sax) Colt, was born in Luzerne county, Sept. 15, 1822. His paternal ancestors came from England and settled in Windom county, Conn. His grandfather, Arnold Colt, married a Miss Yarrington, and became one of the prominent citizens of Wilkes-Barre. Henry Colt was educated in the select and high schools of Wilkes-Barre and studied languages and engineering under a graduate of Princeton, becoming particularly proficient in Latin and Greek. He taught school several years and assisted his father in civil engineering, and upon his death in 1851, was appointed to fill the unexpired term as county surveyor, and was subsequently twice elected to the office. He married, Dec. 8, 1856, Margaret B., daughter of Silas and Margaret Jackson, who died April 23, 1869. In 1859, Mr. Colt removed to Allentown and engaged in the lumber, bark and coal business. His lumber yard was completely swept away in the flood of June 5, 1862, after which he assisted in surveying the line of the Lehigh & Susquehanna R. R. from Penobscot to Wilkes-Barre. In 1864, he resumed the lumber business and sold out in 1874 to the Heilman Boiler Works. Years ago, he purchased an old church property at Ninth and Linden streets, which he improved and where he resided many years, subsequently erecting modern dwellings on the site. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church. He died in Allentown, May 4, 1908, and was buried in Hollenbeck cemetery, Wilkes-Barre.

Jacob Newhard, youngest son of George Jacob, was born May 4, 1790, and died Nov. 26, 1853. He was a chairmaker by occupation and made Windsor chairs, sofas, etc. In the War of 1812 he served as lieutenant and was later commissioned captain. He was treasurer of the county from 1822 to 1826, and burgess of the borough in 1835, 1836 and 1837. He lived at 36 North Eighth street, where he moved from Hamilton street after the fire of 1848, and in the rear of which stood a log building, which had been removed from its site at about 731 Hamilton street, in which Revolutionary soldiers who were wounded had been nursed. This building was blown down in a storm and from its logs were made rocking chairs, benches and mallets, as relics of Revolutionary days. Jacob Newhard was buried with military honors. He was thrice

married, (first) to Rachel Harlacher, on March 29, 1818, who was born in 1795, and died Dec. 21, 1820, (second) April 21, 1822, to Eva Romig, born Nov. 8, 1787, died Oct. 14, 1822, and (third) to Louisa Horlacher, born Sept. 15, 1802, died March 16, 1880.

He had five children: 1. Silas H.; 2. Rachel, born 1827, died May 21, 1831; 3. Albert T., born March 22, 1825, died April 26, 1897, married Lydia Goebel and had children: Joseph T., of Chicago; Eugene, Mrs. Emma Fisher, Mrs. William Shillinger, and Mrs. Francis Reppert; 4. Jacob Newhard, of Carey Ohio, who was a lieutenant in the Civil War and had children: Winfield J.; Jay P.; and Herbert, of Carey, Ohio; Grove F., manager of Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis; Horace B., assistant manager of the same firm; Mabel, librarian at Virginia, Minn.; Persis, school teacher at Bluefield, Mich.; and George. 5. Mary Magdalena, born May 12, 1835, died July 12, 1866, married Ignatz Gresser, and had two children: George, deceased; and Mrs. John C. Holman.

Silas H. Newhard, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1820, and died Jan. 22, 1882. He was educated at the Allentown Academy, and became a chairmaker, succeeding his father. He married Caroline, daughter of Jacob Blumer, who was born Dec. 16, 1821, and died March 28, 1910. They had three children: Frank J., George B., and John E., who was born Oct. 18, 1854, and died May 11, 1866.

Frank J. Newhard, eldest son of Silas, was born in Allentown, March 4, 1847. He was educated in the public schools and at the Allentown Academy, and in 1863 entered the employ of Amos Ettinger as a tinsmith, with whom he remained until 1878, when he engaged in the tinsmith and stove business at 42 North Seventh street, with Seth Bernhard, as Bernhard & Newhard. He continued this business until 1890, when he retired and engaged in the occupation of collector for various business houses. Mr. Newhard was married, in 1879, to Miss Emma J. Balliet, daughter of William H. and Louisa (Giess) Balliet. He is a member and a past grand of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; Past Chief Patriarch of Unity Encampment, No. 12; of the Past Grands Association; Lady Lincoln Rebekah Lodge; Chamber of Commerce; and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M. Mr. Newhard has been a trustee of Lehigh Lodge, I. O. O. F., for over 25 years, treasurer of the Allentown Cemetery Association for many years, and a director of the Allen Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 36 years. He served two terms as jury commissioner of the county, was a member of city council, served several terms as

school director and was city assessor from 1901 to 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Newhard are members of St. Michael's Lutheran church, of which congregation Mr. Newhard has been deacon and elder.

David Newhard, who lived on a 100-acre tract in Whitehall, was probably also a son of Michael, Sr., but this has not been proven. He probably removed to Northumberland county, as a David Nyhart lived in that county in 1812. David and Eva Catharine had these children: Margaret, born Nov. 2, 1772; Barbara, born Dec. 17, 1773; Eva, born March 26, 1776; John Jacob, born June 22, 1783; Peter, born Feb. 14, 1785; Daniel, born Sept. 3, 1787; Maria Salome, born Aug. 4, 1789; and Maria Margaret, born Aug. 27, 1791.

George Newhard, the third brother who emigrated, settled in Heidelberg township, where he secured 112 acres by warrant of May 30, 1750. In 1746 he was one of the founders of the Reformed congregation there and contributed 12 shillings to the church building. On account of Indian troubles he removed to Bethlehem township, where he owned a 200-acre tract and died there about 1800. George and Anna Catharine Newhard had ten children: George; Margaret, married William Daniel; Frederick; Daniel; Juliana; Catharine; Elizabeth; Christina; John; and Philip.

George Newhard, the eldest son, lived near his father for many years, but later removed to Hamilton township, Monroe county, where he died about 1830. He married Magdalena Sterner, who was born April 18, 1738, and died Oct. 15, 1794. They had three sons: John, George, and Daniel, and two daughters.

John Newhard, eldest son of George, moved about 1806 to Hamilton township, where he died about 1824. He married Mary Henry, and had twelve children: George; John; William; Jacob; Adam; Joseph; Reuben; Salome, married George Custard; Mary, married John Kithline; Julia, married Peter Storm; Elizabeth, married Samuel Flight; and Anna, died aged 14 years.

George Newhard, eldest son of John, was a cooper in Pocono township, Monroe county, and later moved to Wilkes-Barre. He married Louisa Walvert and had eleven children: John, born June 24, 1848, died March 6, 1861, married Louisa Belles, and had children: George, married Mary Jenkins; Charles, married Eva L. Shottner, and had one child, Edna L., of Germantown; Stewart; Mathias; and Melissa, married Isaiah Belles; Amos, married Sophia Belles and had children: Arthur, Alice, Loretta, and Anna; Mathias, married Sallie A. Row and had

children: James, Frank, Louisa, Phela, and Anna; Charles, married Elmira Nolen, and had children: George and Robert; Mary, married David Rinehard; Sallie, married J. Rinter; Catharine, married Alexander Parr; George and Simon, died young; Elizabeth, married Hampton Ward; and Phoebe, married Oliver Kurtz.

John Newhard, second son of John, was born in 1799 and died in 1849, near Warrior's Run, Luzerne county, where he had a saw-mill. He was captain of a local military company in Monroe county. He married Elizabeth Custard and had seven children: Levi L., whose sons are: Harry W., and Fred W.; John, married Matilda McDermott, and had a son, Levi L., of Iowa, and a daughter, Sarah, who married Andrew Newhard, of Iowa; Isaiah, married (first) Levantia Corby, and (second) Phoebe E. Shottwell, and had sons: Levi H., and Roy L., of Wilkes-Barre, and William I.; Sallie; Anna; Mary; and Harry.

Adam Newhard, son of John, married Susan Runbach and had children: Silas, John, Joseph, Washington, Sylvester, Phineas, Andrew, Mary, Sallie, and Julia.

Jacob Newhard, son of John, was born in Hamilton township, May 30, 1815, and died near Saylorsburg, in October, 1909. He was a shoemaker by occupation, and married Mary A. Daily in 1837. She was born in 1820 and died in December, 1890. They had 13 children:

1. Jerome, died in infancy.
2. Isaiah, died in infancy.
3. John D., sergeant of Co. G, 67th Regt., P. V., in the Civil War, died at Annapolis, Md., Dec. 24, 1862.
4. Joseph T., of the same company, was captured in the war, and died in October, 1863.
5. Rev. J. Stewart Newhart, of Bangor, was educated at Union Seminary, taught school and served for 28 years in the ministry of the Evangelical Association. He married (first) Mary J. Mengel, and had nine children, and (second) Mary E. Werner, and had one daughter. His eight surviving children are: Eugene A., married Emma Good; Anna M., married Amos E. Rhue, of Allentown; Carrie G., wife of Rev. I. F. Bergstresser, of Bangor; Hattie M., wife of O. F. Rinker; Stewart J., of Tacoma, Wash.; Dr. Harry S., of Bristol, Pa.; Bessie B., wife of J. W. Rupell, of Trenton, N. J.; and Sarah S.
6. Martha J., married (first) Prof. Peter R. Transue, and (second) Amos Frantz, of Saylorsburg.

7. Emma E., married William S. Arnold.

8. Charles D., a school teacher and justice of the peace, was born in 1853 and died in 1899.

He married Ellen Dersheimer and had two children: Agnes and Arthur.

9. William J., farmer, of Saylorsburg, married Jane Altmose and had three children: Lizzie, Jacob, and Clara. Jacob, a merchant at Stockertown, married Mary Serfass.

10. Amanda, died young.

11. Samuel D. Newhart, of Saylorsburg, merchant and justice of the peace, married Celia Kibler and had nine children: Mary; Emma; Jennie, deceased; Anna; Clarence; Versa; Helen; Florence; and Dorothy.

12. Anna, died young.

13. Mary E., married (first) Joseph Hauck, and (second) Nathan Kleintop, of Saylorsburg. Joseph Newhard, son of John, married Julia Shaver and had children: John S., Reuben, Sallie, and Elizabeth.

George Newhard, son of George, second, married Mrs. Catharine Graver and had a son, Philip. Philip built a saw-mill in Pocono township and married a Miss Felker. His children are said to have moved to Minnesota.

Daniel Newhard, son of George, second, of Pocono township, married Salome Belles and had seven children, five of whom died of dysentery while young. The surviving children were John and Mary.

Philip Newhard, youngest son of the emigrant, George, was born June 20, 1759, and died Jan. 19, 1827. He was a farmer in Allen township and married Maria Magdalena Rockel, who was born Aug. 6, 1764, and died April 2, 1840. They are buried at Kreidersville church. They had eight children:

1. John Newhard, born Feb. 11, 1785, died Aug. 24, 1853, unmarried.

2. Daniel Newhard, born May 31, 1788, died Dec. 29, 1874. He married (first) Susanna Hanecker, and (second) Mrs. Catharine Helman. He had no children.

3. Elizabeth Newhard, born March 30, 1791, died April 25, 1847, married Jacob Linderman.

4. George Newhard, born Aug. 20, 1793, died May 4, 1866, married Franeca Kiefer, born Sept. 12, 1799, died April 4, 1877. They had eleven children:

(1) Philip, born 1819, died 1851, married Caroline Breder and had a son, Michael.

(2) Daniel, born 1821, died 1904, married Sarah Simon, who died Sept. 10, 1906. They had 15 children, among them: Frank, Jeremiah, and Sylvester G., who had children: Homer G., Mrs. Moses W. Reichard, and Mrs. Milton F. Paff.

(3) Kate, married Samuel Bachman.

(4) Michael, born Sept. 8, 1823, died Oct. 1, 1848.

(5) George Newhard, born Sept. 9, 1825, died Sept. 5, 1909, at Fullerton. He resided at Allentown some years and prior to that in Allen township. His children are: Sarah, wife of Frank Bartholomew, of Fullerton; Clara, wife of J. Albert Heffelfinger, of Petersville; and George W., of Emaus, married to Mary Fenstermacher.

(6) Matilda, married Owen Ohl, of Nebraska.

(7) Harrison, died aged eight years.

(8) Joshua, married Sarah Fritz.

(9) Thomas, of Bucks county, married, and had children.

(10) Sarah, married (first) Tilghman Zellner, and (second) Levi Wenner.

(11) Fianna, married (first) Edward Spangler, and (second) John Bartholomew.

5. Margaret Newhard, married Jacob Fogelman.

6. Salome Newhard, married Joseph Newhard, of Pennsville, and had sons: John, Samuel, George, and Harry.

7. Maria Newhard, born Sept. 14, 1814, died Dec. 19, 1850, married George Kleppinger, born 1813, died 1857.

8. John Jacob Newhard, born May 9, 1811, died Feb. 25, 1871. He married (first) Leah Seem, who was born Oct. 14, 1814, and died March 26, 1852, and (second) Susan Buss, born in 1819, died Jan. 3, 1899. He had seven children:

(1) Reuben, born July 5, 1833, married, 1858, Susanna Koehler, and (second) Sarah Laubach, and had children: Mrs. Mary C. Ott, and Mrs. Ella G. E. Seyfried.

(2) Joseph, born March 17, 1837, married, 1869, Catharine Edelman, and had children: Elmer F., and W. H.

(3) Mary A., born June 26, 1838, died Feb. 10, 1883, married James Reyer, and had children: Emma, wife of J. F. Miltonberger; and Ellen A., wife of C. H. Weitknecht.

(4) Sarah, born Aug. 7, 1843, died June 30, 1863, married Frank Sieger.

(5) Edwin, born March 10, 1843, married Sabina Leibensperger, and had one daughter, Emma, wife of George Rodenbach.

(6) Elizabeth, born Oct. 23, 1847, married Miffin Oplinger and had children: Elmer J., Barton P., and Walter M.

(7) James Newhard, born Dec. 22, 1851, married Mary Smith.

John Newhard, son of George and Magdalena Newhard, was born in Bethlehem township, Dec. 11, 1767, and died Sept. 19, 1802, of nerve fever, after an illness of two weeks. He married, in 1787, Anna Maria Heil, who survived

him many years. He was a member of the Dryland Reformed congregation, and had seven children, three sons and four daughters. The sons were: John, born June 17, 1788; Casper; and Daniel.

Casper Newhard, son of John and Anna Maria, was born July 14, 1792, and died July 12, 1848, in Allentown, where he had long resided at Union and Locust streets. He was a printer on the *Friedensbote*, and at one time keeper of the old prison at Fifth and Linden streets. He was married, June 25, 1815, by Rev. Conrad Yeager, to Christina Sophia Nagel, daughter of Leonard and Sophia C. (Finckel) Nagel. She was born April 12, 1795, and died Feb. 6, 1876. They had nine children:

1. Joseph F. Newhard, born June 12, 1816, died Aug. 22, 1893. He was at one time proprietor of the American Hotel, Allentown, city treasurer and sheriff of the county. He married Rebecca Gutekunst and had two children: Allen and Theodore. Mrs. Newhard died April 9, 1903, aged 88 years. Theodore Newhard's children are: Fred J., of Vladivostok, Siberia, who married, 1902, Miss Vandos; Charles J.; and Daisy.

2. Lucetta, born Sept. 10, 1818, married J. Q. Cole.

3. Charles L., born Dec. 20, 1820.

4. William H. Newhard, born June 20, 1823, and died at Bala, Jan. 1, 1902. While yet a young man he became clerk in the Allentown postoffice for Robert E. Wright, Sr., and also while Mrs. Hornbeck was postmistress. He later entered Pretz, Saeger & Co.'s store, and became a member of the firm in 1848 which then became Pretz, Guth & Co. Hiram Guth retired in 1866 and the firm became Weinsheimer & Newhard, and continued until 1887, when it went out of business. Mr. Newhard later became assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and acted as such over four years, during which time he took a deep interest in the young men of the city. He was a staunch member of the Presbyterian Church. He married, in 1846, Eliza Evans, daughter of Justus Evans. They had no children, but adopted a niece, Athena N. Newhard.

5. James J. Newhard, born Jan. 7, 1826, removed to Lebanon, where he was a jeweler. He had four children: Robert M.; Thaddeus M., of Orwigsburg; Athena N., who married B. F. Knerr, principal of the Minneapolis, Minn., schools, now deceased, and had a daughter, Annie, and a son, William, who is purchasing agent for one of the largest glove importing houses in Chicago; Millie, married R. Harry Graeff, of Lebanon, now deceased.

Robert M. Newhard, son of James J., was born in Harrisburg, Dec. 25, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of Allentown and the Palmyra Academy. He entered the drug business in Philadelphia and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1873. He then located at Fernwood, Delaware county, where he was in the drug business 22 years. In 1887, he was appointed by Governor Beaver, quarantine master of the port of Philadelphia, which office he filled four years, during which he spent seven weeks studying the yellow fever situation in Cuba. He was elected to represent the eastern district of Delaware county in the state legislature in 1901-1902, as a Republican. He then served for four years as a special agent of the United States Internal Revenue Department, after which he was appointed a special agent of the rural free delivery department of the postal service and is now United States Post-office Inspector. He married Emily Brown, who died in 1907. They had six children: Harry B., who served in the Philippines in the United States Marine Corps, and died at Mare Island, Cal., of typhoid fever, Feb. 22, 1900, aged 24 years; James G. B., and Frank B. R., druggists at Atlantic City, N. J.; Robert M., Jr., a dentist in West Philadelphia; Anna S., married Dr. T. Morton Sankey, of Wilkesburg, Pa.; and Virginia F., married Dr. Leedom R. Broadbent, of Llanerch, Pa. Mr. Newhard married (second), in 1908, Deborah Spayd, and resides in Allentown.

6. Christiana L. Newhard, born Aug. 27, 1828, married (first) Henry Webster, and had a son, Henry S. Webster, of New York, and (second) Rev. Charles Heimberger.

7. Mary A. Newhard, born May 10, 1831, whose sponsor at baptism was her grandmother Newhard, married Charles Crook, of New Hope.

8. Matilda R. Newhard, born July 23, 1834, married Leonard Shick, of Pottstown.

9. Solomon P. Newhard, born March 20, 1837, died March 25, 1898, learned cabinet-making with Isaac Price, and later was a traveling salesman for Clark & Bro., of Philadelphia, for many years. He was the first chorister of St. John's Reformed church and later led the singing at the M. E. church. He married Mary A., daughter of Samuel R. Engleman. She was born in 1839 and died Feb. 25, 1903. They had no children.

Charles L. Newhard, son of Casper, was born in Allentown, Dec. 20, 1820. He first was employed as assistant to his father in operating a Washington hand-printing press, and in 1832 entered the employ of Peter Huber, first in his book store, and later in the grain business. In



1840, he became a clerk for the Lehigh Transportation Company, and in 1844 entered George Wenner's grocery store, continuing in the same store under Henry Schnurman until 1852, when he became a partner with the latter in the clothing business at 719 Hamilton street. In 1876, he opened a clothing store at 708 Hamilton street, with his son, Harvey L., and continued there until 1896, when he retired from business. He was a past grand and member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., and Unity Encampment for 58 years. He was also a school director and member of the Board of Control. He married, Feb. 6, 1844, Mary Meyer, daughter of John and Mary (Ruch) Meyer, and had six children:

1. Emma A., married Mahlon H. Beary.
2. Harry, died in infancy.
3. Ida V., married Rev. B. C. Snyder.
4. Jennie M.
5. Harvey L., married Eliza George.
6. Annie M., married Dr. Wilson S. Berlin.

Rev. Beniah C. Snyder, son of Conrad Snyder and his wife, *nee* Benner, was born Dec. 31, 1840, on the homestead, now a part of the battlefield of Gettysburg. He entered Pennsylvania College, but enlisted on Aug. 22, 1862, as a cavalryman in the 15th Penna. Cavalry. In the campaign of 1862-63, in Kentucky and Tennessee, he was prostrated by typhoid fever and honorably discharged for disability, May 12, 1863. He re-entered college and graduated in 1867, taking the Freshman prize and the Hassler Latin medal in his junior year. He had previously taught school and after his graduation was principal of the Catasauqua high school until 1872, when he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was ordained at Norristown, May 26, 1875, and was called to the pastorate of St. Peter's Lutheran church at West Pikeland, Chester county, where he remained until 1881, when failing health compelled him to resign. He returned to Allentown, where he died, May 10, 1883. He married, Oct. 7, 1875, Ida V., daughter of Charles L. Newhard, who resides at 29 North Eighth street, Allentown. They had three children: Lewis Newhard Snyder, born Jan. 10, 1877, of Oakland, Cal., is traveling passenger agent of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad. He married Emily Maude Littlefield, and has one child, Helen; Mary Gertrude Snyder, married Jesse R. Edmonson, of Wilmington, Del., and has two children: Jesse R., Jr., and Virginia Benner Edmonson; Ruth Ann, married Dr. Walter Oswald, of Syracuse, N. Y., and has one child, Rita Rose Oswald.

Annie M. Newhard married, March 24, 1881,

Dr. Wilson S. Berlin, who was born at Cherryville, Aug. 8, 1853, the son of Daniel Berlin. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1875, after which he read medicine with Dr. D. W. Schoener, of Reading. He then took a course in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and located at Conyngham, Luzerne county, where he practiced about nine months. In 1879, he commenced practice in Allentown and in 1884 was elected coroner. In 1887, he was seized with bronchitis and later took a trip through the West for the benefit of his health, but gradually grew worse, and died April 26, 1889, aged only 35 years. He was a member of Franklin Chamber, No. 9, Knights of Friendship; and of Allentown Castle, No. 55, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Daniel Newhard, son of John, and brother of Casper, was born Aug. 12, 1797, and died Feb. 12, 1875. He resided at Catasauqua, and married Elizabeth Fogelman, born Aug. 21, 1800, died May 6, 1877. They had five children: Mary, married C. W. Rau; Edward; Daniel; John, of Sanatoga Springs; and Mrs. Lovina Dougherty.

Mary Newhard was born April 12, 1832, married Charles W. Rau, Nov. 4, 1850, and died Jan. 30, 1907. They had five children: Wilson D., of Hartford, Conn.; Robert A.; Charles W.; and Mrs. George E. Mosser, of Allentown; and Mrs. E. Grant Tice, of West Bethlehem.

#### WM. J. NEUBAUER.

William John Neubauer, superintendent of Lecha Silk Company, was born July 25, 1889, at Brooklyn, N. Y. His father having died when the son was only three years old, he was taken to Allentown and reared in the home of his uncle, John A. McCollum, who was married to his mother's sister. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school in 1906, having taken the commercial course of instruction. His uncle being prominently identified with the silk business, (president of the Lecha Silk Company) with this preparation, he was naturally placed in the mill where he was started as a cutter-boy and soon promoted to a clerkship in the office. In 1908 he was selected to superintend the operation of the plant, and he has filled this responsible position in a successful manner until the present time.

In 1909 Mr. Neubauer was married to Estella M., daughter of Louis and Laura (Resch) Fatzinger, of Allentown, in the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, and they have two children: Theresa Anna and Eleanor Pauline.

Charles Neubauer, his father, was born in Iowa in 1857, where he was educated and reared, then he located in Brooklyn, N. Y., and followed the trade of silk hatmaker in the employ of Dunlap & Co., for many years. He died in 1892 and was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. He was married to Theresa Maloney, of Paterson, N. J., and they had an only child, the subject of this sketch. His grandfather, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, emigrated to America and settled in Iowa.

SAMUEL L. NEVINS, JR.

Samuel L. Nevins, Jr., Hockendauqua, foreman of the outside labor for the Thomas Iron Company, is a grandson of Hugh Nevins, a native of Derry county, Ireland, who, together with his family, migrated to America in 1847. Both Mr. Nevins and his wife, Jane, were born in the year 1795, and were married in 1814. Upon coming to America they located at Summit Hill, but soon moved to Catasauqua. Mr. Nevins died in the latter part of the year of his emigration, aged 52 years. Mrs. Nevins survived her husband many years, departing this life Oct. 18, 1876, in her 83rd year. They were Presbyterians of the old school. They had issue Samuel L., James and Mary Ann.

Samuel L. Nevins was born in Ireland, May 21, 1829, and died June 7, 1889. He came to America in 1849 with his parents. He was employed at the Crane Iron Works, where he for many years had the contract to haul away the cinder. The hauling was then done with teams. He was a faithful, devout and active member of the Presbyterian church. He was married to Mary Smith, a native of Ireland. She was a daughter of Henry Smith, who migrated and settled in Philadelphia. She died May 24, 1898, in her 57th year. They had issue: Mary S., born 1874 and died 1892; Hugh, residing at Buffalo, N. Y.; Jennie D., single and residing at Toronto, Canada; John, also of Buffalo, and Samuel L., Jr.

Samuel L. Nevins, Jr., was born at Hockendauqua, Oct. 30, 1878. He graduated from the Hockendauqua High School, after which he was engaged, for his mother, in the sand business on the Lehigh River. In 1898 he entered into the employ of the Thomas Iron Co., and in 1906 was promoted to the present position of outside foreman. In February, 1905, he was married to Mary Shierer, a daughter of Wilson and Amanda (Rennig) Shierer, of Hockendauqua. They have four children: David, Samuel, Jennie and Hugh, of whom David died in infancy.

Besides those mentioned above the cemetery contains memorials to others by the name Nev-

ins: Mary Ann Nevins, born June 6, 1830 and died Dec. 6, 1882; Joseph Nevins, born June 12, 1832, and died July 13, 1852; Sarah Ann, sister to Joseph and wife of John Huston, born May 13, 1823, died July 16, 1856; John Nevins, born Aug. 10, 1816 and died Dec. 10, 1856; Jane Nevins, wife of John, born 1818 and died 1850; John Nevins, born Sept. 15, 1855 and died April 24, 1884; Joseph Nevins, son of James and Mary Ann, born 1853 and died 1863.

NEYER FAMILY.

The Neyer family was originally settled in Tuscarora Valley, in Schuylkill county, and among the children were two sons, Joseph and Daniel, and a daughter, who was married to Peter Hummel.

Joseph Neyer was born Sept. 18, 1807. He was a blacksmith by trade and also carried on a farm in West Penn township. He died Nov. 14, 1878. He was married to Judith Haeff, a daughter of Daniel Haeff. She was born Oct. 10, 1807, in Weisenberg township, and died in West Penn township on March 21, 1904, at the remarkable age of 96 years, 5 months and 11 days. They had nine children: Thomas; Moses; Annie; Harriet, married to William Wesley; Elizabeth, married to Eli Dreisbach; David; Samuel; Louisa; and Joseph. They were members of the St. John's Reformed church.

David Neyer, a son of Joseph, was born Sept. 18, 1844. In his early life he followed farming for a time, then worked in the coal mines for 19 years, and resumed farming for 13 years in the Mahoning Valley, after which he retired to private life at Slatington for eight years. In 1908 he removed to Allentown and there he has since resided. He was married to Catharine Dreisbach and they have six children: Elias F.; Tevilia, married to George Nothstein; Ida, married to Arthur Wuchter; Mary E., married to Asher Bower; Ella L., married to Paul F. Faust; and Minnie L.

Moses Neyer, the second son of Joseph, was born in 1835 in Mahoning township. He was brought up on a farm and followed farming until 1861, when he enlisted and served in the Civil War. Upon his discharge from the army, he became superintendent of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, in the Panther Creek Valley, and served the company in a faithful manner for thirty years. In 1887 he engaged in business for himself as a coal operator and employed upwards of 30 men. Mr. Neyer represented his congregation in Lehigh Classis for a number of years.

He was married to Annie Miller, a descendant of the Miller family, of Heidelberg township,

and they have four children: Elmer A.; James D.; Hattie, married to Rev. Marsby J. Roth, a Reformed minister at Hanover, Pa.; and Walter B. They are members of the Reformed church at Summit Hill, Pa.

JAMES D. NEYER, the second son of Moses Neyer, was born in 1870 at Summit Hill. After attending the public schools, he acted as a clerk in stores at Summit Hill and Lansford; then learned the trade of tailor, and followed the business of a merchant tailor at Slatington from 1892 to 1908. Then he purchased a large tract of timberland in the Lizard Creek Valley, and has since followed the lumbering business. In politics he has been a Republican. He served as a school director at Slatington for three years, and since 1908 has been the assessor of the Third ward.

In 1895, he was married to Martha Balliet, a daughter of John and Amanda (Rehrig) Balliet, and they have two children: Carl M., and Eleanor B.

#### BENJAMIN F. NICKUM.

Benjamin F. Nickum, of Allentown, and proprietor of the Honest Shoe Manufacturing Co., was born in 1863 at Hellertown, Pa., son of Jacob and Mary (Achey) Nickum. He was first engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Hellertown for eight years before coming to Allentown, and in the year 1894, he became associated with Philip Schneider, his father-in-law, a noted shoe manufacturer, and he continued in the business until the settlement of his father-in-law's estate in 1908. Then he travelled over a great part of the country for nearly two years, and upon his return home he was prevailed upon to buy the Honest Shoe Manufacturing Company, which had been established by John E. Lentz in 1867, on South Sixth street, and this large plant he has since been operating with increasing success, giving employment to forty people. His two oldest sons, Oliver W. and Raymond C. are associated with him in the business. The Nickum family are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church, which he has served as a deacon since 1908. He was married in 1884 to Kate Schneider, and they have five children: Oliver W. (married to Helen Baker); Raymond C. (married to Florence Reinhard); John S.; William F., and Alta Grace.

#### SABATO NIGRO.

Sabato Nigro, fruitdealer at Allentown, was born in Italy, May, 8, 1861. His parents were Frank Nigro and Marguerite his wife. His mother dying when he was a small boy, his father married a second wife and went to South

America, where they now reside. He was placed with his grandfather, a farmer, after whom he was named, and under him he was reared, but, owing to defective eyesight he naturally received a very limited education. He remained with his grandfather until he became of age in 1882, when he emigrated to America, landing at New York City. He was employed at railroad labor for six years in that vicinity, and then he removed to Allentown, Pa., where he worked on the railroad and also in sewer construction for five years. During this time he was frugal in his habits and consequently saved some money, which enabled him to start in business for himself. Accordingly, in 1893 he started a fruit stand at No. 333 Hamilton, and this he has since conducted in such a successful manner that he has accumulated a considerable property at Allentown. He has remained until now a single man, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### AMANDUS C. NOLF.

Amandus C. Nolf, merchant, post master and representative citizen at Emerald, Pa., is a native of Seemsville, Northampton county. He was born December 17, 1852, son of John and Susanna (Heckman) Nolf. He obtained his early education in the common schools and in the Weaversville Academy. Afterward he taught school in Washington township, Lehigh county, for nine terms; the first term at Slatedale, the second at Williamstown and the last seven terms in the school at Franklin, now known as Emerald. The six following years he was a salesman for organs and sewing machines. Then he became the bookkeeper and manager for the Sun Slate Company and in 1891 he was elected one of its directors, and also secretary. He continued with the company for nine years. Later he was selected as an agent, then appointed assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company, at Slatington, and he served the company until 1906, when he resigned the position to engage in the mercantile business at Emerald, and since then has conducted the leading general store of the town. In 1908 he was appointed post master, and has filled the position until now.

Mr. Nolf and his family are active and consistent church workers in the United Evangelical church. In 1894 he was one of the organizers of St. Peter's United Evangelical church at Emerald; and since that time has served the congregation in all its offices, having been a trustee and an exhorter for many years. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school since 1884. As early as 1874 he was selected as the secretary of the Sunday school and two years

later he became the superintendent. His activity in church and Sunday school work for almost forty years has been an inspiration and a moral uplift to many other people.

Socially Mr. Nolf is a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 624, I. O. O. F., and Slatington Encampment, No. 31, serving as secretary since 1894; Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 92, of Slatington; of Uniform Rank, Co. B, 1st Regiment, also of Slatington. For more than ten consecutive years he was the representative of his lodge of Odd Fellows to the Grand Lodge; and for many years has been one of the active men of the bodies of which he is a member.

He officiated as justice of the peace of Washington township for four consecutive terms of five years. He was elected as a Republican; and he served as committeeman of that party for many years.

Mr. Nolf had collected a valuable library, but in 1891 all his books, including most of his personal property, were destroyed by fire, causing a heavy loss to him.

In 1876 he married Mary Kuntz, a daughter of Tilghman and Caroline (Peter) Kuntz, and they have an only daughter, Goldie M., the wife of P. A. Prutzman, who died May 9, 1909, aged 35 years, and had four children: Lorne, Mary, Elda and George.

John Nolf was born and died in Northampton county, Pa. He was a Lutheran member of the Petersville church and there he is buried. He served as a church official for many years and likewise held civil offices. He was a farmer in Moore township and died early in the Twentieth century at the age of 87 years. His wife Susanna Heckman, was a sister of Abraham Heckman, and they had eight children: James (of Nanticoke, Pa.); Sarah (m. Walter Biery); Amandes C.; Caroline (m. Albert Simon, deceased); Anna (m. M. Billheimer); Ida (m. Frank Geiss, of Wilkes-Barre); John (justice of the peace at Asa, Pa.); and Robert (of Klecknersville, Pa.)

Isaac Nolf, the grandfather of Amandes C., was a native of Bucks county, Pa., and from that place he settled near Rittersville, in what was then still Northampton county. There he married Susanna Haldeman. They both lived to old age and are buried at Howertown, Pa. Among their children were: John, William, Aaron, Gabriel and several daughters.

#### NORMINGTON FAMILY.

The earliest of the name of whom we have record was George Normington, who was a native of Bradford, England. He was a man

of education and culture. He was a well known educator; taught for 35 years in the parish schools of the Church of England. He died in 1886, while yet in the prime of life.

He married Margaret Parkerson, who died in 1908. Both were members of the Church of England. Their children were: Hannah, (Mrs. Henry Mitchell); Wallace, who died in infancy; George, died in boyhood; Eleanor Ann, who died in young womanhood; Young, a truck farmer at Salisbury township, Lehigh county, Pa.; Leo, a linen draper, residing at Bradford, England; Eli, history follows, and Sarah (Mrs. John Carothorn, a resident of Collinsdale, Pa.).

Eli Normington, the subject of our sketch, the fifth son of George and Margaret (Parkerson) Normington, was born at Bradford, England, Dec. 10, 1870. He attended the parish school, taught by his father, and was but fifteen years old when his father died, and being the youngest son of the family, resolved to come to America, where opportunities were greater than at his home.

In the early part of 1886, when a little over 15 years of age, he, in company with John Ingham, a lad of his own age, sailed from Liverpool, England, on the steamer, "British Princess," and landed in Philadelphia, Feb. 17, 1886, having but 28 cents in his pocket, in a new country and no relatives or friends to whom he could go for aid and counsel. A friendless wanderer through the streets of the city, walking many miles, cold, tired and hungry, night found him without a place to lay his head. Seeing a light in a window he knocked at the door, hoping to find food and shelter. Fortunately for the wanderer, the owner of the home was also a native of Bradford, England, who knew his father, and whose pupil he was at the parish school. Here Mr. Normington unexpectedly and providentially found friends and where he commenced to lay the foundation for his future usefulness.

He found employment as an apprentice to a barber, which trade he learned and which he followed for some years, working as a journeyman and owner of shops, going through the middle south and western states, following his trade in the larger centers. In 1893 he came to Allentown and opened a barber shop at Seventh and Union streets, where he remained for a year. He later on found employment in the American Steel and Wire Company, Allentown, and while there took a business course from the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., which gave him his start in life. He became a travelling salesman for a Western Furniture Company, his field including Baltimore, and the eastern part of Maryland Pennsylvania, and



portions of New York state and New Jersey, which position he filled with success, until 1900, when he was appointed manager of the Allentown branch of the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa., which position of trust and responsibility he has filled for the past 14 years, with satisfaction to all concerned, having during this period sold to over 3,200 people the work of the International Correspondence School, in Lehigh, Bucks and Northampton counties.

He has given faithful attention to his duties and has built up a large and successful business for the school which he so ably represents. He has also given some attention to real estate, having built several dwellings in South Allentown, where he resides. Here he is an honored citizen. During his residence in America he has not been unmindful of his English home, kin and friends, having crossed the Atlantic eleven times to visit them. He has likewise travelled in every state of the union, with the exception of the state of Washington.

He was the instigator in the organization of the borough of South Allentown, and previous to its organization he was instrumental in lighting the streets of the township now embraced in the corporation limits.

He is an enterprising and progressive citizen; is a Republican; is a member of P. H. C., of Sharon, Pa., and attends the Lutheran church. He married Lillian Kiefer, of Egypt, Pa., daughter of Samuel Kiefer. They have five children, viz: Eleanor; Florence M.; George Samuel; Hannah Parkerson; and Donald Keiffer Normington.

#### NUSS FAMILY.

Conrad Nuss, a pioneer, lived in New Goshoppentown township, Montgomery county. His wife was Margaretta Roder. They had a son, Jacob, born to them on Sept. 22, 1773, and he settled in Mifflin township, Columbia county, Pa., and there he was a cooper and a farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and died past 80 years of age. He and his wife are buried at the Mifflinville church. He was married to Maria ———, and they had these children: Samuel, Jacob, Peter, John, Joseph, and Sarah married to Joseph Miller.

Samuel Nuss, son of Jacob, was born in Catawissa township, Columbia county, March 30, 1821. Like his father he was a cooper and a farmer. His parents moved to Mifflin township in 1823, and there he lived until his death on June 3, 1902, aged 81 years. He was a Democrat and held the office of school director and supervisor.

He and family were Lutheran members of Schaffer's church, this Mr. Nuss served as deacon, elder, and trustee. His wife was a Keck and they had a large family, all dying young, except Sarah, married to John B. Lutz; and Jacob C., of Mifflinville, Pa.

He married as his second wife, Susanna Bond, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lentz) Bond. She was born March 18, 1827, and died on May 1, 1909, aged 82 years. They had one son, John M.

JOHN M. NUSS, of Allentown, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia county, Dec. 18, 1863. After his education in the common schools and in Michael's Business College, at Delaware, Ohio, he engaged in farming upon his father's homestead until he engaged in the mercantile business at Hobbie, and afterwards he drifted into the real estate business at Berwick where he resided for six years, moving from there to Allentown in Dec., 1912. He is now engaged in the real estate and promoting business. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the Woodmen of the World.

He and family are Lutherans and Mr. Nuss served as a Sunday School superintendent for some years.

In 1885 he was married to Ella R. Snyder, a daughter of Elias and Catharine (Faust) Snyder of Berks county. Their children are: Goldie C., the wife of Reuben R. Ziegler, of Allentown; and Irene S.

Jacob C. Nuss, son of Samuel is a farmer in Mifflin township, near Mifflinville, Pa. He is married to Emma Grouver, and their children are: Samuel C., Agatha (m. Harry Faux), J. Robert C., and William, who died in February, 1909, aged 19 years.

#### OCHS FAMILY.

Mathias Ochs emigrated from Germany to America at a very early period in the eighteenth century. On July 22, 1738, he took out a warrant for land situated in Upper Milford township, then Northampton county, Pennsylvania. On January 20, 1747, he secured a patent for all his land which amounted to 159 acres. In 1759 he was taxed eight pounds on 150 acres of land, which was situated near the present site of Dillingersville. Mathias Ochs was a member of the old Lutheran Church at that place, but later he became a member of the Lutheran congregation at Zionsville, Pa. He had two brothers, Leonard and Adam Ochs, who also lived in the same locality. Known children of Mathias and Anna Maria Ochs were as follows: John Adam, born 1733; Jacob; Catharine born December 14, 1744; Mathias, Jr.

John Adam Ochs, son of Mathias, Sr., was born in 1733, died February 5, 1789. He was married to Barbara Wotring and among others they had the following children: Anna Mary; Leonard; Elizabeth, and Mathias, born June 13, 1761.

Jacob Ochs, son of Mathias, Sr., was a communicant member of the Lutheran Church in Lower Milford township, from 1761 to 1765.

The following data was obtained from the Blue church records:

Leonard Ochs, confirmed November 26, 1752; Elizabeth Ochs, confirmed November 26, 1752; Leonard Ochs and wife, Barbara, communed in 1768; Mathias Ochs, communed in 1768; Mathias Ochs, son of Adam, confirmed in 1776, aged 14; Catharine Ochs, daughter of Johan, confirmed in 1774, aged 14.

Baptism of children of Leonard and Susanna Ochs: Johannes, born September 5, 1792, baptized September 30, 1793; Jacob, born May 24, 1794, baptized August 3, 1794.

Burials at Appel's church: Leonard Ochs, born November 13, 1766, died October 21, 1828; Susanna (wife), born June 15, 1770, died April 25, 1846; Johannes Ochs, born September 5, 1792, died September 10, 1856; Susanna (wife), born October 12, 1791, died November 3, 1872.

Mathias Ochs, Jr., married Anna Rosina Schwenk, born June 25, 1751. She was a descendant from one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania which had settled in Montgomery county in 1732. Mathias Ochs, Jr., died in 1786, leaving among other children a son, Jacob. The Revolutionary War record, published herewith, bears evidence that Mathias Ochs rendered valuable service to the colonies in their struggle for independence:

In the general muster roll of the Second Battalion of the Northampton County Militia, on May 14, 1778, under Col. George Breinig and Lieut.-Col. Stephen Balliet and in Capt. Peter Schneller's Third Company of the Fifth Class, is the name of Matthias Ox. *Penna. Arch. Fifth Series, Vol. VIII, P. 108.*

Matthias Ox's name also appears on the muster roll of the Seventh Class of the First Battalion of Northampton County Militia. He had entered the service March 31, and was discharged on May 31, 1781.—*Penna. Arch. Fifth Series, Vol. VIII, P. 32.* The name of Matthias Ox again appears as a private in Lieut.-Col. Stephen Balliet's First Battalion of Northampton Militia from November 1, 1781, to January 1, 1782.

Jacob Ochs, a son of Mathias, was born in Upper Milford township, now Lehigh county, June 8, 1776. He married Susanna Boehm, born June 14, 1776, and died on December 19, 1846.

He died on May 9, 1866. They had the following children: Mary, married John Ache; Charles; Jacob; David; Jesse; John; Philip, and Susanna, married Aaron Buchecker.

Jacob Ochs, son of Jacob, was born in Northampton county, and at a suitable age he married Sarah, daughter of Jacob Nagel. She died in what is now Lehigh county, December 26, 1859, having survived her husband. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters: Charles, who resided in Northampton county, was married to Wilhelmina Miller, and they had two children: William; John; Tilghman; Mary married Benj. Kleckner and they have two children; Jesse married Amanda Hoppe, who have seven children; John married Ellen Albert and has seven children, and Sarah J., the wife of W. Lutz.

TILGHMAN OCHS, a former contractor and builder of Allentown, was born March 1, 1832, in Northampton county, son of Jacob and grandson of Jacob Ochs. He was reared upon a farm and after his education he located in Allentown at a suitable age he learned the bricklaying trade from Jacob Nagel and Joseph Seip, and after the completion of his apprenticeship he was employed as a journeyman by the former for six years. Since that time he was extensively engaged in the contracting and building business until his retirement in 1897. He first built blast furnaces in the iron region, and he had also erected many of the fine homes in Allentown and some of the leading business blocks, together with a number of public buildings. He admitted his son, Milton, into the partnership in 1885 under the name of T. Ochs & Son, and this firm continued until the retirement of Mr. Ochs, who continues to reside in Allentown where he enjoyed a wide acquaintance and a reputation that was beyond reproach. He and family were members of the Reformed Church and Mr. Ochs had always been a public spirited, far-sighted and progressive citizen and was a type of the manhood who stand for the best things in a community.

In the year 1854 he was married to Sarah S. Long, a native of Montgomery county, and a daughter of Jacob Long. She died on August 29, 1899. He died on December 8, 1913, at his residence No. 441 Turner street, Allentown. Their ten children follow: Milton T. J.; John V. A., married Annie Moyer; Oscar H. E.; Ida A. S., married Lewis Hamman; Emma M., married Oscar Keck; Harry U. S., deceased; Clinton M. F., married Sallie Schmoyer; Emelina N. A., married W. B. Fritchman; Florence G. A., married C. C. Vogt, and Florence L. M., is the widow of Oscar Wilson, late of Philadelphia.

MILTON TILGHMAN JACOB OCHS, a noted

contractor and builder of Allentown, was born in that city, in 1855. After his education in the public schools and in the business college he became associated with his father in 1885, as master builder and contractor under the firm name of T. Ochs & Son. They carried on a very extensive and successful business until in 1897, when the senior member retired from an active business life. The firm was succeeded by M. T. J. Ochs, who is one of the most extensive contractors and builders in the Lehigh Valley. Many of the largest and most substantial structures of Allentown stand as a monument to the enterprise, skill and integrity of Mr. Ochs. He is a modest man and prompt in the execution of business obligations, and his comprehensive knowledge of the building business has made him a valuable asset in his community. Among the larger buildings erected by him are the Allentown National bank, in 1904; the Hunsicker building, in 1911 (both buildings are the highest in Allentown), the great part of the many buildings of the New Jersey Zinc Works, at Hazard, Pa.; the new borough of Palmerton, Pa.; the original buildings of the Atlas Cement Company, and the grand-stand of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society. This building is a large concrete structure and was erected in record time.

He and his family are members of the Reformed Church and in politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Ochs is a member of the Livingston Club, the leading social organization of the county.

He was married to Louisa Oppenlander, daughter of Gottlieb and Catharine (Wurst) Oppenlander, of Bucks county, and they have fifteen children, all living except Milton T. J., Jr., who met death by accident. Their children follow: Katie Susan, Harry Tilghman, Anna Florence, Mattie Matilda, Erie Jacob, Robert Emanuel, Alfred Long, Millie Louise, Helen Gertrude, Susie Olive, Esther Ruth, Nan Ruth, Frances Miriam, and Richard Paul.

OSCAR HENRY EUGENE OCHS is a member of the firm of Ochs, Frey & Co. He was born in Allentown, Pa., April 18, 1859, and is the second son of Tilghman Ochs. At the age of fifteen years he learned the brick-laying trade and he followed it as a journeyman until he engaged in the contracting business under the name of Ochs & Co. Later Henry P. Frey and R. P. Siegfried were admitted into the firm and the firm became known as Ochs, Frey & Co. In the year 1906 this firm leased the brick-yards operated by Grim Bros. for many years, and there they employed 35 men. The firm of Ochs, Frey & Co. are very extensive brick-laying contractors throughout Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

He is a member of the Reformed Church, and socially he is member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of Pythias.

He was married on March 20, 1891, to Salena J. Roth, daughter of Marcus Roth. She was born in Allentown, November 9, 1862, and died on June 16, 1913, at their home No. 1540 Walnut street. She was a devout member of Dubbs Memorial church and active in the Dorcas Sewing Circle connected with the church. She was interred on the family plot in Greenwood cemetery.

#### JOHN J. O'DONNELL.

John J. O'Donnell, real estate dealer, of Allentown, was born at Readington, near Easton, Pa., June 12, 1876. When a few years of age his parents moved to Allentown, where he received his education, graduating in the high school in 1895. He read law in the office of Robert E. Wright for two years. His father becoming blind he was compelled to relinquish the study of law to assist in supporting his parents. He became an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and in the same year he was promoted to assistant superintendent. He served this company about two and a half years. He was with the Home Life Insurance Company for one year. He was superintendent of the Reading Mutual Life Insurance Company for almost two years, after which he became one of the organizers of the Reading Fire Insurance Company. On July 1, 1909, he engaged in his present business, that of scrivener and conveyancer, real estate dealer and insurance agent, with his office in the Bellevue Hotel annex. He was appointed alderman to succeed the late Patrick McCloskey. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. On June 8, 1905, he was married to Marguerite Brady, daughter of James and Marguerite (McFadden) Brady, and has two children, John and Edwin.

Mr. O'Donnell is a son of Daniel J. and Fannie (Dugan) O'Donnell, natives of the county Donegal, Ireland. Daniel J. O'Donnell was born in 1856 and emigrated to America in 1875, locating at Readington, and later at Allentown. He was a member of the school board of the Sixth Ward for four years. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell were the parents of the following children: James, who has charge of the Postal Telegraph system from Easton to Mauch Chunk; Patrick, a member of the "White Squaw" Theatrical Company; John J., Nora, Hugh and Fannie, all of Allentown.

#### ANTHONY J. O'DONNELL.

Anthony O'Donnell, the father of Anthony J.





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*M. T. J. Ochs.*





O'Donnell, contractor and builder of Allentown, was born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, in 1840. In 1862 he came to America and located at Summit Hill, Pa., where he resided for seven years, after which he returned to his native country. In 1881 he came to Pennsylvania the second time and located at Drifton. After remaining here four years he again returned to Ireland. In 1894 he came to America the third time and after remaining here two years he again returned to his native country where he conducted a farm until his death Sept., 1912. He was naturalized an American citizen at Mauch Chunk, Pa. They had children as follows; James, living in Bayonne, New Jersey; Catharine, Charles and John, living in Ireland, and Anthony J., at Allentown. Mrs. O'Donnell is still living.

Anthony J. O'Donnell was born February 7, 1875, in county Donegal, Ireland, while his parents made a trip to their native land. He took a business course in the Hazleton Business College. He learned the carpenter trade when sixteen years of age and followed it as journeyman until 1900 when he started the general contracting business which he has followed very successfully ever since. Giving employment to upwards of fifty men. He built the St. Lawrence parochial school and convent at Catasauqua, in 1905. He erected the convent for the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Allentown and in 1901, he built the Allen P. Cressman Sons cigar factory at Ridge avenue and Green street. He erected a row of houses on the north side of Gordon street from Railroad to Front streets, besides many of the leading residences in the Sixth ward; in all he built over 200 dwellings. He is actively identified with the Democratic party. He held the office of school director in his ward; in 1911 he was elected to the common council of the city, and was a member of the finance and city property committee. He is one of the directors of the Ridge Avenue Deposit Bank since May, 1913. He holds membership in the following organizations: The Young Men's Temperance Society; Knights of Columbus; Ancient Order of Hibernias; The Hibernia Fire Company and the Columbus Country Club. He is a member of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception. He was married in 1897 to Celia L. O'Donnell, daughter of John and Bridget O'Donnell, of Freeland, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of the following children: Anthony, deceased; John; James; Mary; Cecil, deceased; Catharine; Joseph, and Charles.

#### OHL FAMILY.

Michael Ohl was born June 26, 1729, and

died July 4, 1804. His wife was named Elizabeth Barbara and they had ten children, three of them sons and seven daughters. It appears from the assessment record in 1762 that he owned 300 acres of land in Heidelberg township, Northampton county (now Lehigh), which was located in the vicinity of Saegersville. He took out a warrant August 20, 1765, for 30 acres, and another warrant September 21, 1785, for 70 acres; and on the latter date a third warrant was taken out for 55 acres in the name of Michael Ohl and Henry Ohl.

The name of Michael Ohl appears on the assessment list of the township named in 1781. He made his last will and testament January 29, 1786, the "tenth year of the Independence of the North American United States," which is of record at Easton, Pa., and the names of following six children are mentioned in it: Michael; Henry; Maria Barbara, married Joseph Hunsicker; Catharine, married John Hunsicker; Elizabeth Barbara, married John Schneck, and Albertina. He owned land besides the above mentioned which was situated within and out of the township. He conveyed a large portion of land to his son Michael, Jr., who finally disposed of all his landed estate in Lynn township and moved across the Blue mountain, where his numerous descendants still live in Schuylkill and Carbon counties.

Michael Ohl, Sr., was the most substantial man of his district, and at his death left a large estate. He erected the main portion of the old public house at Saegersville, which stood until during the nineties, when it was razed by Dr. Aaron Miller, who built the present building along modern lines. One of the stones in the old house had carved upon it the year 1763. Mr. Ohl also contributed towards the erection and welfare of the Heidelberg church and figured prominently in its early history, having been a member of the Reformed congregation. Mary Ohl, his unmarried daughter, gave \$500 towards building the old Heidelberg church.

Henry Ohl, son of Michael, in April, 1805, conveyed his land to Samuel Ely and Jacob Schweyer, of Maxatawny township, in Bucks county, and then moved with his family to Trumbull county, Ohio, where a township was named in his honor.

SAMUEL OHL, son of Michael, Jr., and grandfather of Moses, lived near the Blue mountain in Lynn township, where he carried on farming. He was buried in the grave-yard of Andreas church in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, having been a member of the Reformed congregation worshipping in that church. His children were: John; Reuben; Daniel, who was recognized for his striking tallness and lived at Weavers, in

Schuylkill county; Joseph; Edward, who lived at Leighton; Katie, married to Solomon Schaeffer; Polly, married to John Rubrecht, and Harriet, married to Franklin Steigerwald.

JOHN OHL, son of Samuel, lived in West Penn township, where he carried on farming for a time and then carpentering. He was born in 1833 and died in Kansas in July 1908, aged 75 years, having removed thither about 1898. His wife was Sarah Behler, who died about twelve years before her husband. Their children were: Moses; Samuel, at Tamaqua; Charles, in Kansas; Fannie E., married to a Mr. Balliet, and Rosa.

Moses Ohl, farmer, lives along the base of the Blue mountain in Lynn township, but he was born on the other side of the mountain in West Penn township, Schuylkill county in August, 1854. In 1877 he settled on the farm where he has since lived, which comprises 90 acres of level and fertile land. Jacob Mantz had bought this farm in 1849 and lived there until 1852, when Jeremiah Fenstermacher purchased it and carried it on until 1888, when it passed to his son-in-law, Mr. Ohl. He was married January 28, 1877, to Sarah A. Fenstermacher, and they have one child, George L., born May 8, 1855, and married to Carrie I. Boger, on May 12, 1907, daughter of Daniel and Annie (Fink) Boger, and they have a daughter, Dorothy Sarah. They are members of the Reformed congregation at New Tripoli.

#### GEORGE ORMROD.

George Ormrod, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, has been a promoter of several important enterprises in coal, iron and cement, that have contributed to the development and substantial upbuilding of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Valleys, and is to-day progressive and active in the management of his business affairs, and may well be called one of the captains of industry.

He was born July 13, 1839, at Preston, Lancashire, England, and when nineteen years of age left Manchester, England, May 17, 1859, for the United States, to visit his uncle, William Donaldson (his mother's brother), who was then proprietor of a large anthracite colliery in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa.

A couple of weeks later, after Mr. Ormrod's arrival in Tamaqua, June 18, 1859, his uncle, William Donaldson, met with an accident at about five hundred feet below the surface in his own colliery at Tamaqua, and was burned about his head by an explosion of fire-damp. This resulted in his death, July 20, 1859, aged fifty-six and a half years. Mr. Ormrod was then prevailed upon by his cousins to remain in Tamaqua, and was soon after put to work as outside as-

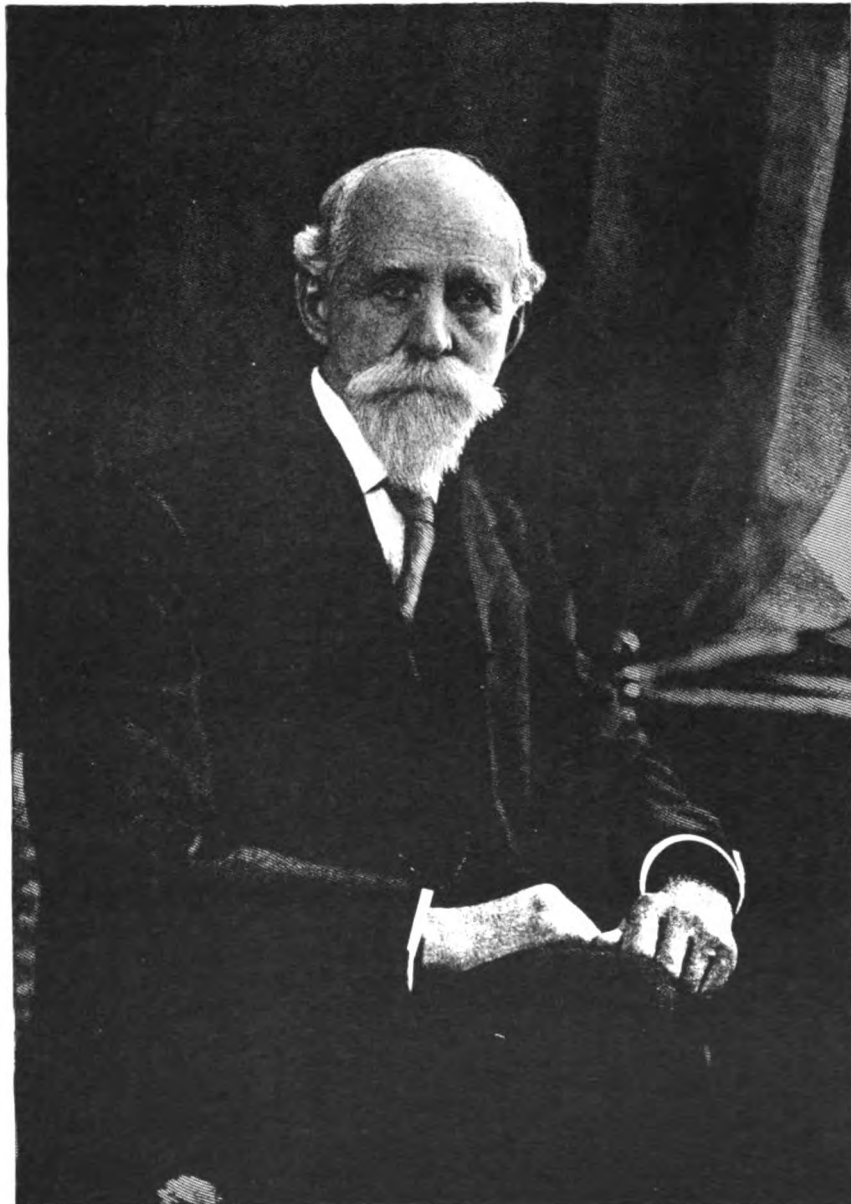
sistant superintendent at his uncle's colliery, called "The Shaft Colliery," at Tamaqua.

Owing to the death of his father, George Ormrod, when less than two years of age, was taken by an uncle and aunt, from Preston to Manchester, England, and in his early boyhood days attended the Quaker schools, and later was educated in the private schools of that city. He also attended the School of Design and Engineering in Manchester, later working nearly two years in a railway locomotive shop at Gorton, near Manchester, just previous to his leaving Liverpool, England, for the United States, May 17, 1859.

Mr. Ormrod married, in 1861, Permill Johnson, the oldest daughter of John H. and Catherine H. Johnson, of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and soon after joined his father-in-law, Mr. Johnson (formerly of the firm of Radcliff & Johnson, colliery proprietors at Tamaqua and Beaver Meadows), in the operation of an anthracite colliery at the upper mines on the northeast side of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, for several years. Later Mr. Ormrod, with his father-in-law, Mr. Johnson, and his cousin, John Donaldson, with several others, built in 1865 and 1866, and operated until December, 1879, the Girard Mammoth Colliery, at Raven Run, Schuylkill county. Mr. Ormrod was manager of the colliery and also a director, and lived at Raven Run about ten and a half years, from 1867 to 1877, during the trouble with the Mollie Macguires. Mr. Ormrod was then made president of the coal company, and shortly after he moved to Philadelphia, and in 1879 they sold the colliery to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company.

Mr. Ormrod during these many years was also a stockholder and director in the St. Nicholas Coal Company, operating the St. Nicholas colliery, near Mahanoy City, and was later made president of the coal company, and during this time, from 1878 to 1881, he resided in Germantown, Philadelphia. They finally sold the colliery to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, and leased the Emaus blast furnace from the same party.

Early in the month of August, 1880, while repairs were being made to the Emaus blast furnace, at Emaus, Lehigh county, by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, Mr. Ormrod, by request of Mr. Robert Thomas, president of the Thomas Coal Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., took temporary charge of their Kehley Run colliery at Shenandoah, Pa. Owing to an accident at this colliery, the general manager and his two inside foremen lost their lives through being overcome by the deadly mine gases a couple of days before Mr. Ormrod took charge. The mine was



*George Osmond*





on fire, and while Mr. Ormrod, with the chief engineer, on September 1st, were making an examination inside the mines, at a depth of over five hundred feet below the surface, an explosion of mine gas occurred, killing his inside foreman and injuring several others, while Mr. Ormrod narrowly escaped with his life. He received several severe bruises, his left foot being the most severe, which took about a month's time to recover.

Early in 1880, Mr. Ormrod, with his cousin, John Donaldson, and W. S. Thomas, of Philadelphia, and H. H. Fisher, of Allentown, leased the Emaus blast furnace at Emaus, and from the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, for the purpose of manufacturing pig iron, under the firm name of Ormrod, Fisher & Company, with Mr. Ormrod as manager and treasurer, and after two years of operation, the furnace was put out of blast. Owing to the depression in the pig iron trade the furnace lease was given up several years later. Mr. Ormrod moved from Germantown, Philadelphia, to Allentown, April 6, 1881.

In 1883, the same parties purchased land near the furnace and built the Emaus pipe foundry for manufacturing cast iron pipe and special castings for water and gas for street mains, the business being conducted as Ormrod, Fisher & Company until 1886, when the firm was changed to a corporation and was incorporated Aug. 9, 1886, and called "The Donaldson Iron Company," with John Donaldson as president, and Mr. Ormrod as manager and treasurer, up to the time of Mr. Donaldson's death in 1906. Then Mr. Ormrod was made president, and has been president and treasurer since, and retains that position at the present time. The first cast of pipes was made Oct. 13, 1883. The works have been enlarged several times, and now give employment to about five hundred men, and the yearly output amounts to about 50,000 tons of cast iron pipe and special castings. They own about seventy-one acres of land and thirty-six houses, also their own water supply from two reservoirs, and electric light and power plant, and have a well-equipped machine shop and pattern shop with modern machinery, in connection with the pipe foundry. They have been in continuous operation for the past thirty-five years, and have been very successful.

In 1893, Mr. Ormrod joined Thomas D. Whitaker, his son-in-law, and others, in organizing the Whitaker Cement Company, with Charles A. Matcham, as manager, for manufacturing Portland cement at Whitaker Station, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, three miles east of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, now called Alpha. This was

the first Portland cement plant in New Jersey, and the second plant in the United States to make Portland cement by the rotary kiln method. Mr. Whitaker, while on a hunting trip up in the Pocono mountains, above Delaware Gap, in November, 1895, contracted a severe cold, which caused his death, March 7, 1896, aged thirty-six years, and soon after the name of the company was changed to the Alpha Portland Cement Company, Alpha, New Jersey, in which Mr. Ormrod and his daughter, Mrs. Whitaker, still retain a large interest.

In the latter part of 1897, Mr. Ormrod, in company with Colonel H. C. Trexler, as president; E. M. Young, Charles A. Matcham, James K. Mosser, and others, organized the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, with Mr. Matcham, as manager, of Allentown; of which Mr. Ormrod is second vice-president. The company commenced making cement at Mill "A," at Ormrod, in August, 1898. They have been very progressive, and now have three cement plants at Ormrod, one at West Coplay, one at Fogelsville, Lehigh county, and also have seven cement plants out West.

Mr. Ormrod was president of the Whitehall Street Railway Company for a couple of years, a trolley line about five miles long, running from Egypt to Levans, on the Slatington line.

Mr. Ormrod has been actively engaged in business for about fifty-five years—first in anthracite coal, and pig iron, and afterward cast iron pipe, and then in the cement business; about Schuylkill county, until 1880, then about two years making pig iron at Emaus Furnace, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1883, commenced making cast iron pipe at the same place, and kept in continuous operation for about thirty years, up to the present time. Mr. Ormrod has been in the cement business since 1893, and is largely interested at the present time.

Mr. Ormrod is a charter member and was also for three years prior to March, 1904, president of the Livingstone Club, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, the leading club organization in the city, with a membership of about one hundred and fifty of the prominent business men of the town. Mr. Ormrod is a director of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and is also a trustee of the Allentown Hospital. He is a member of the Lehigh Country Club, of Allentown; also a member of the Union League, and the Manufacturers' Club, of Philadelphia; and of the Pomfret Club, of Easton, Pennsylvania. He has also been a member of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers of New York

City since 1881. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Society, of New York City.

Mr. Ormrod had one brother and two sisters, children of George and Margaret Ormrod. His elder sister died in 1859, and the younger sister in 1912. His elder brother, John Ormrod, is still living in Preston, England, and was mayor of Preston in 1905 and 1906. He is in the leather business, and has resided in Preston all his life, and takes an active part in select council and town affairs generally. He is chairman of the Tramway's Corporation of Preston.

Mr. Ormrod is a Republican in politics. He and his family are members of Grace Episcopal church, of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ormrod has had continuous good health, with a couple of exceptions, and has been active all his life.

Mr. Ormrod's father died in Preston in 1841. His mother died Dec. 1, 1895, at Preston, England, in her ninetieth year. Her maiden name was Margaret Donaldson. She was a twin, and was born Oct. 5, 1806, at Middleton-in-Teesdale, county of Durham, in the north of England. She visited the United States, arriving at New York, Sept. 12, 1871, remaining here about ten months.

Mr. Ormrod's wife, Permillia, died suddenly, Oct. 4, 1911, at Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, aged sixty-eight years. They were married nearly fifty-one years at the time of Mrs. Ormrod's death. Her maiden name was Permillia Johnson.

Mr. Ormrod has five children, all living: Margaret, the oldest, who married Charles A. Matcham, formerly manager of the Alpha Portland Cement Company, and later in 1897 was one of the organizers of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, and manager until December, 1906. Mr. Matcham died Sept. 22, 1911, at Allentown, aged forty-nine and one-half years. He left three children.

Catherine, widow of the late Thomas D. Whitaker, formerly a member of the firm of Wm. Whitaker & Sons, manufacturers of cotton and woolen goods at Cedar Grove and Frankford, near Philadelphia, and later was president of the Whitaker Cement Company; has one child, a son, Francis. He is a member of the Union League, of Philadelphia; and Livingston Club, of Allentown; also a member of the Lehigh Country Club, of Allentown; and the Northampton Country Club.

John Donaldson Ormrod married Mary J. Rose, daughter of Henry T. Rose, iron fence manufacturer of Allentown, and has two children. He is vice-president and superintendent of the Donaldson Iron Works, at Emaus; also a director in the Emaus National Bank, and a member of the Union League and the Manufacturers Club,

of Philadelphia; and the Livingston Club, of Allentown. All are members of the Lehigh Country Club, of Allentown. He is also a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, of New York City.

Mary A. is married to Captain H. S. McLaine, formerly captain in the Royal Irish Rifles, of Belfast, Ireland, and lives in Allentown. He is a graduate of Foyle College, Londonderry, Ireland, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Langtry MacLane, of Wadsworth House, Belfast, Ireland. Both are members of the Lehigh Country Club.

Fannie Markland, the wife of John F. Saeger, of the Saeger Milling Company, living at Allentown, also members of the Lehigh Country Club, of Allentown. Mr. Saeger is also a member of the Livingston Club, of Allentown. They have one child, a son, John O.

In 1897, Mr. Ormrod built a handsome residence at No. 1227 Hamilton street, Allentown, where he now resides.

#### OPLINGER FAMILY.

The Oplinger family were natives of Schwartzena, in Germany, and emigrated to America long before the middle of the Eighteenth century, and the first representatives were Nicholas, Samuel and Isaac, all of whom came to participate in the Revolution, from Northampton county, during the years 1782 and 1783.

Nicholas Uplinger secured a warrant for 60 acres of land on August 31, 1734, which was situated in Philadelphia county, (now included in Montgomery); and under the name of Nicholas Oplinger he became the owner of two tracts of land, which are now included in Carbon county, one having been at the Lehigh Gap, and the other above Millport, for 29 acres, the warrant for the latter having been issued on June 21, 1751.

At the October Term of Court in Northampton county in 1752, Nicholas Oplinger was appointed first constable of Northampton county. He is mentioned by Benjamin Franklin to Governor Morris in a letter dated at Fort Allen, on January 25, 1756: "We reached, however, that night to Uplinger's where we got into good Quarters." The next day, (on a Saturday) Franklin's party marched about two miles farther but they were obliged to return on account of rain which dampened the fire-locks of their muskets; and the following day they marched on and arrived about two o'clock in the afternoon at the sight chosen for Fort Allen, which was erected on land where Weissport is now situated. In Franklin's official report, he says:

"We left Bethlehem the 10th, inst. with Foulk's company, 46 men, the detachment of Laughlin's, 20,







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*Wm. A. Slinger*

and 7 waggons laden with stores and provisions. We got that night to Way's Quarters where Wayne's company from Nazareth joined us. The next day we marched cautiously thro' the gap of the mountain, a very dangerous Pass, and got to Uplinger's but twenty-one miles from Bethlehem, the Roads being bad and the waggons moving slowly."

Conrad Weiser also stopped at Uplinger's place with Teedyuseung, Pompshire, Moses Tetany and other Indians, accompanied by soldier, on his way to Fort Allen, in November, 1756; for, in his Journal, he says:

"Nov. 19th, We arrived that night at one Nicholas Oplinger. The 20th, after I had settled with the Landlord, the Indian account, which amounted to £1, 10s. 11d. chiefly for sider, left it unpaid, this being the last place where they could get it, we set off and arrived at Fort Allen by 10 o'clock.

Anna Oplinger was born in Schwartzena, in 1724. She became the wife of Bernhard Kuntz and died on December 28, 1804. Isaac Oplinger was born in 1741, and died in 1813, aged 72 years.

In the assessment list of Lehigh township for the year 1780, Samuel Oplinger and Isaac Oplinger, both farmers, were assessed at £120.

Isaac Oplinger and his wife, Susanna, were the parents of two sons, John and Daniel. The latter was born on Dec. 9, 1790, and died Jan. 2, 1851. His wife was Susanna Walp, born April 15, 1793, and died April 5, 1865. Both were buried at Indian-land church in Northampton county: and there Isaac Oplinger was also buried.

Daniel Oplinger lived in Lehigh township, about one mile south from Danielsville and had twelve children: Sarah (died in 1813, aged one year); Samuel (died at the age of 84 years); Elizabeth; James; Elias (married Hannah Anthony); Paul (of Wilkes-Barre, who married Catharine Biechy, and had two sons, Mifflin and Francis); Thomas; Joseph (married Phoebe March, lived in Lehigh township and had four children: Milton, Jane, Susanna and Louise); Catharine (married Jonas Snyder); Charles (married Lena Rothlein and had four children, George A. Wilson, James and Amanda); Julia (married David Rothlein); and David (who died in childhood).

Thomas Oplinger, the fourth son of Daniel, and father of George T. Oplinger, was born Nov. 15, 1824, and died August 12, 1901. Early in life, he learned the shoemaker trade and followed it as a regular occupation for fifty-five years. He also conducted a farm where he resided the greater part of his life. He was an active member of the Lutheran church. He was married to Sarah Lena Fenstermacher, born March 22, 1827, and died Aug. 26, 1890, daughter of George Fenstermacher (son of John),

born July 7, 1787 died May 19, 1853, and his wife, Catharine Driesbach, born Sept., 1793, died March 31, 1846.

GEORGE T. OPLINGER, who was surveyor of Slatington for twenty-two years and president of the Citizen's National Bank, was born on the family homestead in Lehigh township and there he spent his boyhood and youth. His preliminary education was received in the schools of the vicinity and when he reached the age of fourteen years assisted his father at shoe-making until in the year 1865. The desire to secure a better education then asserted itself and in that behalf he accordingly attended Sykes's School at Bethlehem, Weaversville Academy, and Dickinson Seminary; also the Williamsport Business College, from which he was graduated in December, 1869. He then took up the study of mechanical and architectural drafting, together with civil engineering, under the instruction of John B. Otto, a distinguished civil engineer at Williamsport, and he pursued his studied there with great industry for two years.

In 1871 Mr. Oplinger became associated with Prof. J. T. Davis, the principal of the Business College, and under the name of Davis and Oplinger they carried on the institution successfully for two years, when he decided to return to Slatington, and look after his private affairs and to establish a business location for himself at Slatington. While at Williamsport he developed great skill in penmanship and designed and executed pen-work of a superior and most remarkable character, having in his early manhood shown an inclination to writing and drawing with the pen and the numerous specimens of his handiwork display in a high degree the character of his genius and the superiority of his skill.

Some of these designs and specimens, which attest the excellence of his work, had been collected and arranged by him in a "Scrap-Book" for convenience of reference as samples in procuring orders, and this has been kindly presented by Mr. Oplinger to the Lehigh County Historical Society for preservation among its numerous other gifts and collections of an interesting and valuable nature. He was actively and successfully engaged at Slatington, from 1873 until 1913, mostly in the pursuit of surveying, civil-engineering, and architectural drawing, including much work for slate companies in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

During these forty years, Mr. Oplinger manifested a strong and progressive spirit in local affairs and the general welfare of the community. He identified himself with the building and loan associations of the borough, having

been one of the organizers and served as one of the directors of the Keystone, the Excelsior, and of Home, and officiated as secretary of the Home Association from the beginning until its shares matured and the shares settled in full.

In 1881 he was elected as a school director, and in 1884 re-elected for a second term, and besides serving the two terms of six years, he also officiated as secretary for 3 years and as treasurer of the Board for the last two years. In 1890 the town council selected him as the borough engineer and he filled the position for twenty-two years. In 1893 he received the appointment of Notary Public and he served this position until 1901; and in that year he was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank and since then had not only served as a director of the Board but also filled the office of president in a most satisfactory manner, as evidenced by the growth and substantial condition of the bank.

Mr. Oplinger had been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since 1871, when he was first initiated into its mysteries in Manoquesy Lodge No. 413 at Bath, in Northampton county, and demitted in 1889 to Slatington Lodge No. 440; he became a Royal Arch Mason in Allen Chapter No. 203, in 1892, and a charter member of Slatington chapter No. 292, in 1909; and he was made a Knight Templar of Allen Commandery No. 20, in 1893, and a member of Irem Temple A. A. O. M. N. S., at Wilkes-Barre, in 1898, and of the Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S. at Bloomsburg; and he has been advanced to the Thirty-second Degree.

On Aug. 14, 1871, Mr. Oplinger was united in marriage with Ellen A. Remaly, daughter of John and Lavinia (Wert) Remaly of Slatington, and they had one son, Thomas R., who was born May 30, 1876, and died June 30, 1887. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, of which he supplied the architectural drawings and specifications, and he acted as one of the building committee in the erection of the building; he served as a deacon for a time, and when the congregation severed its connection with the St. John's Reformed congregation in the joint ownership of the property he was one of the trustees.

He died suddenly of apoplexy on Oct. 18, 1913.

His wife is a member of the St. John's Reformed church, and treasurer of the Ladies' Aid society. Her father, John Remaly, erected the hotel on Main street (3rd) at its intersection with Church, now known as the "Neff-House;" and the liquor license first issued for the stand in John Remaly's name, is now in the possession of Mrs. Oplinger, which was dated on Nov. 29th, A. D. 1851.

John Oplinger, son of Isaac, was married to Nancy Hurbner, born Nov. 1, 1790, died March 31, 1890. He died about 1851, aged 65 years. Among their children were a son, Daniel, born May 10, 1817, died March 31, 1901, at Danielsville, Northampton county. He married Lovina Seip, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dull, Doll) Seip. She was born Sept. 19, 1820, and died Nov. 30, 1913, in her 94th year.

John Amandus Oplinger, son of Daniel, was born Nov. 18, 1839, is now living retired at Danielsville. He was a prosperous farmer and business man, was proprietor of the Oplinger Milling Company and a partner of the Oplinger-Bossard Mill Company. He married Alavesta E. Leibenguth, born March 3, 1844. She was a daughter of Reuben and Lydia (Wentz) Leibenguth. They have a son, Harvey N., who was born June 5, 1868, on the Oplinger homestead, on Indian creek, near Lerch's store between Danielsville and Cherryville, in Northampton county. After coming to Allentown he was head book-keeper for Diehl's Furniture House for six years; is now serving a similar position for John N. Lawfer. Earlier in life he was head miller for fourteen years for the Oplinger Milling Company at Howersville. Afterward he was in the baking business at Palmerton from whence in 1905, he moved to Allentown. He married Amanda E. Fritzinger, born July 11, 1870, in Heidelberg township, a daughter of George and Matilda (Woodring) Fritzinger, born May 29, 1828, died July 3, 1896. Mrs. Fritzinger was born July 28, 1833, died April 2, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey N. Oplinger have one son, Elwood E., whose history follows:

ELWOOD E. OPLINGER, son of Harvey N., was born at Howersville, Northampton county, Sept. 11, 1892. At the age of nine years his parents moved to Palmerton where he attended the public schools, and in 1905 he came to Allentown where for two years more he continued his studies. In 1909 he entered upon his apprenticeship of printer and in 1910 became an employee of H. Ray Haas and Company and has continued there up to the present, serving now as foreman of the press-room.

Mr. Oplinger is very actively identified with Church, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work. He is a member of Seibert United Evangelical church; is general secretary of the Lehigh County Christian Endeavor Union since 1912; is press superintendent of the East Pa. Conference Branch of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the United Evangelical church; is press superintendent of the Allentown Christian Endeavor Union, also of the Seibert United Evangelical church since 1908; is a former

secretary of the Allentown Christian Endeavor Union; is Christian Endeavor editor for the last two years of the *Chronicle and News*; is actively identified with the Men's Bible Class of the Seibert United Evangelical church Sunday School; has contributed largely to the religion and secular press and was awarded by the United Society of Christian Endeavor a certificate of title, "*Christian Endeavor Expert*."

EMANUEL OPPENLANDER.

Emanuel Oppenlander, who occupies the homestead of Dr. Martin H. Boyé, at Coopersburg, hails from Bucks county, Pa. After attending the public school he took a special course in agriculture and fruit-growing in State College. He has a valuable farm of 150 acres, situated at Passer, in Bucks county. It is known as "Onontacta," which in the Indian language means hillside. He specializes in raising peaches, apples and strawberries, and in 1913 he planted a large pear and quince orchard.

Mr. Oppenlander is an elder in the Moravian Church and in politics he is a Republican.

He was married, first, to Miss Eliza Schimmel and by her had: Marion, Helen and Dorothea. She died in October, 1906. He married as his second wife Miss S. Dorothea Boyé, in 1912. She was one of the two daughters of Dr. Martin H. Boyé. Her sister is Mrs. Louis de Schweinetz, of Bethlehem.

OSENBAACH FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Osenbach family died late in 1783 in the vicinity of Schoeneck, Northampton county, Pa. He was a Moravian. He was still young and was survived by his widow, Abolonia, a son, Jacob, and two daughters, Barbara and Catharine. The latter became the wife of Henry Billiard. They lived in Salisbury. Barbara was married to one, Hoffman, and after he had died, she made her home with her sister, Catharine. What became of Jacob is not known. The widow, Abolonia, gave birth to a posthumous son, who received the name J. Peter Osenbach. He was born Feb. 4, 1784; and had a small farm, located between Rittersville and Shoenersville, and also followed weaving. He married Catharine Fatzinger. She was born Sept. 11, 1783, and died Jan. 23, 1873, aged 89 years, 4 months, and 12 days. J. Peter Osenbach died Oct. 12, 1873, also in his 90th year. He was aged 89 years, 8 months, and 8 days. They were both Lutherans and are buried at Rittersville. Their children were:

Rebecca, married Jacob Stump.  
Sarah, married Florentine Hoehle.  
Mary, married Charles Zellner.

Eliza, married Charles Mertz.

Charles, married Harriet Reichard.

The above are all deceased, except Eliza, who is now in her ninety-first year of age, and lives at Rittersville. She is still hale and walks around her little home and yard.

Charles Osenbach, only son of J. Peter, was born at Rittersville, Aug. 12, 1818. He was a stone mason by trade and made a specialty of fire brick at furnaces and was connected with the McHose people. For many years. He lived in Hanover all his life and died Sept. 3, 1891, aged 73 years, and 21 days. His wife, Harriet Reichard, was born Nov. 18, 1824, and died June 27, 1902. They are buried at Rittersville, where they were members of the Lutheran congregation, which he served as a deacon. Their children follow: Edwin F., Tilghman G., Alfred C., William T., Theodore R., M. Elmer (1866-1886), Mary, married Alfred Heckman; Ellen, married Horace Schell; Camilla, married Thomas Minnich, and Emma, married Eli Frankenfield.

Tilghman G. Osenbach, a retired citizen, at Rittersville, was born in Hanover, Sept. 29, 1845. At the age of twenty-one years he learned the brick laying trade and followed it for twenty years as a journeyman. In 1886 he became connected with Osenbach & Company. This concern had a large business in contract work and made a specialty of laying fire-bricks at cement plants. They employed thirty-five men. Mr. Osenbach retired in 1903. He is a Lutheran member of Rittersville church, which he served for some years as a trustee; was superintendent of the Sunday school for ten years; and since 1857 is a member of the church choir. His brother, Edwin, was the superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-three years, being succeeded by his brother, Tilghman. Tilghman G. Osenbach married, in 1870, Alice, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Hunt) Henn. They have no children.

Alfred C. Osenbach, the third son of J. Peter, was born July 28, 1847, and was a painter. In earlier life he kept store at Kreidersville, later lived at Seemsville, where he was engaged in the painting business, employing as many as fifteen men. He painted many bridges and public buildings. Among the bridges he painted were those at Catasauqua and Hokendauqua; also the old Allentown bridge just before it was washed away in the great freshet. He was a standing committeeman for four years, and at one time was a candidate for register of wills of the county. He was an active member of St. Peter's church and Sunday school, at Rittersville. His widow, Matilda E. Albright, survives and resides at Rittersville. She is a daughter of Owen Al-



bright. Their children follow: Clinton, who died small; Charles, of Allentown; Frank (1879-1904); Hattie, married Wilson Kichlein; Harvey T., and Elmer W.

William T. Osenbach, of Rittersville, was born there, Nov. 26, 1854. He learned the bricklaying trade at the age of nineteen years and worked with his uncle, William Reichard, for fourteen years. He and his brother, Tilghman G., had formed a partnership with Thomas Minnich, and Preston Dixon, under the name of Osenbach & Company. They were in business about twenty-two years. Since 1910 he follows the building business and takes small jobs. He was married, first, in 1879, to Clementina Clader. She died, Feb. 24, 1911, aged 51 years. They had no children. He was married, second, in 1912, to Minnie Brophy, a daughter of "Squire" John Brophy, of Rittersville.

ELMER W. OSENBACH, manufacturer, of Rittersville, was born in that town, Nov. 4, 1888. After having been employed for one and one-half years by the Dorney Furniture Co., of Allentown, he accepted a position as knitter with the Novelty Hosiery Co., in the same city, and was employed there for six years. In September, 1910, in partnership with Herman Hildebrand, he engaged in manufacturing half-hose at Rittersville. The firm of Hildebrand & Osenbach employ twenty people. Mr. Osenbach is a member of Keystone Lodge, No. 178, I. O. O. F., of Bethlehem; and is prominently identified with the music of his district. For three years (1908-1911), he was president of the Ideal Band, of Rittersville, which numbered twenty-four pieces. Earlier he had been the assistant leader of the band; and now has an orchestra of five pieces which frequently plays in churches and Sunday schools. He plays the trombone.

On Nov. 7, 1907, he married Stella Werst, daughter of Clinton and Alavesta (Patterson) Werst. They have a daughter: Rieta Ethel Osenbach.

#### OSWALD FAMILY.

Henry Oswald, the ancestor of this line, was born either in Alsace or Switzerland, emigrating to America on the ship *Mercury*, and arrived at Philadelphia, May 29, 1735. He located in what is now Lynn township, Lehigh county, Pa., with his wife Elizabeth. The children were: Daniel; Jacob (married to Maria E. Holler); Henry (married to Elizabeth —); a daughter, Susannah.

Daniel Oswald, son of Henry, was married to Catharine Everett, the children being: John, Daniel, Jacob (Apr. 27, 1781-July 13, 1852; m., first, Mary Elizabeth Everett, second, Eliza-

beth —); David; Jonathan (May 15, 1792-Feb. 15, 1870; m. to Maria Everett), Magdalena (wife of Daniel Mosser), Elizabeth (wife of Phillip Mosser, Jr.), Catharine (born April 7, 1776 wedded David Mosser), Susannah (wife of Peter Lichtenwalner), Maria and Barbara.

John Oswald, son of Daniel (born 1765, died Nov. 10, 1834), was a farmer, residing last in Lynn township. He became the husband of Anna Maria, daughter of Burkhardt Mosser (Apr. 18, 1770-April 21, 1861). Mr. Oswald was a man of means for his day and from him most of the Oswalds in Pennsylvania trace their descent. Their children were: John (Oct. 2, 1789-March 24, 1827; married to Elizabeth Steigerwalt), Daniel (Oct. 12, 1792-Apr. 18, 1861; husband of Elizabeth M. Reitz), Benjamin (Nov. 11, 1796-Apr. 28, 1872; wedded to Dorothea Lutz), Jacob (Nov. 15, 1798-Apr. 4, 1876; wedded to Polly Everett), Gideon (March 1, 1807-Nov. 9, 1892; married to Salome Wehr), Samuel (April 1, 1808-Dec. 6, 1880; married Catharine Fetterhoff), Joseph, died in eighteenth year; Elias, died in childhood; Anna Maria (March 10, 1791-Nov. 1, 1868; married, first, Christian Klingeman, second, Andrew Reitz), Catharine, wife of Reuben Lutz.

Samuel Oswald, miller, grain and coal merchant at Best, Pa., was born Aug. 24, 1841. His parents were John [the only child of John and Elizabeth (Steigerwalt) Oswald] and Elizabeth (Newhart). Following the trade of miller since 1859, he is the proprietor of what is known as the "Oswald" mill since 1869. This mill was formerly owned by Hunsicker, a pioneer miller, then by Mr. Frantz, afterwards by Jacob Kuntz and later by Tilghman Kuntz, and was erected in 1812 with an addition built in 1839. Fifty-two acres of land belong to the property. He served as school director, being elected by the Republican party, and is a Reformed member of Frieden's church, which he served as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. In 1864, he wedded Elizabeth, daughter of John and Catharine (Hensinger) Shirey. The children were: John Samuel (m. Cora Metzgar), Charles P., Emma Catharine (wife of Wm. Kuntzman), Mary Elizabeth (wife of Henry Reitz) and Jennie Amanda, wife of Wm. Peter.

CHARLES P. OSWALD, son of Samuel, was born in Northampton county, Pa., October 5, 1869. Receiving his education in the public schools, he learned the trade of miller from his father and has spent all his life in the milling business at what is known as the "Oswald" mill at Best, Pa. He is serving as assistant in the business of his aged father. Fraternally, he is a member of J. O. U. A. M., K. G. E., I. O.

O. F., and the Encampment of Slatington, was elected supervisor of Washington township by the Republican party, and is a Reformed member of Frieden's church, which he served as deacon. He was married in 1891 to Cora, daughter of Franklin and Lucy (Landis) Klotz, deceased. The issue was two children: Ada, who died in infancy, and John.

Solomon R. Oswald, son of Daniel, who was a son of John, was born in Lynn township, August 12, 1817, died August 24, 1909, aged 82 year, and was buried in the cemetery at Jacksonville. He was a farmer on the homestead of his father, Daniel, and during his ownership it embraced 61 acres of clear land and 43 acres of woodland. He built the present house in 1870, and the barn some years earlier. The farm belonged at a previous period successively to George Enos, Henry Zook and John Oswald.

He was a Reformed member of the Jacobs church, and filled all the offices in the church, having taken an active part in the management of its affairs. His wife was Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Joshua Schmitt (whose sketch appears in this volume). She died October 21, 1909, aged 79 years, and they had ten children: Sarah (m. Amandus Shellhammer), William, Carolina (m. John Wuchter), Elenora (m. Charles Hartman), Amanda (m. Elmer Herman), Leietta (who is single and has her home with her brother Charles O.), John (died in childhood), Charles O., and two died in infancy.

CHARLES O. OSWALD, the youngest son of Solomon R., is a farmer in Lynn township on the homestead of his father and of his grandfather. He was born May 20, 1875, educated in the local schools and reared upon the farm where he worked for his father until his father died in 1909. Then he purchased the place and he has since carried on farming in a successful manner. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Reformed congregation at Jacksonville, which he has served as a deacon since 1911.

On March 11, 1910, he was married to Annie V. Donat, daughter of James A. and Victoria (Leitz) Donat, whose sketch appears in this publication.

Benjamin Oswald (son of John), was born in Weissenberg township on November 11, 1796, and he carried on farming near Jacksonville until 1823, when he settled on the historic farm of George Seisloff in Lynn township, and operated it successfully until his decease on April 28, 1872. On the Seisloff farm, a horrible massacre occurred March 24, 1756, when Seisloff, his wife, two sons (one 20 years old and the other 12) and a

daughter (14 years old) were killed by the Indians. The dwelling was erected by Seisloff and it is still standing.

Mr. Oswald was a Republican in that early day, and he served as a supervisor. He was married to Dorothea Lutz, who was born February 6, 1796; and she died March 19, 1874. Both were buried at New Tripoli. Their children were: John, Benjamin, David, Parseda, Rebecca, Catharine and Polly.

Benjamin Oswald, was born on the Seisloff farm on December 5, 1828. He owned the "Oswald Homestead" and there carried on farming operations. He was a member of the German Reformed congregation of Ebenezer Church and there he was buried. He was married to Elizabeth Sheetz, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Sheetz of Lynn township, born August 24, 1835, and died July 20, 1894. Their children were: David T., Levi B. (married to Rosa Reitz and they have the following children: Daisy, Minnie, Hattie, and Ralph, the last dying in infancy); James A., Alvena E. (now deceased, having been married to Clinton Bloom, of Wind Gap, Pa.); and Mary L. (married to Albert Meese, of Weissenberg township).

DAVID T. OSWALD, farmer, of Lynn township, near New Tripoli, was born on the Seisloff farm in the historic house on December 21, 1858, and was there brought up, attending the local schools. When he was twenty-two years old he learned the trade of carpenter and he followed this trade for nineteen years, having worked a year at Allentown, a year (1888) in California, and for a period of sixteen years in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, the last five as a foreman. In 1898, he purchased the farm of 75 acres, where he is now residing, from William Sittler, and it is one of the early settlements of the township. It was surveyed October 15, 1762 to Dieter Sittler and a warrant was issued to him May 7, 1779. Engel Meyer became the owner, and in 1788 he sold the place, then comprising 98 acres, to Philip Sittler for 320 pounds in gold or silver money. The dwelling now on the farm was erected in 1849.

On April 30, 1892, Mr. Oswald was married to Alice Smith, daughter of Daniel and Lovina (Fenstermacher) Smith, and granddaughter of Reuben and Lydia (Lutz) Smith. They have five children: Esther E. (who was graduated from the Lynn township schools in 1910 and is now a student in the Philadelphia high school for girls), Floyd T., Frederick C., Meda M., and Martha I.

JAMES A. OSWALD, farmer, of Lynn township, near New Tripoli, was born January 17, 1863, in the Seisloff home made famous by an Indian

massacre, and reared on the farm which was owned by his father, assisting him in the farming operations until 1896 and receiving wages after he had become of age; then he carried on the farm for himself as a tenant until 1906 when he became the purchaser. He has been the owner since that time, and has directed his attention more particularly to raising large quantities of potatoes, cultivating from twelve to fourteen acres annually.

The frame residence on the place, situated about forty feet from the original Seisloff building, was erected by James's father, Benjamin Oswald, in 1888.

Mr. Oswald has been interested in the family genealogy for several years, looking up the various records and collecting valuable information which he supplied to the Rev. Charles Everett Oswald, of New York, who compiled and published the Oswald Family Genealogy in 1907.

He was married on September 27, 1892, to Tilda M. Weaver, daughter of William and Messina (Fink) Weaver, and a granddaughter of Daniel and Anna Maria (Steigerwald) Fink; and they have eight children: Clayton F., Floyd B. (who lived in infancy), Jennie M. E., Abner H. C., Ida M., James W. C. (who died in infancy), Arthur L., and Stanley L. G.

CHARLES S. OSWALD, son of Lewis H., and grandson of Samuel, merchant and postmaster at Lynnport, was born February 9, 1871, and he received his education in the public schools. His youth was spent upon a farm, and for some years he drove his father's huckster wagon, the father having for thirty-one years also conducted a general store and the hotel at Lynnport. In 1896 he succeeded his father in the ownership of the mercantile and hotel business, and also the 80-acre farm, and he has since carried them on successfully. The stone building in which the store and hotel business have been carried on was erected by Michael Everett about the year 1810, and the barn was put there before the Rebellion.

Mr. Oswald came to own also the 52-acre homestead of his grandfather, Samuel Oswald, in Lynn township until 1908, when he sold it. He was one of the organizers of the Berks and Lehigh Telegraph and Telephone Co. in 1910 and has since served as one of the directors; and he is affiliated with the Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 249, I. O. of O. F. at Steinsville. He is a Republican and has officiated as the postmaster at Lynnport since 1896. He and the family are members of the Reformed congregation at Steinsville, which he served as deacon. He was married November 9, 1890, to Messina K., daughter of William Smith (son of Josiah) and Carolina Kistler his wife, and they have five children: Ida

M., George F., Howard J., Florence E., and Ellwood R.

SYLVANUS OSWALD, son of Jonathan and grandson, is the proprietor of the Oswald Mill near New Tripoli, was born March 23, 1846. When twenty-three years of age he began farming and has since followed it. On November 20, 1891, he purchased his present mill property with 48 acres of land and since that time has operated it, his family carrying on the farm of 73 acres which adjoins the mill property. The farm was formerly a Schuck homestead; later it was owned by a Gildner, and after him by Jacob Oswald the father of Sylvanus. In 1876 Mr. Oswald purchased it, his father having built the present barn in 1875, and he himself the dwelling in 1880. He and his family are Reformed members of the Ebenezer church, which he served as a deacon.

In 1870 he was married to Sarah, daughter of Gideon and Polly (Hunsicker) Schwab, and they have eight children: William H., Milton and Nora M. (who are twins, the latter married to James M. Kerschner), Mabel (m. Albert Ben-nighoff), Ida, Lewis, Edna, and Olive.

William H., the eldest son, was born in Lynn township in 1871, educated in the public schools and by personal application and much reading acquired a good practical knowledge. Lewis S. was graduated from the township schools in 1900; and Olive S. was also graduated from the township schools in 1907, and from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, in 1910.

Samuel Oswald who had brothers Peter and Daniel, lived in Berks county during his earlier life and from there removed to Weisenberg township where he died. He had nine children as follows: Frederick, John, Samuel, Daniel, William, Jacob, Benjamin, Sarah (Weidenhammer), and Susan (Raubenhold). All the above children are deceased except Benjamin and Sarah.

Frederick Oswald, oldest son of Samuel, was born Nov. 1, 1824, died in Jan. 1909, aged 84 years. He had served his country in the Civil War in Company A., 176th Regiment Pa. Vol. Infantry. He had fifteen children, four of whom are now deceased, the living are: Amelia (m. Elias Hartman), Sarah (m. — Schantz), Samuel, Henry, Joel, Charles, Emma (m. William Saul), Carolina (m. Irwin Dorney), Tilghman, Levi and Louisa (m. Peter Ziegler).

Tilghman Oswald, the tenth child of Frederick, was born in Weisenberg township, March 23, 1863. He attended the common schools and on Nov. 11, 1877, he was confirmed by Rev. Owen Leopold as a member of the Morganland Lutheran congregation; later for twenty years he was a member of the St. John's Lutheran

church at Laurey's, afterward he connected himself with the Unionville church which he now serves as a deacon for six years.

He was a school director of North Whitehall township for thirteen years, having been elected as a Democrat and he resides upon his own farm near Scheidy's in North Whitehall. He is a member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., at Schnecksville since 1899.

He was married on March 24, 1883, to Lucy

ship in the following orders: Cohota Tribe, No. 97, I. O. R. M., of Egypt; Allen Council, No. 753, Independent Order Americans, of Allentown; the Odd Fellows, of Schnecksville; and the Whitehall Beneficial Society. In politics he is a Democrat.

He is married to Ida, a daughter of Charles and Amanda (Dengler) Heintzelman and they have two children, viz: Charles F., and Allen F.



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(Sell) Schuler. They have these children: Mary (m. William Rabert), Ella (m. Charles Rabert), Franklin T., Jennie (m. Fred Heintzelman), Francis E., Elsie M., and Martin H.

FRANKLIN T. OSWALD, a teacher of Whitehall township, was born at Coplay, April 30, 1887. He was educated in the public schools of North Whitehall and graduated from the township school in 1900, and the following year he took a post graduate course. He also attended the Schnecksville Summer Normal School for four terms; and he began teaching school in the year 1902 in North Whitehall township. Since 1909 he is teaching at West Coplay.

He and family are Lutheran members of the Unionville church. Socially he has a member-

REV. JAMES O. OSWALD.

Rev. James Oliver Oswald was born on Nov. 6, 1868, in Albany township, Berks county, Pa., son of Samuel Oswald, of Lancaster, Pa., whose father was also named Samuel, of Jacksonville, in Lehigh county, Pa. His mother having died early in his life, he was adopted by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Greenawald, of Greenawald Station, in Berks county. Later in life he was brought up by his maternal uncle, Amos S. Greenawald, of Kempton, Berks county, under whose care and training he was properly educated with aspirations for the higher ideals of life.

At the age of sixteen years, he began to teach



school at Eckville, Berks county, and he continued to teach for eight years, receiving two professional certificates, and also a permanent certificate from the State. Afterward he entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and he graduated from its business, stenographic and typewriting departments. While at this institution he won an International Unabridged Webster's Dictionary as a prize, five hundred students having competed in the spelling contest, and this he appreciates very highly.

In the Fall of 1895, he entered Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., and he was graduated with honors in the Spring of 1899. In his Freshman year he was selected as the Class historian; and on graduation day he delivered the German oration "Die Deutsche Treue," and for his successful efforts he was awarded a prize of \$20.00 which was open to all members of the Senior Class. He was a member of the Goethean Literary Society while there, and he acted as the presiding officer during his Senior year.

The Ministry became his choice of the professions and his special preparation for it was made in the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster from the Fall of 1899 to 1902, and at the close of his course at that distinguished institution he was graduated with honors, having represented the church history department on the occasion of the commencement exercises.

After his licensure, ordination, and installation by the Lehigh Classis, Reverend Oswald made his introductory efforts as a minister of the Gospel in Zion's Reformed charge and he served the charge for almost three years in a manner most encouraging to himself and satisfactory to the congregations. He was next called to the pastorate of the Great Swamp and Chestnut Hill charge at Spinnerstown, Pa., in Goschenhoppen Classis, and there he continued in the active discharge of his duties from October 18, 1894, until March 1, 1910. When he began his pastorate in the Friedens Charge in the Lehigh Classis which comprises the Union Friedens and Slatedale congregations and there he has continued his earnest and successful labors until the present time. He is a fluent speaker and his services are very highly appreciated.

Reverend Oswald was married to Lettie N., the younger daughter of the late Charles H. Lutz and his wife Mary C. (Donat), of Wanamaker, in Lehigh county. They had three children, but only one survives, a daughter named Velman. Their residence is at No. 862 Main street, Slatington.

#### EDWARD OSWALD.

Edward Oswald, manufacturer, is a son of Benedict Oswald, a native of Rhein Biern, Germany. Benedict Oswald was born June 24, 1830, and came to America in about 1854, and located in New York City, where he conducted a hotel in 1860 he came to Allentown and conducted a hotel on Hamilton street until in 1870, when he engaged in the manufacturing of brushes at 342 N. 5th street. He continued to manufacture brushes until the time of his death, Sept. 6, 1891. He was married to Mary Schenkel, a daughter of Andreas Schenkel, of Wurtemberg. She died Aug. 15, 1902, aged 64 years. They had children: Adolph, of Allentown; Minnie, deceased, married Christian Kuntzer; August, of Philadelphia; Bertha, married Thos. Hess, and Edward. They were members of the Reformed church and are buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Edward was born in Allentown Feb. 2, 1871, was educated in the public schools and learned brush making in his father's plant. He continued to work for him until his death, when he became the proprietor. He employs eight hands, and enjoys a large trade, selling principally throughout the coal regions and the eastern counties.

Mr. Oswald was twice married, the first time to Mary Schenkel, a daughter of George and Mary (Reigert) Schenkel, of Wurtemberg, Germany. The ashes of both her parents rest in the Fatherland. She died of diphtheria Nov. 25, 1895, aged 24 years, 1 month and 23 days. She was the mother of three children: Edward, who died in infancy; George, who died Nov. 23, 1895, aged 2 years and 8 months, and Fred. He was married a second time to Annie Schenkel, a sister to his first wife. They have two children, Mamie and Annie. Mr. Oswald and his family are members of the Reformed church. Fraternally he is a member of the F. O. E., K. of M. C., I. O. of R. M., and the Order of Owls.

#### JAMES OWENS.

James Owens, slate operator at Slatington, was born in Caernarvonshire, in North Wales, Oct. 6, 1854, a locality which holds the same relative position of importance in the slate industry of Wales, as Slatington does in Pennsylvania. He began working in quarries there when only nine years old and he followed this occupation until 1873, when he emigrated to America with his widowed mother and two sisters, Ellen and Mary, and located at Slatington where he continued the same occupation for fifteen years.

He then engaged in the mercantile business at Coaldale, in Schuylkill county, for ten years, when he embarked in the slate-business as a manufacturer of roofing slate with Wilson P. Krum and H. J. Roberts as partners in carrying on the Blue Mountain Slate Co., now a large and successful enterprise, near Slatington, which employs 50 men. He is also interested in the mercantile house of Peters & Co., Limited, at Slatington, acting as president of the company. In politics, Mr. Owens is a Republican and he has served for three years as an active and progressive member of the Slatington School Board, and he is now serving a term of six years in town council, having been elected in November, 1911. In his business enterprises he has shown a proper spirit and been very successful.

Mr. Owens was married to Margaret Evans, a daughter of John and Jane (Thomas) Evans, of Slatington and they have two children: Mary (a highly esteemed public-school teacher), and John (a graduate from Lafayette College with the class of 1912, and now in the graduate school of Harvard University. He and his family are members of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, in whose welfare they have taken an active interest for many years.

His father was James Owens, of same place and also followed the slate business, but while engaged in the quarry was accidentally killed on March 25, 1854, aged 34 years. He was married to Eleanor, daughter of William David Jones, and they had five children: Edward, (died in 1855); Kate (married Evan G. Evans and she died in 1872); Ellen (married to Robert W. Roberts and she died in 1875); Mary (married to Henry J. Roberts, of Slatington); and James.

#### ELLIS OWENS.

Ellis Owens, one of the three founders of the Carbon Slate Co., at Slatington, is a native of Llan Baris, in North Wales. He was born April 25, 1835, of humble parentage, and his education was very limited, having attended school only six months in a little school house situated three miles from his home. At the age of ten years he was obliged to make his own living at labor in a slate quarry and he helped to support his dependent parents; and while still in his youth his parents died.

In March, 1854, he determined to emigrate from his native land to the land of promise in America, and after a very rough and stormy voyage landed at Philadelphia. Unfortunately there he was robbed of every cent he had and he was compelled to start life in a new country far from home with absolutely nothing but the cloth-

ing on his back, a situation for a young man truly distressing and discouraging. However, through the assistance of a sympathetic friend he was enabled to reach the slate regions in Vermont and there he worked hard until the following September (1854) when he went to Slatington, in Lehigh county, Penna., the Mecca of so many other Welsh, Scotch and English immigrants. He worked "in the hole" (down in the quarry) at Slatington, and afterward at Steinsville; but he was adding daily to his store of knowledge and experience as a master quarry-man which soon enabled him to break loose large blocks of slate and lift them to the surface without having them broken; and at the same time he learned the art of splitting and dressing these blocks and of converting them into marketable commodities.

But his real success as a slate-worker began in September, 1888, when he came to associate with Joseph Richard and Robert G. Pierce, two practical men, the former of Summit Hill and the latter of Slatington, and to organize the Carbon Slate Co. By working together in harmony they made the enterprise a success from the beginning—a period of twenty-five years. During this time Mr. Owens has been the president of the company. The trade has grown to cover this country and also foreign countries, the exports in the last twelve years having amounted to upwards of a million dollars. The works give employment to 150 persons. He has also been interested in the Franklin Slate Co., a similar enterprise at Slatington, of which he is president.

Mr. Owens is also engaged in the production of slate materials at Slatedale where he occupies two properties, and carries on operations with the assistance of his two sons for the benefit of all his children; and in the development of the plant there he has expended a large sum of money.

In 1857, Mr. Owens was married to Grace Thomas, a daughter of Edward Thomas, of Steinsville, and they had nine children: Owen E., Jane, Nellie (married John W. Hughes); Ceineen (married John T. Evans); and Ellis; and four others died in infancy. He and his family are members of the Welsh Baptist Church. In its erection he and his business associates of the Carbon Slate Co. (also members) contributed one-half (\$15,000) of the cost.

#### PAFF FAMILY.

Henry Paff was born in Richland, Richland township, Bucks county, Pa., in 1780. He owned and operated a farm, making a specialty of stock raising. When not busy with farm work he followed his trade, that of a cooper. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He died in

1848 and interment was at the Richlandtown church.

He married Catherine Dimmick, who died in 1855 and was buried by the side of her husband at Richlandtown church. Issue: Lewis, lived in Williams township, Northampton county, Pa.; Aaron, lived and died on the homestead; Conrad; Peter resided in Bucks county; Maria, married Joseph Koch; and a daughter who died young.

Conrad Paff, son of Henry Paff, was born Dec. 30, 1814 in Richland township, Bucks county. In his boyhood and youth his time was divided between work on his father's farm and attendance at the schools of that period. Early in life he learned the shoemaker trade. Upon attaining manhood, he purchased of his father a tract of 65 acres of land in Richland township, which he cultivated and improved and where he remained until his removal to Allentown in 1856. He then commenced the manufacture of shoes on quite an extensive scale which business he continued until he retired in 1879 and his sons succeeded to his business. He was a member and for many years an elder of Salem Reformed church. He was also a member of the building committee in 1876, when the first church edifice was built. He died on April 15, 1889, and was interred in West End cemetery.

Conrad Paff married Sarah Heist, a daughter of Henry and Miss (Hinkel) Heist, born in 1823. She died April 3, 1907, aged 84 years. Issue: Isaac; Mary, married to H. W. Fluck; Amanda, married to Jere Simmons; Sarah, married to Eugene Miller; William, of Allentown; and Dr. Edwin H. Paff.

ISAAC PAFF, son of Conrad and Sarah (Heist) Paff, was born in Bucks county, June 30, 1844. He was reared on the farm and was educated in the common schools until his parents came to Allentown, when he learned the trade of shoemaker, which occupation he followed until his retirement from business in 1900. For many years he made shoes by hand, but subsequently he became interested in the American Shoe Manufacturing Co., of Allentown, retiring from the concern in 1882, but continued to work in their factory until their retirement. In politics he is a Democrat, and for a period was a councilman. He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen Chapter, 203, Royal Arch Masons; Council No. 23, R. and S. M.; and Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., and has served it continuously as treasurer since 1888. He is a member of Salem Reformed church which he served as a deacon. Mrs. Paff is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. They reside at 203 North Eleventh street.

Isaac Paff was married Jan. 9, 1870, to Mary A. Haas, a daughter of George and Sarah (Gack-enbach) Haas, and granddaughter of George Haas, who resided near Pricetown, Pa. No issue.

DR. EDWIN H. PAFF, son of Conrad Paff, was born at Allentown Nov. 25, 1864. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, then attended Muhlenberg College and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1890. He practiced in Philadelphia until 1902 when he removed to Allentown, and retired from the profession and business. He was secretary and treasurer of the American Shoe Co. for four years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the K. G. E. He was married to Alice Miller, daughter of Sylvester P. and Sophia (Kemmerer) Miller, of Saegersville, Pa. No issue.

William Paff, son of Conrad and Sarah (Heist) Paff, was born Nov. 1, 1857 in Allentown, where he was reared and educated in the public schools. After his school days were over he entered his father's factory and learned the trade of shoemaking, where he remained for four years. He then became connected with his brother, Isaac Paff, in the same line of business, for a period of two years. He then established a retail store business on Hamilton street, continuing there for ten years. Afterwards he erected the present American Shoe Co.'s buildings, on South Twelfth and Maple streets, and operated it for sixteen years. For three years of this period, his brother, Isaac Paff, and W. C. Willebecker were with him. In 1912 Mr. Paff built a factory at Emaus, 28 by 84 feet in dimensions, three stories in height. In January, 1913, a cyclone did much damage to it, but nothing daunted him. It was repaired and constructed and electrically equipped. The present business is conducted as the William Paff Shoe Co.

He is a member of Unity Encampment; I. O. O. F.; and he and his wife are members of Zion Reformed church. He is also treasurer of the Sunday school.

William Paff married Hattie E. Markley, daughter of Tilghman G. and Elizabeth (Dow-ert) Markley. Issue: William Conrad.

His home is at Eighth and Turner streets, where he has lived for over 50 years.

#### JOHN POLASKY

Michael Polasky was born in Austro-Hungary and died in his native land, where he was a furrier. He was a man of education and was liberal in his views. He married Veronica Hajek, a native of Moravia.

John, son of Michael and Veronica (Hajek) Polasky, was born in Gading, Austro

Hungary, February 20, 1871. He received an excellent preparatory education in the public schools of his native land, then attended a college for some years. He then learned the furrier's trade and followed it at Vienna, Austria, until 1889, when he emigrated to the United States and arrived at New York, in which city he worked three months, when he went to Newburgh, New York, where he worked as a laborer, then traveled through thirteen states. In 1893 he came to Allentown, which he made his home until 1903. He then removed to Catasauqua and accepted employment with the Lund & Roth Company, silk manufacturers, as engineer in their mills, a position he is filling ever since. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Catasauqua. Mr. Polasky married, in 1895, in Allentown, Mary Wallitch, a native of Gading, Austro-Hungary. They have had children: Mary, who is a teacher of stenography at the American Commercial School, Allentown; Rudolph, Rosa and Cecelia, at school.

RICHARD A. PARKS.

Charles Parks, the grandfather of Richard A., is a retired carpenter, living at Lyons, Pa. He is now past seventy-five years of age. He was twice married. His first wife, a Landis, died, being survived by these children: Henry, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Oliver, died in 1880, at Lyons, Pa., from typhoid fever; Emma, is married to Harry Shoe, and they live at Philadelphia; and Albert, the father of Richard A. His second wife was Susanna Landis, a sister of the first wife and she still lives. They have issue: Annie, Fred and Salon.

Albert Parks was born in Rockland township, Berks county, and followed the carpenter trade. He died at Lyons, in that county, on Sept. 12, 1881, aged twenty-three years and eight months. He was married to Ella Kauffman, born Aug. 14, 1860, a daughter of Angelina (Kemp) Kauffman, of Leesport, Berks county, and they had one child, Richard A. Mrs. Parks, the widow, married Daniel Brown, of Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and they reside at Allentown. They had three children: Ellen S.; Hilda A.; and Morris E., who died March 13, 1912, aged 22 years.

Richard A. Parks, dealer in wall paper and decorations, at Allentown, was born at Lyons, Berks county, Pa., June 29, 1881. He received his education in the public schools at Pottsville and Allentown, and at the age of 15 years he entered the employ of W. M. Beck & Company, as errand boy, and later the firm changing to J. Fred Kutz, retained him as a clerk and sometime afterward he was admitted as a member of the firm. In 1909, he retired from the firm and

opened up a wall paper establishment at 144 North Seventh street. In 1912, on the death of J. Fred Kutz, Mr. Parks bought out the wall paper business at 40 North Seventh street, which was established in 1881 by W. M. Beck. In 1914, Mr. Parks organized the Allentown Wall Paper Company, of which he is the president. His retail store trade is large and he handles a complete line of first-class decorations and employs about fifteen people.

Mr. Parks is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; the Eastern Star; the Knights



RICHARD S. PARKS.

of the Mystic Chain; and the Fraternal Order of Tigers. He has taken an active interest in the Grace United Brethren church and has served as a trustee since 1912. He was president of the Lehigh Valley United Christian Endeavor Society from 1908 to 1912; and president and treasurer of the Lehigh County Sabbath School Association since 1911.

In 1901, he was married to Sallie J. Schuman, daughter of Seth and Mary (Trexler) Schuman. They have two children: Carroll G., and Fern M.

DR. DAVID H. PARMET.

Dr. David H. Parmet is a son of Gersbon Parmet, a Hebrew book merchant of Philadel-



phia, who is by profession a biblical writer. He is especially skilled to do this kind of work and his print shows the marks of expert workmanship and high prices are paid for the Hebrew Bibles prepared by him. He has received as high as \$500.00 a copy for his work. He handles all kinds of religious books, and takes an active interest in religious matters. He is a member of the Jewish Orthodox church and was born in 1844 in Minski, Russia. He came to America in 1892 and located in Philadelphia. His wife was Molly Kopland, also a native of Minski. They had the following children: Rebecca, Leon, Abraham, Zalmon, Dr. David H., Joseph and Morris.

Dr. David H. Parmet was born in Russia in 1881. As a boy he attended the schools of his native country. After he came to America with his parents he attended the following institutions of learning: Drexel Institute, Brown College and Jefferson Medical College, all of Philadelphia, graduating from the latter institution in 1899. He also took a summer course in Obstetrics in the Lying-in Charity Hospital of Philadelphia. In July, 1909, he was elected resident physician of St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia. In July, 1910, he located in Allentown, where he has built up a lucrative practice. He resides at 309 North Second street. He is a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society; Lehigh Lodge of the Independent Order Brith Shalom; Emiel Zola Lodge of Independent Order Brith Abraham and the Y. M. Hebrew Association. Mr. Parmet was married September 29, 1911, to Sarah Schoolman, daughter of Morris Schoolman, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Parmet is an accomplished pianist and an exceptionally able vocalist. She taught music a number of years and participated in a number of concerts in Philadelphia and Allentown.

#### PAULES FAMILY.

The following is a translation of the Passport of John Michael Baulus and of his family record taken out of the family Bible, both in the possession of Reuben A. Paules, York, Penna.

"The bearer of this paper, John Michael Baulus, until now a citizen of this place, Essenheim, and Catharine his wife, both members of our Reformed religion according to God's holy word, in the name of the Lord are willing and intend to settle in the American provinces belonging to the Crown of England, there to find with their family needed and more abundant substance. They together with all their family are therefore on their long wearisome and dangerous journey, recommend to the protection of

the Almighty, to the love of our faithful Savior, Jesus, and to the Communion of the Holy Ghost, to keep and preserve their well-being both of body and soul. I gladly recommend them to the helpful care of all ecclesiastical and civil superiors, as no less to the Christian Charity of everybody."

Essenheim is in the jurisdiction of the Electorate Palatinate, not far from Manitz, May 2, 1742.

"J. Rademher, Reformed Minister."

Johann Michael Baulus was born in 1699, and his wife Catharine in 1705. They were married in 1723. Their oldest daughter, Christina, was born in 1725 and instructed for holy communion in 1739. Their second daughter, Apollonia, was born in 1731; their third daughter, Magdalena in 1734; their fourth daughter, Maria, in 1736; a son, John Adam, in 1740, and a son Lorenz in 1743; and a son Henry was born after the family came to America.

From another source, we gather the following facts; John Philip Adam Paules was born in Hattenbach, in Oberamt Litzberg, March 28, 1725. He was the father of the following children: Philip Jacob, born March 30, 1762; Adam, July 14, 1763; Stophel, April 6, 1765; Catharine, 1767; Henry, November 10, 1770.

Johann Michael Paules arrived in Philadelphia, September 3, 1742, on ship *Loyal Judith* from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.

Lawrence Paules settled in Virginia.

Henry, the youngest son, who was born in this country, settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania.

Among the children of Henry Paules was a son by the name of Henry, who was a wood-chopper by trade and lived in Longswamp township, and later moved into the upper end of Lehigh county. He and his wife used to walk to Berks county, visiting friends. He had a brother in Philadelphia who was a baker by trade. He was born in 1777 and died in 1857. He was married to Susanna Brensinger, who died in 1872.

Mr. Paules was a pious man and well versed in the Bible. He and his wife are buried at the Heidelberg church. They had the following children: Daniel, mentioned later; Henry, settled at Danville, Pa.; John, lived in Berks county; Catharine, married Solomon Stiehl; Sallie, married Daniel Shirey; Anna, married Reuben Shirey; Sophie, died young.

Samuel Paules, son of Henry and Susanna (Brensinger) Paules, was born October 14, 1815, in Berks county. He moved to Heidelberg township about 1838. He married Margaret R. Dorward born February 2, 1822, died

February 21, 1902. They were members of the Evangelical Church and both are buried at Slatedale. He worked for many years at Lehigh Furnace. They had the following children: Levi, of Slatedale, died March 3, 1911, in his 96th year; Susan, married to John Lewis; Stephen of Easton; William D., of Slatedale, born May 15, 1849, and connected with the slate industry since 1864; Tilghman of Allentown; and Francis, also of Allentown, who was born May 1, 1857, near Lehigh furnace, married to Anna E. Shirey, who died August 9, 1890, and they had three children: Annie V. (wife of Samuel Schleifer); Gertrude E. (graduate of the Stroudsburg Normal School, and teacher at Bethlehem); Rev. Samuel (Lutheran Minister at Perkasio).

Francis Paules was married a second time to Ida Weiss, and they had five children: Llewellyn F., Harrison A., Edna R., Allen J., and Ralph W.

Daniel Paules (son of Henry and Susanna) was born in Goshenhoppen, Montgomery county, and learned the moulding trade at old Lehigh furnace, which he followed for many years. Later he took to farming in Washington township, one mile north of Slatedale on what is known as the sand-spring farm, and he continued to live there until his death at the age of 82 years. He was married to Miss Eck, with whom he had five sons: Daniel D., mentioned later; Marcus, John, Emanuel, and Henry, who was drowned in the Lehigh canal. He was married a second time to Maria Blose and they had one daughter, Maria, married to Elijah Hartline.

Daniel S. Paules, son of Daniel and ——— (Eck) Paules, was born in Washington township, April 10, 1837. When but eight years of age he started boating on the Lehigh canal, and he followed it for thirteen years. He then worked at the Lehigh furnace for five years. During the Civil War he began to work at the old Lock Slate Quarry and continued working in the slate industry until he was seventy years old, when he retired. Since 1878 he lives at Slatington. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church which he has served as deacon and elder. He died February 18, 1912. He was married to Leanna Walp, daughter of Reuben Walp. She was born April 26, 1840, and died December 26, 1909. They had eleven children: Clara, Rebecca, wife of William Rohrbach; John J., William H., James M., Robert D., Cora, wife of Edwin Laudenslager; Clara, wife of William Deibert; infant daughter, Hattie.

JOHN J. PAULES, Superintendent of the Blue Vein and Provident Slate quarries at Slatington,

was born at Lehigh furnace September 21, 1866. When only nine years of age he started to work in the slate quarries, and he has been connected with the slate industry ever since. He became the superintendent of the Kuntz & Jacobs Slate Co. in 1887 and continued with them until 1891 when he became the superintendent of the Blue Vein and Provident Slate Co. He holds one-fourth interest in the latter company which was organized April 1, 1910, and employs one hundred people. He is a Progressive Republican and served in the Town Council of Slatington. He and family are members of the Reformed Church in which he served as deacon. He holds membership in the Knights of Honor, P. O. S. of A., and the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1887 he was married to Ida R. Haines, daughter of Lawrence and Polly (Snyder) Haines. They had an only child, Lawrence D., born 1895 and died 1896. In 1910 Mr. Paules built his present fine brick residence at the corner of Church and Second streets.

WILLIAM H. PAULES, the superintendent of the Eureka Slate Co., Slatington, was born July 12, 1869, and his entire active life has been spent in the slate industry, beginning at the age of nine years. In 1895 he became foreman of the Provident Slate Co. No. 1, which position he filled for two years when he became assistant superintendent of the Hazel-Dell. In 1900 he became superintendent of the Eureka Slate Co., which employs seventy-five men. He holds membership in the Knights of Malta and P. O. S. of A., having passed through all the chairs of the latter society. He is a member of the Town Council since 1904, serving as president since 1908, and is a Progressive Republican. He is a member of the Reformed Church. In 1901 he was married to Alice T. Reber, daughter of Irwin and Lydia (Handwerk) Reber, of Upper Whitehall township, and they had three children: Hilda (deceased), Ida (deceased), and an infant son.

JAMES M. PAULES, superintendent of the Hazel-Dell Slate Co., was born September 16, 1872. Like his older brothers he started to work around slate quarries at the age of nine years and has been connected with the business all his life. In 1893 he became superintendent of Hazel-Dell Slate Co. which position he has filled very creditably ever since. This is one of the most successful slate companies in the entire slate belt and it operates the deepest quarry in the region. They employ fifty-five men. Mr. Paules is a member of the Knights of Malta, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, and P. O. S. of A., having filled all the offices in the last society. He served as school director for eight years and

is a member of the Progressive Republican party. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He was married to Florence Hausman, who died April 17, 1911.

ROBERT D. PAULES, the fourth son of Daniel S. and Leanna (Walp) Paules, was born in Walnutport, March 4, 1875. At an early age he started to work in a slate quarry. In 1896 he was made foreman of the Hazel-Dell Slate Co. and in 1900 became superintendent of the Provident Slate Co. at their quarry at Danielsville. In 1911 he became superintendent of Provident No. 1 at Emerald, succeeding his brother who became superintendent of the Blue-Vein at Slatedale. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, of which he is Past Commander; also of the P. O. S. of A. of which he is a Past President, and also Past District-President. Politically he is identified with the Progressive Republican party. He served for three years on the school board in Lehigh township, Northampton county. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He has been active in the Sunday school, having filled the office of Secretary for three years. He was married to Carrie Henritz, daughter of Lewis Henritz (whose full record appears in this publication), and they had six children: Anna A., Lewis B., Homer H., Ruth E., Alice U., and Irene H.

#### LEWIS P. PAVIA.

Lewis P. Pavia, of the Pavia Shuttle Co., Allentown, was born at Napolis, in Italy, on Oct. 10, 1883, and there educated in the public school until twelve years old. Then he accompanied his parents to America, who settled at Paterson, N. J., and there he learned the trade of silk-weaver, which he followed for three years. Next he entered the employ of I. A. Hall & Co., manufacturers of shuttles and he remained with them four years. Appreciating the opportunities for an enterprise of this kind at Allentown, he was joined by his father and brother, and they organized a company for the manufacture of shuttles, tensions, and silk loom equipment, under the name of The Pavia Shuttle Co., which was incorporated in 1907. Mr. Pavia was elected a secretary of the company and through his skilful management of its affairs, a large trade has been developed with the silk mills of the United States.

Mr. Pavia was married to Florence Phifer, a daughter of William Phifer, of Allentown.

#### PEARSON FAMILY.

The family is of German origin and originally the name was spelled—Bearson. William Hen-

ry Bearson, the ancestor, was twenty-two years old when he came to America, settling in Bucks county, Pa. He reared a large family of children, among whom were: Henry (1782-1863), Isaac (1784-1850), Jacob (1786-1871), Amon M. (1791-1864), and there were a number of daughters.

Isaac Pearson was born in Northampton county Dec. 12, 1784, and from his youth up he lived in Moore township. He was a farmer. He died on April 3, 1850, and is buried at the Stone church of which he was a Reformed member. His wife, a Miss Reimer, bore him these children: David; Isaac, Jr., who located in Ohio; George; Samuel; James, settled in Michigan; Adam; William; Abraham; Mary, married to Jacob Scholl; Mrs. Adam Rockel, and Mrs. William Laub. The sons all remained in Northampton county, except those mentioned to have moved elsewhere.

Abraham Pearson, son of Isaac, was born in 1819, and was a carpenter, erecting many buildings in Northampton county. He employed from ten to twelve men in the contracting business. He lived in Lower Mt. Bethel township until 1859, then removed to East Allen and there he died in 1891, aged 72 years. In politics he was first a Republican, but later he became a Democrat. He was a school director in the last-named township. Mr. Pearson served as chairman of the building committee that erected the parsonage of the St. John's church, at Howertown, Pa. His wife, Sarah, *nee* Hartzell, died at an advanced age. They had these children: Hiram; Rebecca Ann, married to Milton Woodring; George; Jeremiah and Emma.

HIRAM PEARSON, a retired citizen in Hanover township, this county, was born in Lower Mount Bethel township, Feb. 26, 1841. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools when the terms were four months per school year. He inherited the trade of wood worker from his father and for five years was employed in the car shops at Stemton, Packer-ton, and Fullerton. He had enlisted, Oct. 7, 1862, in Co. D, 153d Regt., Pa., Vol., for nine months, but he was in service upwards of ten months and fought the three days in the battle of Gettysburg, receiving wounds while in action, whose scars he will carry to his grave. At the expiration of the first enlistment he re-enlisted as a carpenter and after the general surrender was at Richmond, Va., and there assisted in unloading and putting together of box cars, that were shipped there by boat and again served the government upwards of two years. In the Greenwood Cemetery, at Howertown, Pa., is a beautiful and very costly monument, which was

erected by Mr. Pearson, in honor of the 153d Regiment, and its services in defense of the country, both at Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg. After the war he again worked in the car shops, then burned lime for three years. Afterward he bought his uncle, Samuel Pearson's, farm of 82 acres, situated in Allen township, which he cultivated about six years. In 1891 he moved to Hanover township, where he had purchased and since occupies a 13-acre tract, near Shoenersville. He and family are Reformed members of the Howertown church, which he has served as a deacon. In 1880 he married Catharine Beil, a daughter of George and Sarah (Beichey) Beil. They have two children, namely: Frank, of Hanover; and Amandes, also a farmer in Hanover, who is married to Ella Kleincuff, and they have a daughter, Bertha.

#### PETER FAMILY.

Caspar Peter arrived in Philadelphia on the ship "Louthier," Oct. 14, 1731. It is possible and doubtless probable, that he was the father of Jacob, Casper, and Rudolph Peter, who located in Heidelberg township, now Lehigh county, at an early day. As to the country or the locality from whence these came, we have no positive knowledge, but that they were of German extraction and emigrated from Switzerland, is submitted as a foregone conclusion.

Jacob Peter was granted a warrant for a tract of land in Heidelberg township on March 12, 1743, and another warrant was granted him Feb. 22, 1745, and other warrants were also received by him at later dates. In addition to the above, he purchased a tract of 100 acres of land from Margaret Shentler, and son, Conrad, in 1762. He also purchased a tract of 25 acres from Henry Reinhard, in 1762. In 1764 he sold a tract of 250 acres to John Hunsicker. His last will and testament dated June 20, 1777, shows that he was the owner of other lands.

In 1762, in Heidelberg township, Jacob, Casper, and Rudolph Peter, were assessed 10 pounds each, and in 1764, each of these three brothers were assessed on 100 acres of land. In 1785, in Heidelberg township, were taxed, Casper Peter, on 154 acres; Jacob Peter, 268 acres, in 1788, 398 acres; John Peter, 250 acres; Philip Peter, 75 acres. In 1788, William Peter for 225 acres; Dewalt Peter, 129 acres; Philip Peter, Jr., 150 acres; and Nicholas Peter was a single man and a carpenter.

Jacob Peter (17—1788), was the father of five sons and five daughters. The names of his daughters are unknown. The sons were: John Ulrich, a soldier in the Revolution; Philip Jacob; Philip: Daniel: and Nicholas Peter.

Philip Peter (2d), of Heidelberg township, removed to North Whitehall township; was married to Elizabeth Stettler. Issue: Anna M., born 1787; Salome, born 1789; Philip, born 1792; Magdalena, born 1793; Catherine, born 1796; Lydia, born 1799; Daniel, born 1801; and Susanna Peter.

Philip Peter (3d), married Catherine Deibert. He died March 17, 1850. Issue: Maria; Eliza; Leah; Moses; Santee; Susanna; Aaron, died single; Edward; Catherine; Lewis P.

Nicholas Peter (5th), son of Jacob Peter (1st) married Elizabeth , and they had issue: John Jacob, Elias, Daniel, Elizabeth.



HOMESTEAD OF GODFREY PETER, NEAR NEW-SIDE, HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP.

Caspar Peter, one of the three brothers, evidently settled in Heidelberg township some years after his brother, Jacob, had settled there.

The first warrant granted to Casper Peter, is dated March 12, 1752, and another bears the date of June 14, 1765. He later on became possessed of other large tracts of land. He resided about one mile east of the Heidelberg church. There he built a house in 1761, and in the wall of it was a stone bearing the inscription, "1761, C. P." This house was erected on one of the tracts of land which Casper conveyed to his son, Jacob, in 1785, and Jacob and Susanna, his wife, conveyed the premises to their son, Casper, and he in turn to his son, Godfrey, and Godfrey to his sons, Levi and Gideon H. Peter. It is not



known at what time Casper Peter died, or where he is buried. His wife died in 1795, and she was buried in the old graveyard at the Heidelberg church. The inscription on her tombstone reads thus:

"Hier Ruhet in Gott, Anna Elizabeth eine geborne Ribsamin Casper Peter's eheliche hausfrau. Ist geboren den 15 ten tag Mertz, 1724. Im Ehestand gelebt 34 jahr 6 mon. Geboren drei Kinder. Starb dem 26 ten tag July, 1795. Alt 71 Jahr, 4 monat, and 11 tag."

Casper Peter and Elizabeth Ribsamin had the following children: Jacob, born March 22, 1751; John; and Casper, born Feb. 11, 1753.

Jacob Peter (1st), was a farmer in Heidelberg township, in the part now included in Washington township. He owned 350 acres of land situated about one mile east of the Heidelberg church, and he resided on part of the same. He also owned other large tracts of land. He married Susanna Rex, daughter of George Rex. Issue: John, Casper, J. Jacob, Susanna, and Margaretta Peter.

John (1st), born May 17, 1773, married Elizabeth Bloss. He died March 21, 1857, and was buried at Frieden's church. Issue: Susanna, born 1795; Elizabeth; Jonas; Magdalena; Margaretta; John; Henry; Anna M.; Catherine; Michael and William, born 1813.

Casper, Jr., was a farmer on 173 acres deeded to him by his father, May 17, 1803. He died Nov. 15, 1841, and was buried in Heidelberg church cemetery. He married Juliana Bloss. Issue: Daniel, (1798-1826); John Casper, born 1797, had a son, Gideon; Godfrey.

Godfrey Peter, son of Casper and Juliana (Bloss) Peter, was born March 19, 1800. He married Lydia Harter. Issue: Levi, Gideon H., Tilghman, Owen H., and Maria Peters.

Gideon H. Peter, the second son of Godfrey and Lydia (Harter) Peter, was a life-long farmer, succeeding to his father's homestead. He was an active member of the Heidelberg Reformed church, serving it as deacon, elder and trustee.

He married Maria Hunsicker. Issue: Henry Wilson, born 1854; John Francis; Osville Levi; Eliver Godfrey, born Sept. 15, 1866.

OSVILLE L. PETER, son of Gideon H. and Maria (Hunsicker) Peter, was born Aug. 29, 1860, at Saegerville. He was reared to farm life and began farming on the tract of land which was the original Casper Peter homestead. He became the owner of 102 acres of this land in 1885, and operates it as a truck farm.

The present house was built by Godfrey Peter, and the barn by his father in 1867. In this barn is a stone bearing date and initials "1761. C. P.," meaning Casper Peter. The stone was taken

from the wall of the original house. Mr. Peters is a member of the Reformed church at Heidelberg, having served as a deacon for several years. He is connected with the Mutual Aid Society, of Lowhill township, and a member of Camp No. 391, P. O. S. of A., at Saegerville.

Osville L. Peter married, in 1884, Adaline Clauss, daughter of Frank and Caroline (George) Clauss. Issue: Ralph H., who married Maude Weiss; Minnie M. (Mrs. George W. H. Schneck); Claude O., graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1911, and now a teacher; Hayden McKinley; Linda C.; and Helen A. Peters.

Owen H. Peters, son of Godfrey and Maria (Hunsicker) Peter, was married to Elmina Peter, daughter of Abraham and Salinda (Krause) Peter, born in 1843. Issue: Howard A.; John; Charles L., born 1870; Henry Wilson, born in 1872; Fred; Emma L.; and Annie J. Peter, born in 1875.

HOWARD A. PETER, son of Owen H. Peter, and grandson of Godfrey and Lydia (Harter) Peter, is the merchant and postmaster at Germansville. He was born June 12, 1862, at Saegerville. At the age of nineteen years he learned the tanning trade at Saegerville, serving as an apprentice for two years, and later pursued a commercial course at the Bryant and Stratton Business College, at Baltimore, Md. He was graduated from this institution in 1883 and spent the following thirteen months in the West. In the fall of 1885 he formed a partnership with his father, Owen H. Peter, under the firm name of Owen H. Peter & Son. They succeeded the firm of Peter & Moser, tanners at Saegerville, which firm commenced business in 1863. The firm of Owen H. Peter & Son conducted a successful business until 1905, continuing longer than any other tannery in that section. From 1905 to 1908, Mr. Peter was engaged as a lumber merchant and employed about twenty men. In 1908 he purchased the store and hotel at Germansville and conducts both in a very successful manner, enjoying the confidence and patronage of his community.

Mr. Peter is actively identified with the Republican party, and is a recognized leader in his district. He served as township committeeman for ten years; was a delegate to the state convention in 1896; and was census enumerator of Heidelberg township in 1890; also served as auditor of the township in which he is popular.

Socially Mr. Peter is connected with the P. O. S. of A., of Saegerville. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Heidelberg church, which he has served as deacon.

On March 4, 1889, he was married to Cora A. Bachman, the estimable daughter of Phaon and Madina (Kistler) Bachman, of Lynn township. They have six children, namely: Hattie M.; Russell A.; Sallie E.; Earl B., who died in infancy; and Viola I.

Philip Peter was married to Elizabeth Stetler. They lived on a farm along the Jordan creek, southwest of Schnecksville. The name Philip Peter appears in Captain Simson's company, First Pa. Regimental Line, in 1778. Philip Peter and wife had eight children: Daniel; Philip; Elizabeth, married Abraham Jacob; Susanna, married to Abraham Schaadt; Sallie, married to Abraham Bearer; Catharine, married to Joseph Gross; a daughter, married to Mr. Guth; another daughter, married to Mr. Eisenhard.

Daniel Peter, son of Philip and Elizabeth Peter, was born March 3, 1801, and died June 11, 1875. He was married to Elizabeth Gross, born July 3, 1802, and died March 27, 1872. They were the parents of nine children: Frank, married Sarah Semmel; Alfred, married to Miss Fegley; Henry, married to Magdalena Deibert; Charles, married (first) to Sarah Troxell, issue: Frank, Mary, and Oscar. He married (second) Louisa Kern. Issue: Emma, Elizabeth, and Newton; Morgan, married Maria Kemmerer. Issue: Rev. Madison C., of New York, Rev. Joseph, Rev. Morgan, of Palmerton; Judith, married Adam Garey; Magdalena, married Abraham Horn; Sallie, married Edwin Weaver; Lizzie, married Solomon Lichtenwalner.

RICHARD D. PETER, son of Franklin, was born in Heidelberg township, Feb. 7, 1871. He was reared on a farm and in 1896 he moved to Allentown and began clerking in a grocery store, which occupation he followed until 1905, when he started in business for himself at Ninth and Chew streets, Allentown. He and family are members of the Reformed Church. In 1893, he was married to Lillie Best, a daughter of Lewis and Louise (Billheimer) Best. Two children were born to them. viz: Norman R., and Helen C.

Philip Peter, son of Philip, was born Jan. 14, 1792, and died March 17, 1850. He was married to Catharine Deibert, born Dec. 29, 1811. They were the parents of the following children: Aaron; Moses; Nathaniel; Edward; Leah, married to Jacob Woodring; Catharine, married to Thomas Engler; Susan, married to Edward Overholzer; Eliza, married to Thomas Kressler; Magdalena, married to Mr. Dreisbach; and Lewis.

Nathaniel Peter, son of Philip, was born June 2, 1820, and died Aug. 21, 1887. He was married to Clarissa Hausman, who died Feb. 28, 1908, a daughter of Daniel Hausman. They

had children, as follows: Fianna, wife of Peter Scherer; Maria, wife of Wm. LeFever; Jeremiah, married to Emma Johnson; Erasmus, married to Jerusha Falk; Richard F., mentioned below; Ellen K.; Ida, wife of Cosmus Kuhns; Wilson, married to Ellen Mosser; Howard, married to Bertha Dorward; and Milton.

RICHARD F. PETERS, huckster, of Coplay, son of Nathaniel, was born March 30, 1870, in North Whitehall township. In 1880, his parents moved to Ruchsville, where he worked on the farm. In 1892 he commenced the huckstering business at Ormrod, where he lived nine years. Later he lived at Mechanicsville and Ballietsville, and in 1899 he moved to Coplay, where he has since resided and carried on his business. Politically he is a Democrat and in 1910 he was elected a member of the borough council. Mr. Peter and family are members of the Reformed congregation at Unionville. He is a member of Camp 378, P. O. S. of A., of Guthsville.

In 1890, he married Ida L. Acker, a daughter of David and Mary (Carl) Acker. This union has been blessed with the following children: Stella, born Aug. 1, 1893, married to Merritt Trankely, a machinist for the Atlas Cement Company. Issue: Adele and Mildred; Jennie, born Aug. 1, 1893, died Oct. 3, 1911; Mamie E.; Elsie, born June 22, 1896, died Sept. 6, 1896; Laurie E.; Earl A., born July 2, 1906, died Oct. 18, 1908; Elda A.

LEWIS P. PETER, son of Philip and Catharine (Deibert) Peters, was born Jan. 12, 1836, in Whitehall township, on one of the tracts now included in the Trexler deer farm. His parents were farmers. When quite young he learned the milling trade at Kern's Mill, at Kernsville, and later was employed at Schantz's, and Schreiber's, and Lichtenwalner's mills, following the trade for fifteen years.

In 1873 he came to Allentown, and located at No. 122 North Seventh street, where he continued his business until the time of his death, on June 17, 1912. He began his business in a small way, employing one baker and a driver, but the business continued to grow and at one time he had employed twenty men; later he manufactured ice cream for the wholesale and retail trade. In politics he was a Republican, and he served a term as councilman of the Fourth ward. He was always most active in religious work, and was a liberal subscriber and contributor towards old Ebenezer Evangelical church. He was a firm believer in future sanctification and became a leader in the Holiness movement in Allentown. When the Holiness chapel was erected on Linden street, in 1908, he became a member of that church and he remained a pillar of it until

his death. He was greatly interested in the spiritual uplift of the city. He was charitable, public spirited, and an exemplary citizen and business man. He was married three times; first to Amanda Knerr, in 1857. She died in April, 1870. They had four children, viz: Elenora, who died, aged two years; Sallie, wife of Alfred Fritz; Ambrose F.; and Charles P., all of Allentown. He married (second) Emeline Lehr, who was born March 21, 1843, and died Jan. 28, 1895. One daughter, Ella M., wife of C. E. Ahlum, of Allentown, was born to this union. He married (third) Minnie E. Koch, a daughter of Samuel Koch, of Allentown.

AMBROSE F. PETERS, treasurer of the Peters & Jacoby Company, and a prominent church and Sunday school worker of Allentown, was born near Kernsville, Nov. 14, 1863, son of the late Lewis P. and Amanda (Knerr) Peters. He attended the local schools and the Allentown Business College. In 1877 he became associated with his father in the manufacture of ice cream; also in the baking and catering business, which he has followed up to the present time with marked success. The firm of Peters & Jacoby Company conducts along modern lines the finest eating establishment in Allentown. Mr. Peters is a member of the following organizations: Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.; Allen Council, No. 23; Allen Chapter, No. 203; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., of Allentown.

On Oct. 18, 1888, Mr. Peters married Helena Miller Pavey, a daughter of Rev. Charles and Helena (Miller) Pavey, an Englishman by birth, and a minister of the Baptist Church, who resided at Chalfonte, Bucks county, at the time of his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters, the following children were born: Ruth, a graduate of the Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem; Paul J.; Anna A.; Philip P.; Charlotte E.; Horace A.; Katharine H.; and Julia L.

FRANCIS PETERS, merchant, of Egypt, Pa., was born in Carbon county, Nov. 9, 1849. He was a student in the following institutions: Wyoming Seminary, Weaversville Academy, Kutztown State Normal School, and graduated from Crittenden's Commercial College, Philadelphia, in 1872. In 1869 and the following two years he taught in the public schools. In 1872 he entered the employ of Henry Scholl, at Bath, and worked for him six years. In 1877, he entered the employ of Milton J. Kramer, at Allentown, as clerk in the dry goods department. In 1878, he was employed as head clerk in the general store of I. A. Cleaver, of Berwin, Pa. From 1880 to 1883, he worked in the dry goods department of the store owned by A. A. Huber. The following

four years he was with W. P. Huber, at Allentown. In 1887, he moved to Cementon, and afterward occupied the old homestead of William F. George, his father-in-law. In 1888, he moved to Egypt, and engaged in the mercantile business for himself and he has followed it ever since. Mr. Peters and family are members of the Reformed church at Egypt. He holds membership in the following organizations: K. of G. E.; Red Men, and Royal Arcanum, all of Allentown; also the P. O. S. of A., of Egypt, of which he has been the treasurer for the last ten years.

He was married to Mary C. George, daughter of William F. and Maria (Kohler) George. To them the following have been born: Leroy G., Allen A., Raymond F., Earle W., Ruth I., Ralph R. and Harold E.

ALLEN A. PETERS, jeweler of Allentown, was born at Egypt, Pa., April 26, 1881, son of Francis and Mary C. (George) Peters. He was educated in the local schools and graduated from the High School of Whitehall township. He was employed by his father as clerk until he was eighteen years old, after which he took a course in the Philadelphia School of Horology, graduating in 1900. He then accepted a position with E. H. Wetherhold, jeweler at Allentown, and continued with him until July 5, 1902, at which time he engaged in business for himself, at No. 116 North Seventh street. In a few years he had established a fine business and enjoys a large patronage. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F. Mr. Peters and wife are members of St. Andrews Reformed church, Allentown. In 1904 he was married to Jennie, a daughter of H. H. Renninger, general merchant of Sassamansville, Pa. They have two children, Arthur A. and Catharine R.

David J. Peters was born near Best Station in Washington township, May 31, 1823, and died September 4, 1899. For a number of years he was proprietor of the Half-Way House, near Best Station. In 1869 he moved to Cementon, where he built the Laurel House, which he conducted for twenty-one years, when he retired and sold it to Joseph Mickley. He was a member of the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and trustee. He was married to Caroline Heilman and they had the following children: Francis; Jonathan; Elvina; Susan; Osville, of Leesport; Ellen; Dr. N. C., of Cementon; Sylvanus and Melvin.

SYLVANUS PETERS, farmer and teacher of Whitehall township, was born in Washington township December 9, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, from which institution he was graduated in 1890.

He taught school one term, in Washington township, and for many years he has been teaching in Whitehall township, being one of the oldest teachers in the service. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a member of the Reformed congregation of Mickley's church, in which he serves the office of trustee. In 1899 he was married to Margaret I. Ritter, a daughter of Charles B. and Isabella (Diehl) Ritter. The union is blessed with one son, Charles D. Peters.

Jonas A. Peters, son of Godfrey Peters, was married to Magdalena Peters and they had the following children: Moses, Owen, Jonas, Lewis, and Leah, married to Benjamin Kern.

Lewis Peters, son of Jonas, was born near Newside, October 24, 1843, and died January 10, 1912. He was brought up on the farm and worked for his father until he was married. After his marriage he was employed for two years by his father-in-law, after which he opened a store at Coplay, and later on he conducted a hotel in the building now owned and occupied by S. B. Walker. After the Eagle Hotel on the opposite corner was erected he relinquished the hotel business and for a short time conducted a restaurant. For a few years he ran a small engine for the Coplay Iron Company, when it went into the receiver's hands. He then accepted employment with the Coplay Cement Co., with whom he remained thirteen years, after which he was street commissioner of Coplay. He was a faithful and devoted member of Trinity Reformed church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee. He was married to Elemina Peters, born June 23, 1844, and died December 8, 1901. Unto them were born: Nathaniel B. E., and Talitha, the wife of William J. Jones, of Coplay.

NATHANIEL B. E. PETERS, son of Lewis and Elemina Peters, was born in Heidelberg township, September 9, 1865. At the age of thirteen years he began clerking in the general store of his uncle, Benjamin Kern, at Slatington, and remained with him for six years. For one year he was freight clerk and assistant operator for the L. V. R. R., at Slatington. Afterward he was employed as bookkeeper for G. B. Markle & Co., coal operators, at Jeddo, Pa. He remained in their employ for ten years, after which he worked for three years for M. S. Kemmerer & Co. In 1897 he came to Allentown, where he has since resided. He is engaged in the insurance, real estate and automobile business. He is a member of Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, F. & A. M., at Freeland, since 1896; Knights of the Mystic Chain; Alton Castle, No. 149, Loyal Order of Moose, No. 125; Fraternal Order of Tigers, Den No. 1, of which he is the state supreme com-

mander. He and family are members of Salem Reformed church.

In 1887 he was married to Anna L. Kunkel, daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Lentz) Kunkel, of Slatington. They are the parents of three children: Raymond C. and Clarence R., both graduates of the Allentown High School, and Errol K., a student in the Allentown High School.

Casper Peter, son of Casper and Elizabeth (Ribsam) Peter, was born February 11, 1753, in Heidelberg township, where he owned large tracts of land. He lived and died on the farm, later owned by Wilson Peter, on the road leading from Slatington to Neffs. He died in 1811.

He married Elizabeth Rockel, daughter of an early settler. It is supposed that she was born in the old country. Issue: Daniel; Godfrey; Henry, born 1782; John, born August 3, 1785; Casper, born 1787, and Jonas.

Jonas Peter, the youngest son of Casper and Elizabeth (Rockel) Peter, was born May 21, 1793. He married Sallie A. Hoffman. Issue: Charles and David.

Charles married Catharine German. Issue: Amanda (Mrs. Dr. A. P. Steckel), and Benjamin Peter.

David Peter, son of Jonas and Sallie A. (Hoffman) Peter, married Susan Peter, daughter of Joseph Peter. Issue: Alexander; Flora A., who married Dr. Edward P. Miller, whose children are: David A. Miller, the proprietor of the *Morning Call*, is married to Blanche A. Berkmeyer, and Samuel P. Miller, who married Cora A. Ziegenfuss.

Alexander Peter (1) married Elizabeth Peter, daughter of Andrew Peter. Issue: James S. Peter, Esq.; Olivia (Mrs. Leon Rex), and Harry A. Peter.

JAMES S. PETER, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Peter) Peter, was born February 27, 1858, at Best Station, Lehigh county. He was reared to farm life and assisted his father in conducting a store and hotel. He was educated in the public schools and the Keystone Normal School. After his father's decease, in 1898, he succeeded to the business which his father had established at an early day. He has served for fifteen years as Justice of the Peace of Washington township. In politics Mr. Peter is a Democrat.

In 1905 he was elected a county commissioner of Lehigh county, serving three years with credit to himself and his constituents. He successfully conducts Peter's general store in Washington township and also owns a large farm. He is married and has children.

Johannes Peter, son of Casper (1), was a resident of Heidelberg township. On December 19,



1785, his father deeded 274 acres of land to him. A part of this tract was located along the road leading from Pleasant Corner to Schnecksville. He married (first) Anna Maria, and their children were: Johannes, born May 12, 1768; Maria Catharine, 1771; Anna Margareta, 1773; George; Anna M.

Johannes Peter married (second) Magdalena \_\_\_\_\_, and they had a son, Michael, born December 14, 1782.

George Peter, son of Johannes and Anna Maria (\_\_\_\_\_, 1846), was a farmer on the place now owned by Clement Deibert, near Newside. He married (first) Eva Catharine Feller. Issue: John, born October 5, 1799; Andrew, baptized October 14, 1801; Christian, born March 28, 1804; Eva Catharine, born 1806 (Mrs. Hess).

George Peter married (second) Miss Hammler. Issue: George, born 1812, and Bernard, born June 18, 1817.

John Peter, son of George and Eva C. (Feller) Peter, was born October 5, 1779, near Newside. Upon attaining manhood he removed to what is now Catasauqua, Pa., when he became the owner of a large tract of land which is now embraced in the borough of Catasauqua.

John Peter married Susanna Rabert. Issue: Frank, who lived at Bethlehem, Pa.; Joseph, died in California; Violetta (Mrs. Daniel Siegfried); Matilda (Mrs. Samuel Bender); Massena, of Los Angeles (Mrs. David Jones), and Susan, born 1825, is the widow of Owen Schwartz and resides at Allentown. She is known as the grand old lady of Seibert United Evangelical church, at Ninth and Liberty streets. She is the mother of A. L. and Owen Schwartz.

Andrew Peter, the second son of George and Eva C. (Feller) Peter, was baptized October 14, 1801. He was reared upon the farm and followed that vocation near Newside. He married (first) Anna Maria Hensinger. Issue: Nathan, Caroline and Sallie.

Andrew Peter married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Weida. Issue: Elizabeth (Mrs. Alexander Peter); Louisa (Mrs. Aaron Dorward).

Andrew Peter married (third) Hannah Rex. Issue: Emilia, widow of John Wert.

Nathan Peter, son of Andrew and Anna Maria (Hensinger) Peter, was born April 28, 1822, near Newside, Pa. He was reared upon the farm and became the principal business man of his native town, which was formerly known as "Washington Square," and the postoffice was then Deibertsville, but on July 1, 1901, it became known as Newside.

He married Sarah A. Haines. Issue: Isabella, Henry A., Francis, Lewis A., Frank N., Sarah

M., Milton A., Louise H., Ellen S., Charles B. and Emma Peter.

FRANK N. PETERS, son of Nathan and Sarah A. (Haines) Peter, was born in Heidelberg township, July 7, 1853, and died June 10, 1907. When quite young he learned the moulding trade and was employed in the foundry all his life. He was at one time employed with his father and later became a member of the firm of F. N. Peters & Brother, which firm employs twenty people. They carry a full line of fencing and fire escapes and their trade throughout Eastern Pennsylvania. Their snow guards are sold throughout the eastern part of the United States.

Mr. Peters was a member of the Reformed Church and served in the choir at Unionville for a quarter of a century, and had been an active member of the Sunday school, having served as assistant superintendent and director of music for more than twenty-five years. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A. and Odd Fellows and a capable business man. His wife was Annie Shenton, of Slatedale. Mrs. Peters still resides at Newside. Their children were: Stanley P.; Worman; William, who died in childhood; Lena, who married Oliver G. Schneck; Annie, who died in infancy, and Dora, at home.

Stanley P. Peters, son of Frank N. and Annie (Shenton) Peter, was born August 9, 1883, in Heidelberg township, and was educated in the public schools of the township and at the Schnecksville High School. He was licensed to teach school, but owing to ill health never taught. He also attended Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass., for four years, from 1903 to 1907. While in his senior year his father died and he returned home to take charge of his father's business, which he has since conducted.

He married Nellie B. Moser, daughter of O. G. and Alice (Kern) Moser, of Neffs, Pa. He and family are members of the Unionville Reformed church choir. He is a professional baritone singer and also a cornetist.

MILTON A. PETERS, son of Nathan and Sarah A. Peters, was born in Washington township, September 3, 1857, and spent his early life on the farm. When a young man he learned the moulding trade in his father's foundry at Newside, and since 1860 is employed there, being the oldest employee. He and his family are members of Union Reformed church, and resided at Newside, Pa. Mr. Peters is a member of the following organizations: P. O. S. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M., Mutual Aid Beneficial Society, of Lowhill, Pa.

On September 3, 1881, he married Sarah A. Weaver, and they have an only daughter, Minnie, who married Howard F. Kressley and resides in Allentown. They have a daughter, Marie.

Rudolph Peter, one of the traditional "three brothers," was the progenitor of a large and influential branch of the family. He was identified with movements tending to advance the interests of his community. He was granted a land warrant in Heidelberg township, January 28, 1754. On December 22, 1769, he secured a patent on a large tract of land, situated in what is now Washington township. He was a hatter by trade. He once bought a tract of land for "three fine wool hats." He died in 1777. He married Susanna ———. Issue: William, born 1756; Ulrich, born 1763; Adam, born after 1763; Henry; Eva E., born in 1772; George, born August 27, 1775.

William Peter, son of Rudolph and Susanna Peter, was born in 1756. He succeeded to his father's homestead. He married, April 5, 1777, Magdalena Hunsicker. Issue: Johannes, William, Susanna, Catherine, Henry, Anna M., Maria B., Julianna, Jacob, Elizabeth, Joseph, John George, Salome, Daniel and Maria Eva Peter. She received from her husband, Rudolph's estate, £75, 16s, 5d, as did each of four of his children.

Daniel Peter, youngest son of William and Magdalena (Hunsicker) Peter, was born in 1802. He married Maria Fenstermacher. Issue: Sabina; Maria (Mrs. Reuben Green); Monroe; Neri; Daniel; Emilia (Mrs. William Rehrig), and Julia (Mrs. Stephen Berlin).

Sabina, born in 1824, married Charles App. Issue: Amandus W. and Thomas App. Monroe, born 1829, married Flora Anna German. Issue: Lewis B., Marietta M., Nathaniel Henry, Oscar B., Jeremiah, Emma, Ellen, Alvin and Catharine Peter.

Neri Peters, son of Daniel and Magdalena (Hunsicker) Peter, was born November 6, 1831. He married Serena Scheirer. Issue: Ellen J., Robert, Neri F., James W., Joseph D., Lewis F., George W., Mary A. and Ida F. Peters.

REV. NERI F. PETERS, son of Neri and Serena (Scheirer) Peter, was born May 19, 1857, and became pastor of St. John's Reformed church at Slatington, Pa. He married Servana J. Kuntz. Issue: Allan W., Edna R. and Esther M. Peters.

JAMES W. PETERS, a son of Neri and Serena (Scheirer) Peter, was born at Egypt, January 16, 1864, and attended the public schools of Whitehall township. He was employed on his father's farm until eighteen years of age; was then employed on the Breinig brothers' farm for two years and later was a clerk in the employ of P. E. Stem & Company at Stempton, Pa. In the spring of 1886 he removed to Minneapolis, Minn., and in the fall of the same year removed to Cadott, Wis., where he was a clerk in a store

for three years. Later he returned to his native state, remaining there two weeks, and then went to Hammond, Ia., where he engaged in the grocery business for one year. He then traveled through the Western states and returning to Egypt, his native town, to engage in business and continued there to the present time.

In 1901 he was married to Clara Kohler, daughter of Lewis and Pauline (Newhard) Kohler, and their children were: Helen, who died in early childhood, and James W., Jr.

Mr. Peters and his family reside at Egypt, where they are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Peters is a director of the Lehigh Bank, at Catasauqua, and treasurer of the Egypt Cemetery Association. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Allentown. He is a Republican in politics.

JOSEPH D. PETERS, son of Neri and Serena (Scheirer) Peters, was born January 16, 1864, in Whitehall township. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and when a young man held clerical positions in stores at Ashley and Allentown. He subsequently cultivated the old homestead, continuing there for 25 years. Afterwards he formed a partnership with Oliver Leh, as Leh & Peters, to do general contracting, also as dealers in crushed stone, coal and wood. They have continued in business to the present time (1913). Mr. Peters owns the old Steckel homestead at Egypt on which is a stone house still standing which was built in 1756. In politics he is a Republican. He is an assessor in the township and a member of Egypt Reformed church, which he has served as a trustee, deacon and elder. He is a member of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., of Allentown.

Joseph D. Peters married, March 29, 1888, Ellen J. Ruch, daughter of Calvin and Melecena (Brobst) Ruch. Issue: Ida S., a professional nurse; Sadie M., and four others who died in infancy, viz.: Alfred D., Harry D., Florence H. and Allen J. Peters.

J. Jacob Peter, the third son of Jacob and Susanna (Rex) Peter, was born December 22, 1777. He cultivated the homestead farm, about one mile east of the Heidelberg church, consisting of 182 acres, deeded to him on May 20, 1803, by his father. He died August 14, 1816. He married Margaretta Moser, daughter of Michael Moser. Issue: Abraham, Daniel, Jonas, Susanna, Elizabeth, Catharine. He married, second, Maria Hunsicker. Issue: Maria, Barbara and Rebecca.

Abraham Peter, son of Jacob and Margaretta (Moser) Peter, was born October 24, 1807. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the schools of the day. Before marriage he was a shoemaker. Subsequently he became a farmer at

Saegersville. He also dealt extensively in cattle. He was a prominent member of the Heidelberg church. He died January 13, 1878, after an active and successful life. Abraham Peter married Salinda Krause, daughter of Philip Krause. Issue: Wilson K.; Elemina, deceased, born December 27, 1843, and married Owen H. Peter, and Lewis K., born November 16, 1851, married Jane Hunsicker. Issue: A son, Charles Eugene Peter.

WILSON K. PETER, author of the Peter Family History, and for six years president of the "Peter Family Re-union," was the oldest son of Abraham and Salina (Krause) Peter, and was born September 7, 1836, at Saegersville. He was educated in the public schools and the Allentown Seminary. In his youth he taught school for some time. In 1858 his father gave him a one-half interest in a farm of upwards of 200 acres at Saegersville; also a house, which he built for his own occupancy in 1860.

Mr. Peter conducted this farm until 1895. In 1872 he became interested in the Saegersville Slate Co. About the year 1886 he and E. D. Peters formed a partnership, styled E. D. Peters & Co., and they operated slate quarries in several counties, and also were engaged in mercantile business at Slatington. In 1901 he sold his slate interest to his partner and retained his store interest at Slatington until 1906, when he retired after a busy and useful career of over half a century. He was an able fire insurance man of Lehigh county. The Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Co. of Lehigh County was organized in 1865, and in 1871 Wilson K. Peter became a director of it. Its president, Daniel Bastian, died in 1880 and without the knowledge of Mr. Peter he was unanimously elected his successor and from year to year was re-elected to this office, which he served with high credit until his death. The company carries over \$15,000,000 of insurance, which reflected the confidence reposed in the administration of its president and the ability of its officials. He was an independent Republican. When not quite of legal age, he was appointed assessor of Heidelberg township. He was subsequently elected to the same position.

He was a Justice of the Peace and for many years a school director of his native township and for many years identified with all measures tending to the betterment of his community. He was an elder for many years of the Heidelberg Reformed congregation.

He died February 5, 1912, of apoplexy and was buried in the Heidelberg church cemetery. He had a wide circle of friends and was of a very cheerful disposition and was blessed in having his faculties well preserved up to the time of his

decease. He spent his later years in historical research, which has been of great benefit to those of the name and future generations.

In 1860 he married Kate, a daughter of William and Susanna (Kuntz) Mosser. They have seven children, namely: Jennie S., widow of John G. Strutz; Ellen S., a twin of Jennie S., is married to Alvin Anthony; Samuel W., Harvey W., William A. and Edward J.

JACOB B. PETERS, late of Slatington, Pa., was born in what is now Washington township, November 16, 1824. He was a son of Jonas Peter, a farmer between Slatington and Rockdale, in Washington township. The homestead is now owned by the grandson, Benjamin Peter. Jonas Peter is buried at Unionville church. His wife had been Catharine Bowman the issue being: Thomas, deceased; Jonas, deceased; Eliza; Daniel, deceased; Harvey, deceased; John, deceased; Jacob B. and Lovina.

Dewalt Peter, the grandfather of Jacob B., was a farmer by occupation, his farm passing into the hands of his son, Jonas.

Jacob B. Peters was reared on the farm, working in his father's saw-mill and wool cording mill. Later, together with his brother, Thomas, they operated the saw-mill for his father until 1858. Said year Jacob B. and Thomas formed a partnership under the firm name of J. & T. Peters and conducted a general store at Treichlers for one year, when, owing to the ill health of his brother Thomas, L. E. Slaugh became a member of the firm under the name of Slaugh & Peter. This was continued for one year, when they sold to Geiger & Kunkle. Jacob B. then took a pleasure trip throughout the West, visiting seventeen states. Returning to Lehigh county in 1860, he then clerked for five years for Solomon Boyer at Crackersport, in South Whitehall township. In 1865 he took another western trip, returning the latter part of said year. In 1866 he engaged in the mercantile business on Main street, Slatington, which business he continued successfully until 1885, when he retired from business in order to devote his attention to the care of his properties and other interests. Mr. Peter, at various time, owned a number of farms and at his death was in possession of several valuable business places as well as a number of dwelling houses in the borough of Slatington. He was a member of the Reformed Church. Together with his sister, Lovina, he resided at 411 East Washington street, Slatington, where he died in 1914.

JOHN F. PETERS, proprietor of the "Sunny Side Farm," Washington township, near Slatington, Pa., was born July 7, 1856. Mr. Peters was a son of Gideon and Maria (Hunsicker) Peters,

and a grandson of Godfrey Peters. He was reared on his father's homestead in Heidelberg township and worked for his father until 1882, when he began farming in Washington township on the "Sunny Side Farm." This farm consists of 102 acres and was formerly the property of John Fenstermacher. The house on this farm was built in 1799 and a photograph of it appears in these columns. The thick walls are of solid sandstone and since its erection has been remodeled several times. The barn was built in 1852, and at the time was one of the largest in the upper end of Lehigh county. The dimensions are 46 by 65 feet and it is most substantially built.

Mr. Peters possesses the tract of land east of "Sunny Side Farm" and also the adjoining farm of 107 acres. The former was part of the Fenstermacher estate and was acquired from Jacob Rockel, who, in 1845, erected a stone dwelling house, still standing. The latter property was the homestead of Thomas Kuntz, and the house on this property is one of the oldest in this section having been built in 1797. A photograph of this house is presented herewith. A spring-house near this house, still standing, was built many years before. It is still in good condition and served as a dwelling until 1797. A unique feature of these farms are the springs and their excellent water.

Mr. Peters is an active citizen of his community, and served as auditor of the township for many years. He is president of the South Whitehall Mutual Live Stock Insurance Co., since 1898. He is a capable business man and is a faithful protector of the interests of others. Mr. Peters spent a small fortune for the intellectual development of his children, besides they were trained by example.

On May 26, 1877, he was married to Emma Wotring, daughter of Elias and Matilda (Hartman) Wotring, and eight children were born to them, as follows: Rev. Albert G., pastor of St. Stephens Reformed church, Perkasio, Pa., who was born on his grandfather's homestead in Heidelberg township, February 27, 1879. He attended the public schools of Washington township, the Summer Normal School conducted by Prof. J. P. Deibert, at Schnecksville, and a session at the Keystone Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He taught school at Lehigh Gap for two years and entered Ursinus College in 1899, from which institution he was graduated in 1903. During the same year he entered Ursinus School of Theology, of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with first honor in 1906. He received the Junior prize in Hebrew; the Middler's prize in New Testament Greek; the Senior prize in Reformed Church History. From 1903 to 1905

he attended the Neff College of Oratory and in 1905 and 1906 he was an instructor in oratory and mind development at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., under Rev. Russell H. Conwell, L.L.D. He accepted a call as assistant pastor of the Dryland charge in Northampton county, and in 1907 accepted a call from the Grace St. Stephen's charge at Lebanon. Here he organized St. Stephen's congregation and in 1910, owing to the growth of the congregation, resigned the pastorate of Grace congregation and continued as pastor of the new congregation until 1912, when he accepted a call from St. Stephen's Reformed church at Perkasio. In 1911 this congregation built a Sunday school building, parsonage and garage at a cost of \$43,000.00.

On August 8, 1906, Rev. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Xenia L. Helfrich, daughter of John A. Helfrich, M.D., of Allentown, and they have three children: Ruth H., Miriam L. and Mary E.

Sidney R. is a graduate of East Stroudsburg State Normal School, class of 1901, and began to teach school at Lehigh Gap. Since 1903 he is principal of Emerald public schools. Mr. Peters has always been active in Sunday school work and now serves as a teacher of the Adult Bible class in St. John's Sunday school at Slatington. He was married to Minnie A., daughter of Henry O. and Mary (Kern) Kern, and they have a daughter, Marion E.

Herbert W. E. was a farmer on his father's homestead, formerly the Kuntz homestead, until in the spring of 1913, when he moved to Mahony Valley, Carbon county, where he purchased a 90-acre farm which he now cultivates. It was the homestead of Godfrey Peters, an uncle of Mrs. Peters. His wife was Cora Wertman, a daughter of Alfred Wertman, of Sittlers, Pa., and they have a daughter, Esther.

Dr. Rollo O. received his education in the public schools of his district. He was graduated from North Whitehall High School in 1903; Allentown Preparatory School in 1905, and the University of Pennsylvania, with a degree of D.D.S. in 1909. He located at Slatedale, Pa., and was the first dentist to locate here. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley Dental Society and the Pennsylvania State Dental Society. He married on Thanksgiving Day, 1912, to Lottie P. Rex, daughter of Milton Rex, of Slatedale.

Warren J. was educated in the public schools of South Whitehall township, was graduated from the South Whitehall High School in 1909, Allentown Preparatory School in 1910 and is a Junior at Ursinus College, preparing for a professional career and will graduate in 1914.

Wallace H., who assists his father on the farm.



Emma M., who will graduate from Slatington High School in 1914.

Grace M.

Nathan Peter, a farmer, lived near Schnecksville, and is buried at the Unionville church. His wife, Eliza Hensinger, died in March, 1887, aged 69 years. He died in 1889 aged 72 years. Their children follow: Elias; Nathan; Lewis, of Iron-ton; Alfred; Joseph; Cornelius, of Lynnpport; Oliver, of Rising Sun, and Alice, married to Fred Meisner, of Allentown. Elias, Nathan, Alfred and Joseph are deceased.

Nathan Peter, son of Nathan, was born November 30, 1843, in North Whitehall. He was a cigar-maker at Schnecksville and from there, in 1884, moved to Allentown, where he died November 29, 1908. He and his wife were members of the Salem Reformed church. Their children follow: Maggie; Dr. Rewellien C.; Lewellien, a druggist of Philadelphia; Mamie and Emma.

DR. REWELLIEN C. PETERS, a prominent physician and surgeon of Allentown, was born August 23, 1870, in North Whitehall township. His youth was spent upon the farm, thus laying the foundation of industry and enterprise which characterized his later life. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1892, and the Medical Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, in 1898. In that year he located at Allentown, at the northeast corner of Gordon and Eighth street, where he has continued to reside up to the present. He is one of the popular and successful practitioners of Allentown and enjoys a large and constantly increasing practice.

Dr. Peters is actively identified with the religious, social and political life of Allentown. He and his wife are devoted members of St. Andrew's Reformed church, located at Ninth and Gordon streets. He has served the church as a deacon since 1910. He was a member of the Eighth Ward Section Board of the School Board, and in 1911 was elected one of the nine school controllers of Allentown. He is vice-president of the school board and chairman of the finance committee. Dr. Peters is known as the "father" of open-air schools for Allentown. He is one of the directors of the public library since 1911, and a sincere friend of good schools, education and intellectual advancement generally. He was the honored president of the large Peter Family Reunion Association. The scholarly address he delivered at their annual gathering in 1912 had attracted wide attention because of its fine diction, elegant composition and splendid delivery. On May 14, 1894, Dr. Peters was married to Catharine J. Litzenberg, a daughter of U. S. and Kate (Trumbauer) Litzenberg. They had an only

daughter, Catharine Mabel, who died April 25, 1907, aged twelve years.

Joseph H. Peters, son of Nathan, was born in North Whitehall township and died at Fogelsville, on July 4, 1884. He had been a shoemaker for many years at Schnecksville, but for ten years before he died he lived at Fogelsville and there he is buried. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He was married to Emma L. Kramlich, daughter of Elanious and Sarah (Fogel) Kramlich. The widow of Joseph H. Peters married, second, William S. Baer, who died in 1910. They had no children. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters: Cora, married to W. E. Koch, Allentown; Joseph S., history follows; Charles M. and Fred N. were twins; the latter married Stella Clauss; Harry J., died single on April 11, 1909, aged 25 years.

REV. JOSEPH S. PETERS, pastor of St. James Reformed church, Allentown, was born May 16, 1879, at Fogelsville, Lehigh county, the oldest son of Joseph H. Peters, who died on July 4, 1884. The following year, in the month of September, the orphan son entered Bethany Orphans' Home at Wormelsdorf, Pa.; there he received a good Christian training. Through the good influence of the superintendent, Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, the subject of this sketch was prompted to enter the ministry and his early school training was obtained at the above institution, where men were engaged as instructors who had taken advanced courses in schools of pedagogy and whose ambition it was to teach for life. At the age of sixteen, while still an inmate of the home, young Peters passed the teachers' examination held at Robeson, Pa., and at once became teacher of the intermediate grade at the home. After teaching one year, his mother having then re-married, he left the home to take up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. William S. Baer, at Schnecksville, Lehigh county. After attending the Summer Normal of Prof. J. P. Deibert and one winter session of the local school he graduated the next spring with first honors in the township of North Whitehall. There he taught the succeeding two winters in Saegersville and Pleasant Corner respectively. He entered the Keystone State Normal School in the spring of 1899, qualifying for the senior class and graduated in 1900. After teaching two years he prepared at the K. S. N. S. and entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1906. While in his last year at college and during his first year in the seminary he taught mathematics during the spring term at the K. S. N. S. During the summer of 1906 and '07 he was solicitor for the Allentown College for

Women, and for a brief period acting president of the institution. He graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1909. For a period of three and one half months he was the substitute for Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., of Frederick, Md. Having received a call in October, 1909, to become pastor of the Emmanuel Reformed church, York, Pa., he accepted the charge and took up the active ministry January 1, 1910. Early in February he was ordained and served that congregation until April 15, 1913, when he began ministerial work in his home city, Allentown, to which his parents had removed in January, 1900. There he organized St. James Reformed church under the auspices of the Mission Board of the Reformed Church, which is a flourishing young congregation.

Rev. Peters was married, June 7, 1910, to Nettie M. Ziegler, daughter of William and Emma (Koch) Ziegler. The union was blessed with two children, Dorothy Z. and Joseph S.

JOHN A. PETER, a farmer and trucker in South Whitehall, was born in Upper Macungie, June 30, 1848. He learned the carpenter trade after he was twenty years old at Seipstown, serving his apprenticeship with Levi Stettler at Seipstown. Afterward he followed the trade for three years in that town. From 1875 to 1885 he farmed the homestead, and then removed to South Whitehall, farming there for C. B. Glick until 1893, when he purchased his present truck farm upon which he since lives. In 1901 Mr. Peter built the barn on his farm.

He is a Reformed member of the church at Cedarville, having served it as a deacon and earlier he had served the same office in the church at Fogelsville. He has membership in Israel Commandry No. 148, Knights of Malta, at Wescoesville. He is the treasurer of the Peter Family Reunion since its organization.

He was married in 1872 to Elemina, a daughter of John and Miss (Oldt) Grim, of Lynn township. Mrs. Peter died on Sept. 21, 1911, aged sixty-two years, six months, six days. Their children are: Oliver, of South Whitehall; Robert; Richard, who history follows, and Ida J., married to George Yeakel, of Easton, Pa.

OLIVER F. PETERS was born in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, Nov. 14, 1871, educated in the public schools and worked on a farm under his father until he became 18 years old, when he entered the employ of Birchall & Parton, plumbers and steamfitters, of Allentown, and learned the trade of pipe-fitting, which he followed for three years. He then worked as a journeyman for Daniel Mager (formerly of Mager & Miller) at Allentown, from 1891 to 1895 as foreman of the pipe work, etc.; and next

was five years in the employ of Charles Addis, plumber, on North Eighth street. He is now foreman of the plumbers at the International Motor Company's Works, whose employ he entered in 1908 as a pipe-fitter and chief fireman.

Mr. Peters married in 1893, Ellen Amanda Albright, daughter of William and Sarah (Frey) Albright, and they have two sons: Charles F., a machinist; and Robert R., with John Hancock Life Insurance Co. He is a member of the Reformed congregation at Mickley's Union church, and in politics a Democrat. He is affiliated with Castle No. 55, K. of G. E., and Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 10. His residence is in South Whitehall township, where he owns and conducts a small farm in connection with his trade at Greenawalt's, R. F. D. No. 3.

RICHARD E. PETERS, serving in the capacity of assistant superintendent of the Lehigh County Poor House, was born at Seipstown, March 30, 1875, son of John and Emeline (Grim) Peters, and grandson on the paternal side of David Peters, who resided at Fogelsville, for many years a farmer, later engaged in the hotel business and grandson on the maternal side of Jonathan Grim.

John Peters (father) was born in 1848, resides on a farm located in South Whitehall township engaged in the trucking business. His wife, who died in September, 1911, bore him four children: Oliver, a plumber and steam fitter, employed as foreman in the steam fitting department of the International Motor Company, Allentown; Robert, resides at home; Richard E., of whom further notice; Ida, married George Yeakel, a miller, conducting the Williams Mill at Easton.

Richard E. Peters attended the common schools in Weisenberg township, and later the Park school house in South Whitehall. He began his active business career by entering the employ of Frank T. Dorney, at Dorney's Park, where he served an apprenticeship at the trade of baker, remaining for three years, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of the business in all its branches, and then formed a partnership with Mr. Dorney, conducting a bakery at Schnecksville for two years under the style of Dorney & Peters. He then engaged in the hotel business at Dorney's Park, continuing along this line for five years, after which for a similar period of time he had charge of the warehouse of the American Steel & Wire Company at Allentown. In April, 1910, he accepted the position of assistant superintendent or hospital steward of the Lehigh County Poor House, continuing up to the present time, a period of four years. He is capable and efficient, kind and considerate, and during his incumbency of the office has gained the confidence and respect of the unfortunates

under his control, and the approbation of his superiors. He served as school director in South Whitehall from 1908 to 1911. He is a member and deacon of the Reformed Church, of Cetronia, and holds membership in the Knights of Malta, Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Modern Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Peters married Jennie E. C. Dorney, a daughter of Frank T. and Emma (Gilbert) Dorney, and they have two children: Hilda I., a graduate of the public schools and the American Commercial College; and Malcolm.

#### HENRY W. PETER.

Henry W. Peter, the popular landlord of the Claussville Hotel, in Lowhill township, who has conducted the stand in a most successful manner since 1893, was born Aug. 29, 1850, in Upper Macungie township, near Fogelsville and when a boy six years old his parents moved to Weisenberg township on a farm near Seipstown and there he was reared, having received a limited education in the public school. He then learned the trade of blacksmith under Peter Seip and continued in his employ several years until 1874, when he started in business for himself at Claussville where he established a shop, notwithstanding there were several shops in a radius of a few miles and he carried it on successfully until 1893, nearly twenty years, when he took the hotel stand and farm of 32 acres at Claussville, an established place since 1800, and he has carried it on until the present time. He has improved the buildings, bought three acres of land adjoining the farm for a supply of superior spring water, and equipped the hotel with modern conveniences, and with the assistance of his wife and children he has developed a large and profitable business. The meals are prepared with great care and many parties from Allentown and elsewhere are supplied with first-class entertainment. Their "ham and eggs" are especially delicious and patrons quite naturally in their automobile rides arrange to stop again.

Mr. Peter has affiliated with Claussville Castle, No. 486, K. G. E., and also with the I. O. of O. F. and the P. O. S. of A., at Fogelsville. He has served as a school director of Lowhill for two terms, and as a deacon of the Morganland Church.

In 1874 he was married to Mary Alice Grim, and they had six children: John J., Howard M. (m. Nellie Ahern, who reside at Washington, D. C.), Morris D. (m. Maud Beatty, who reside at Burlington, Iowa), Warren H., Eva S., and one died in infancy.

JOHN J. PETER, ESQ., eldest son of Henry W. and justice of the peace of Lowhill, was born

Jan. 12, 1879, at Claussville and there he was brought up on the farm and educated in the local school. He then learned the trade of coach-making under Levi Werley in his factory along the main thoroughfare within a mile north of Claussville, and afterward also learned to become a practical blacksmith and horse-shoer under John Schadt, at Allentown. With this preparation in 1899, he embarked in business for himself in the blacksmith shop of his father at Claussville and there he has been engaged with increasing success until the present time, being recognized by the farmers as a first-class mechanic. He was elected justice of the peace of the township in 1906 and since then has served this office in a satisfactory manner, having won the public confidence to such an extent that he has been employed to assist in the settlement of estates. He is a member of K. G. E., Castle No. 486, at Claussville. In 1904 he was married to Clara M. Kuhns, daughter of George Kuhns, farmer, of Weisenberg, near the Zeigel Church.

David Peter, the father of Henry W., was born in 1820 in Weisenberg township, where he was brought up on his father's farm; then he followed the hotel business at Fogelsville and Millersburg (now Macungie) for twelve years. In 1856 he purchased a farm of 130 acres, situated near Seipstown, which he carried on until his death in 1884. This plantation is now owned and farmed by Frank L. Knerr. He was a member of the Reformed Church at Fogelsville and served the congregation for many years as deacon and elder, and there he was buried. He was married to Lovina Becker, daughter of Nicholas Becker, a farmer of Upper Macungie, and they had nine children: Phaon (who died at the age of three years), Amanda (m. Thomas Sutt, who reside in Iowa), Eliza (m. Daniel F. Wagner, who resided at Allentown), Benjamin (who died at the age of seventeen years), John A. (m. Emeline Grim), Henry (above), Richard (m. Emma Diehl), Joel (who died young) and Jane (m. David McClellan).

Casper Peter, the great-grandfather of David, emigrated from Switzerland about 1742 and settled in Heidelberg township (now Washington), where he took up 300 acres, about four miles south of Slatington, and this he cultivated until his decease. He was buried in the Union Church cemetery (Neffsville). Among the children were two sons, John and Casper. The latter was born on the homestead in 1754 and became the owner of it, and he also cultivated it until his death in 1811. He was married to Elizabeth Rachel, daughter of an early settler of this township. Both were buried in the same cemetery. They had six sons, the third having also been

named Casper. He was married to Lucy Roth, of the same township, and purchased a farm of 150 acres in Weisenberg, south of Claussville, which he cultivated until his death. They had four sons: Joel (m. Mary Sholl), Casper (m. Sallie George), Solomon (m. Mary Haas), and David (above); and six daughters: Judith (m. Reuben Frantz), Sallie (m. Bertram Scip), Caroline (m. Aaron Stettler), Catharine (m. Jonas Seibert), Mary (m. Edward Clauss), and Elizabeth (m. Solomon Mohr).

#### PFEIFLY FAMILY

Michael F. Pfeifly, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, was born Feb. 11, 1819, and upon coming to the United States in 1855 located near Steinsville where he lived until 1862, when he settled near Lynnport on a farm. He was a successful farmer, dying on March 23, 1889. His wife, Regina Klump, was born July 22, 1822, and died on Mar. 25, 1905. They were Lutherans and are buried at Jacksonville. Their large family follows: Peter, George, Michael, William, John, Frank, James, Christina married to a St. Clair, Mary married to William K. Fetherolf, Lena married to Thomas Kleppinger, Emma married to Oliver Freyman, Missouri married to Harvey Troxell and Margaret who is buried by the side of her parents.

Peter Pfeifly was a farmer in Whitehall. He married Sarah Miller and they are both deceased. They are buried at Jacksonville. They had four children, viz.: Clara, Samuel, Charles and Alice.

George Pfeifly was born Jan. 28, 1850, and died at Egypt, this county, Jan. 14, 1912, in his 62nd year. He had settled in Whitehall township in 1881 upon what was the Jacob Dinkey farm and for 30 years he lived in a house built by Jacob Dinkey in 1803. One year before his death Mr. Pfeifly retired from farming and moved to Egypt. He married Ellen Woodring, a daughter of Elias and Matilda (Hartman) Woodring. She survives him and they had these children: Irwin A., Harry and Oliver both reside at Bangor, Pa., Mrs. George Hoffman of Neffs, Mrs. John Blank of Mason City, Iowa, Mrs. Simon Meyers of Hudson, N. Y., and Edward G., of New Castle, Pa.

IRWIN PFEIFLY, a farmer near Neffs, in North Whitehall, was born May 26, 1871. Being reared upon the farm in Whitehall he worked for his parents until 1894, then began farming for himself in North Whitehall and in 1903 he purchased and moved upon the Kennel homestead where he now lives. David Woodring owned this farm after Kennel. The farm consists of 88 acres of highly improved land well located and upon which all buildings are good. Mr. Pfeifly

and family are Lutheran members of the Unionville Church which he served both as deacon and treasurer. He married, Aug. 9, 1890, Katie Sterner, a daughter of Adam and Harriet (Fisher) Sterner. Her grandparents were Solomon and Catharine (Heimbach) Sterner. Their children are: Sydney A., a student at State College, Pa., George A. died aged one year less 18 days, Rosa A., Ellen A., Lillie M., Hattie S., and Marian A.

#### PHIFER FAMILY

The Phifer family, of whom there are several representatives in Lehigh county, trace their history to Weymouth, N. J., where they originally settled. The first definite knowledge we have of this family is of Archbald Phifer, who was born and died in Weymouth, N. J. His father was killed in the Revolutionary War.

Adam Phifer, son of Archibald, was born in Weymouth, N. J., Aug. 22, 1807. By occupation he was a furnace man, which he followed in his native place until 1845, when he moved with his family to Easton, where he was employed as a foundry boss. Later he moved to Catasauqua, where he was a furnace keeper. Remaining here only a short time he moved to Mauch Chunk, where he was employed as foundry boss at Ricketts Furnace and later at the Upper Mauch Chunk Furnace. In the spring of 1855 he moved to Parryville, where he was employed as foundry boss until his death, Oct. 16, 1863. He was married to Sarah Winthing, who was born July 1, 1806, and died Nov. 24, 1896. This union was blessed with the following children: Jacob W., born Nov. 5, 1828, died Jan. 11, 1889; Archibald, born March 20, 1831, died April 2, 1902; Robert N., mentioned later; Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 10, 1840, married to Harrison Ritzy; and John W., born July 27, 1848.

Robert N. Phifer, son of Adam and Sarah (Winthing) Phifer, was born in Weymouth, N. J., June 19, 1836. With his parents he left New Jersey when he was nine years of age, and lived at Easton, Catasauqua, Mauch Chunk, and Parryville. He followed furnace work all his life, starting at Mauch Chunk, later at Parryville, and in 1869 he moved to Redington, where he held the position of foundry boss until his death, June 4, 1872. He served as a corporal during the Civil War. He was a member of the Methodist church, which he served faithfully as class-leader and exhorter. He was married to Mary Zern, a daughter of Jacob and Sophie (Gilbert) Zern. She was born Oct. 13, 1847, and has her home at Parryville. Two



children were born to this family: Harvey A., born Feb. 9, 1869, of Parryville and Charles J.

Charles J. Phifer of Coplay, a son of Robert N. and Mary (Zern) Phifer, was born at Redington, Aug. 19, 1871. After the father's death the family moved to Parryville where he received his early education. In 1889 he became an employee of the Carbon Iron and Steel company, of Parryville, in the chemical laboratory. He remained with this company until 1898, when he accepted a similar position with the Crane Iron Company at Catasauqua. He remained with this company but a short time, when he resigned to accept a position with the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Ormrod as assistant chemist, having charge of the physical testing department. He is a member of Trinity Reformed church at Coplay, which he serves as a deacon and teacher in the Sunday school. He holds membership in the following fraternal organizations: Chapman Lodge No. 637 F. & A. M., and the Catasauqua Lodge No. 269, I. O. O. F. He is one of the organizers and directors of the Lehigh Building and Loan Association, of Catasauqua. On Nov. 3, 1899, Mr. Phifer was married to Alvenia L. Montz, a daughter of Cassius and Casandera (Rinker) Montz. She was born Sept. 21, 1872. This union was blessed with two children: Evelyn H., born Sept. 8, 1900; Robert J., born Oct. 1, 1903. Both children were born at Coplay, Pa.

#### ROBERT G. PIERCE.

Robert G. Pierce, treasurer of the Carbon Slate Co., at Slatington, was born January 5, 1857, at Liverpool, England, a descendant of one of the oldest families in North Wales. He was brought up there in the famous slate district and worked in quarries as a young man until he became thoroughly acquainted with all the details of that industry. From slate operations he went upon merchant-ships and engaged in the transportation of slate materials from Wales to different European countries, some of the vessels carrying from 200 to 300 tons of slate, and the experience which he acquired in loading, transporting and marketing slate from his home country proved valuable to him in after years, particularly in opening a European market for American slate.

In 1883, Mr. Pierce emigrated to America, locating first at Nanticoke, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines for a short time, but in the same year he went to Slatington and made the acquaintance of Joseph Richards, who was then engaged in the mercantile business at Summit-Hill and introduced Mr. Pierce to his sister, which introduction eventually resulted in their

marriage. He associated with Ellis Owens and Mr. Richards in organizing the Carbon Slate Co., at Slatington, and this company until the year 1912 exported roofing slate to the value of one and a half million dollars. Owens and Richards having looked after the production and Pierce after the sale. In securing the foreign orders, Pierce traveled across the Atlantic Ocean twenty-four times.

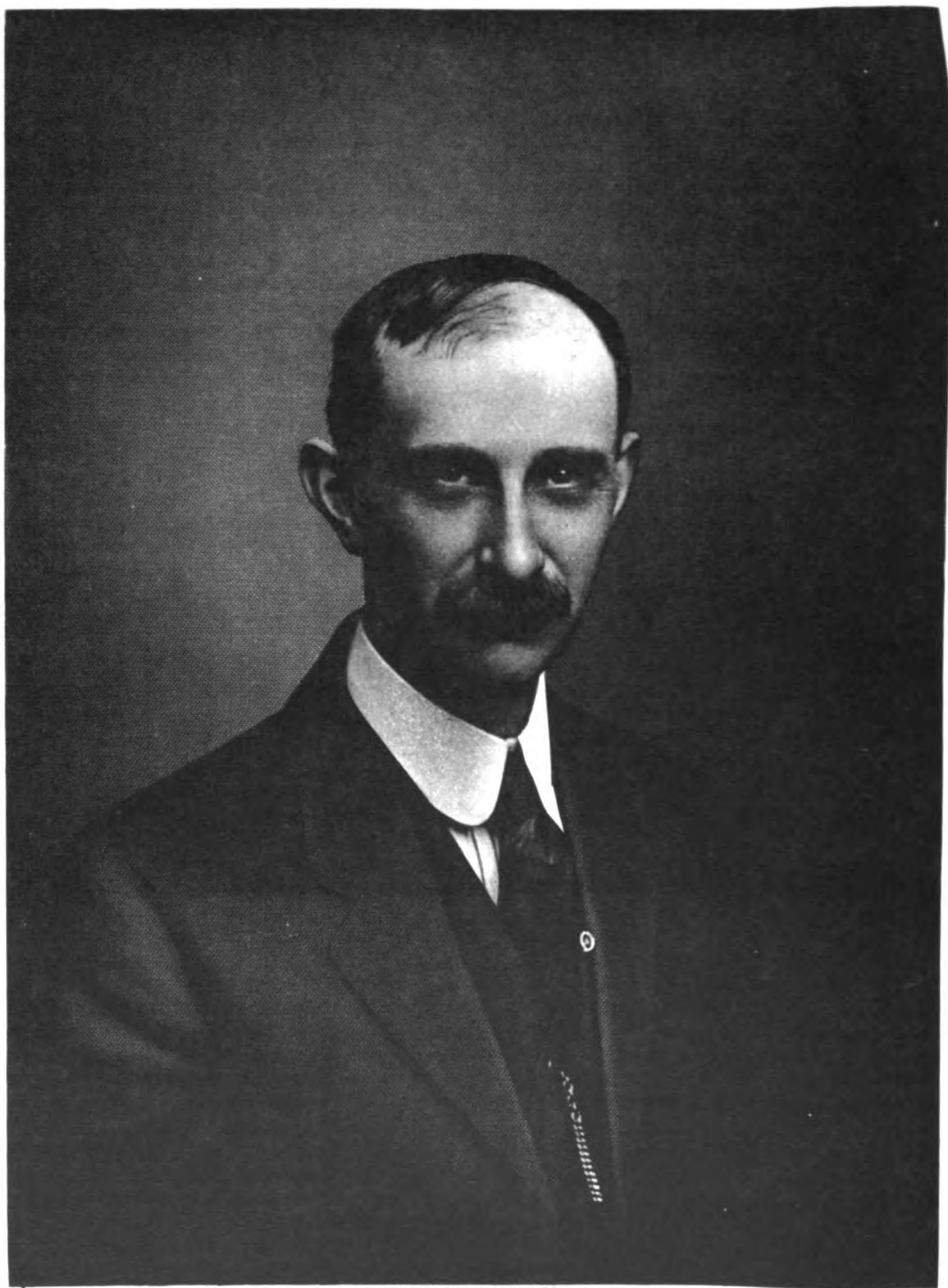
Mr. Pierce was one of the organizers of the Surprise Cash Store and the Citizen's bank, of Slatington, also of the Union Mercantile Co., at Allentown, which he has since served as a director. Besides his business and financial connections, he has become prominently interested in the civil, religious and social movements of his town and also of the surrounding neighborhood. In politics he is a Republican and as such he served in the town council. He is a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M.

Mr. Pierce and his family are members of the Baptist Church. When the present beautiful edifice was erected in 1900 at a cost of \$30,000, he served on the building committee; and he and his two associates in the Carbon Slate Co. (Mr. Richards and Mr. Owens), contributed one-half of that amount. He has served as a deacon of the church since 1890. He also officiated as superintendent of the Sunday-school for a time acting now as one of its most prominent and useful teachers.

On November 21, 1887, Mr. Pierce was married to Sarah Ann Richards, sister of Joseph Richards, his business associate, and they have four children: Marguerite, Roland, Owen, and George; and his wife having died, he married as his second wife, Annie Jones, of Pullhele, in the county of Caernarvon, Wales. She was a daughter of Richard Jones and there was born to them two children, Mair and Robert J. Before her marriage to him she was a professional nurse in the Bay Hospital at Colwyn, North Wales, having been particularly educated and trained in her professional duties at Owen College, in Manchester, England, a famous institution which is attached to the Royal Infirmary. In her youth she had attended one of the national schools with Lloyd George, the great Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain. Subsequently the Chancellor and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce became intimate friends, and upon the occasion of their marriage at Pullhele he sent them a congratulatory telegram.

Mr. Pierce has come to possess a number of rare and valuable mementoes of his native country. Two private communion sets were presented to him by the old church in Wales, of





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which his mother, grand-mother and great-grandmother were devout members; and during a visit which he made to this church of his ancestors the congregation passed a resolution in honor of the occasion and in appreciation of his liberality to them; and then they also presented him with a small pewter cup and plate, 125 years old, from which the noted Reverend Christmas Evans, had administered the holy communion to his great-grand-parents; and at the same time he was the highly favored recipient of the cup and plate from which his parents had received the sacraments. Among his precious mementoes, Mr. Pierce possesses a Bible printed in the Welsh language in the year 1654, which belonged to his grand-father, Griffith Pierce, and contains many valuable and interesting facts relating to his family genealogy.

EPHRAIM M. PICKIN.

Ephraim M. Pickin, a noted architect, of Allentown, Pa., was born July 19, 1866, at Newport, Shropshire, England, the second son of James and Caroline Machin Pickin. He was educated in a private boarding school and in the science and art department of South Kensington, London.

While in England he assisted in the designing and construction of several important churches under notable London architects.

He came to the United States in September, 1888, locating in Syracuse, N. Y., where he was employed in architect's offices for a number of years. He also was engaged in designing and planning all classes of buildings in prominent offices in Buffalo and Utica, N. Y.

In February, 1901, he came to Allentown, and was engaged in a similar capacity with Jacoby and Weishampel. In the spring of 1908 he opened an office in the Allentown National Bank building, and in September, 1911, he moved to his present quarters, 1102 and 1104 Hunsicker building.

Many buildings in this vicinity are his handiwork, such as Zionsville Reformed church, Old Zionsville; Washington school building, Emaus; Thaddeus Stevens school building, Mountaintown; and in Allentown, notably the H. Leh & Co. department store, J. M. Grimley building, Guth building, and the residences of Mr. Charles Kline, Mr. David A. Miller, and Dr. Milton J. Haas, and the Karlden apartment house, Sixth and Turner streets.

He was married, June 6, 1892, to Emma E. Drawbridge, eldest daughter of Joseph D. and Elizabeth Cornish Drawbridge, of Syracuse, N. Y. The children are: Herbert William, born July 4, 1893; Ruth Machin, born Feb. 2, 1895,

at Syracuse, N. Y.; Marion Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 1902; and Caroline Machin, Feb. 17, 1907, at Allentown.

Mr. Pickin is a member of Lehigh lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F.; and of Jordan Lodge 673, F. A. M., and a member and elder of Trinity Reformed church, Allentown.

ANDREW J. PLATZER.

Andrew Joseph Platzer was born in Catsaqua, in Lehigh county, March 18, 1873, and educated in the public schools until twelve years old, when he entered the Unicorn Silk Mills and filled the position of loom fixer for twelve years. He then secured employment in the machine-shop of the Davies & Thomas foundry, at Catsaqua, and after working there for a while, was promoted to chief engineer. Next he became assistant electrician of the establishment and afterward was promoted to chief electrician, which position he has since filled in a satisfactory manner. He is a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers; the German Textile Society; and of the German Catholic Church.

In 1897, Mr. Platzer was married to Margaret Ehle, daughter of George and Margaret (Siger) Ehle, and they have two sons: George and Paul. In politics he is a Democrat. His residence is in West Catsaqua.

His father is Joseph Platzer, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1871, landing at New York City. He resides at Hokendauqua and is employed as an iron worker in the furnaces of the Thomas Iron Company. He was married to Margaret Haberkorn, of Catsaqua, and they had six children: Annie, married to Edwin Walker, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel; Andrew J.; Joseph, silk-worker at Catsaqua; John, employed on the Iron-ton Railroad; and two died in infancy, Charles and Margaret.

PORTER FAMILY.

Thompson Porter, of Hokendauqua, Pa., was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, April 9, 1837. He emigrated to the United States in 1854, and settled at the place named, being now the oldest person in active service in the employ of the Thomas Iron Co. He commenced working for the company in 1854, and has continued to this time, with the exception of two years, from 1866 to the latter part of 1868, when he lived in the oil region in Venango county; and in 1869, when he went to Armstrong county and remained two years. He is a furnaceman by occupation.

In August, 1865, he enlisted in the Civil War, for a term of three months in Co. B, 38th Penna.



Emergency Regiment, and served eight weeks. He is a member of Fuller Post, No. 378, G. A. R., at Catasauqua.

Mr. Porter and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. In 1861 he was married to Margaret McClellan, daughter of John and Margaret (Wilkison) McClellan, who were natives of Ireland, and came to this country in 1849. They had eight children: David (1861-1863); Hugh; Edwin L.; Thompson, Jr.; Elizabeth; Margaret May (who graduated in 1895 from the Hokendauqua High School, and in 1897 from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., and since the latter date has been teaching school); Emily, and William W.

HUGH PORTER, chief engineer of the Thomas Iron Company at Hokendauqua, was born at the place named February 12, 1864. At the age of seventeen years he learned the machinist trade and became an engineer shortly afterward. He has been in the continuous employ of the above company since 1881.

Mr. Porter is a Republican and for fifteen years was a director of the Hokendauqua Independent School District, having served the board in that time as secretary for two years; and in November, 1911, he was elected township commissioner for a term of two years. He is a member of the following lodges: Odd Fellows; J. O. U. A. M.; A. O. S. E., and Loyal Order of Moose.

On November 27, 1884, he was married to Ida C. Troxell, daughter of Edmond A. and Mary (Hoffman) Troxell. They have eight children: Edmond T.; J. Garfield (who died aged three years); B. Harrison (m. Lottie Reichley); Bessie M. (m. Edwin Shively); Raymond T. (m. Anna Dech); Margaret M., Ralph H., and Russell A. (who died in infancy).

Edwin L. Porter was born at Lawrenceburg, Armstrong county, Pa., August 13, 1870. He learned the moulding trade with the Thomas Iron Co., and has since been in the employ of the company. He is foreman in the moulding department.

William W. Porter was born October 2, 1882. At the age of seventeen years he learned the moulding trade with the Thomas Iron Co., and since July 3, 1899 has been in its continuous service. He is a member of the Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment.

Thompson Porter, Jr., clerk at the Thomas Iron Co. in Hokendauqua, was born at Rockland, Venango county, Pa., December 9, 1866. He was graduated from the Hokendauqua High School in 1884, and in that year began working

for the company named. His first promotion was to the position of weighmaster, which he served until January 1, 1897, when he was selected as a clerk in the office, which position he has served to this time. He is a member of Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment. In the fall of 1911, he was elected as a Republican to the school board of Whitehall township, and became the first president under the new school code.

In 1892 he was married to Lizzie H. Silvius, daughter of William and Mary (Beichey) Silvius, of Northampton, Pa. They have three children: Miriam S. and Ruth E. S. (both of whom are graduates of the Hokendauqua High School and of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, the former in the class of 1910, and the latter in the class of 1913); and Dorothy E. (who is now attending school).

EDMOND F. PORTER, son of Hugh, was born May 25, 1885, and graduated from the Hokendauqua High School in 1900. He began working for the Thomas Iron Co. when seventeen years old and continued in its employ until 1909; then he became the chief engineer for the Bryden Horse Shoe Co. He is a Republican in his political affiliation and in 1912 served as Fire Marshal of North Catasauqua borough, where he resides. He is a member of Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., and of the A. O. S. E., at Coplay.

On May 3, 1907, he was wedded to Carrie C. Herling, daughter of Jacob and Cecilia (Schaffer) Herling, natives of Baden-Baden, who emigrated to this country in 1851. They had two children: Dorothy (who died in infancy) and David.

#### PRETZ FAMILY.

In the year 224 A. D., there lived at Trier, on the Lower Rhine, a Roman cavalry general, named Fabius Bretius, who is said to be the ancestor of the Bretz and Pretz families. He was a native of the district of Capua and Tarento, came with the 18th Roman Legion to the Rhine, married Olfa, daughter of a German duke and died in 263 A. D. At the battle of Leohfelder in 950, three Rhinelandish Knights aided in the victory over the Hungarians, of whom two were killed and the survivor, Hugo Pretz, married Bertha, of Wartensleben. He died in 983, leaving two sons, Claudius and Adolf. Claudius died as Prebendary of the Dome church at Cologne. Adolf lived at Pretzenburg, a fortified castle built by his father, near Trier, and married Clara Von Waldeck. He was a magistrate of the Lower Rhine and died in 1019, in a duel with a knight named Viet von Basserhaus. He left

four sons, whose descendants distinguished themselves in the Crusades, after which only one of the family was found, Conrad Bretz, who was a military man under Emperor Rudolph of Hapsburg, and died in 1312, leaving two sons, Eulogius and George. From this point the family became divided into two lines. Eulogius was appointed magistrate of Mark Brandenburg by Emperor Albrecht, and resided at Lubben, where his descendants flourished in 1702 as a noble family, as Joseph and Claus Bretz, were of the principal families in the time of King Frederick I. George took possession of the property on the Rhine, married Anna Von Rheinbeck and left numerous descendants, who were almost totally destroyed during the Thirty Years' War, after which only Daniel Bretz remained, who was a merchant at Coblenz, and had long since discarded the old title of nobility. He died in 1681, and left two sons, Felix and Christof. Descendants of these brothers emigrated to America. Jacob Bretz, with his wife and two sons, Jacob and John, arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 25, 1732, and settled in Lancaster county. About 1800, John removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, and had twelve children: Jacob, Conrad, John, Martin, Philip, Anthony, Valentine, Henry, Christina, Catharine, Margaret, and Barbara. Martin removed to Richland county in 1825. Conrad removed to Wyandotte county in 1834. Anthony and Barbara remained in Pennsylvania. Philip settled in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1822, and had nine children: Jacob, John, Philip, Mrs. Susan Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Springer, Mrs. Catharine Garber, Mrs. Lavinia Beaver, Mrs. Mary Pennington, and Mrs. Sarah Wax. Philip, Jr., had children: George, whose children are Winnie, Irving, and Annie M.; Edward, Solomon, and Sarah.

John Pretz, another descendant of the two brothers, Felix and Christof, lived at Windesheim, near Coblenz, on the Oder, in Prussia, where his son, John Philip Pretz, was born April 16, 1755, who arrived at Philadelphia in 1786, where he remained for a time with an uncle, Jacob Pretz, when he located at Hellertown and there kept a store. In 1789 he removed to Egypt and kept store with Jacob Steckel. On Feb. 19, 1790, he married Maria Margaret Saeger. A few years later he removed to Shartlesville, Berks county, where he remained a few years and then moved to Heidelberg township, where he had a 100-acre farm and kept a store, doing a large business in the lumber regions beyond the mountains, as far as Berwick, on the Susquehanna and came to own a mill at Shickshinny Eddy. Having occasion to go to the sessions of the legislature, then meeting at Lancaster, to attend

to the patenting of some land, he was taken sick and died there on March 1, 1802, and was buried at Trinity Lutheran church. His widow subsequently married John Schoenfelder, of Reading. She was born Sept. 13, 1768, and died June 9, 1803, and was buried at Trinity Lutheran church, of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Pretz had six children: Anna Margaret, born March 11, 1791, died Jan. 1, 1858, married Joseph Saeger, and had six sons and three daughters; John Philip, born Sept. 25, 1792, died young; John, born Nov. 12, 1794, died young; John Henry, born Aug. 10, 1796, died young; Godfrey, born July 10, 1798, and Christian, born April 29, 1801. Godfrey Pretz was a partner with his brother in the mercantile business from 1822 until his death Nov. 12, 1830. He married Maria Eve Eckert, daughter of William and Susanna (Reber) Eckert. She was born May 21, 1804, and died Dec. 2, 1827. They had one daughter, Maria Louise Pretz, born Nov. 14, 1827, who married Jesse Line.

Christian Pretz, after his mother's death at Reading, was taken by his uncle, Nicholas Saeger, of Whitehall township, by whom he was reared and whose widow spent her last years with Mr. Pretz. He attended the German school at Egypt church for one month and the English school there for several years, after which he spent six months at the Easton Academy, six months at an academy at Morristown, N. J., and several years at a school in Philadelphia, in which latter city he spent about two years as clerk in a wholesale dry goods store on Market above Fourth street. In 1819 he entered the office of White, Hauto and Hazard, pioneer coal operators at Mauch Chunk, and in 1820 removed to Allentown and entered the store of David R. King & Co. On June 1, 1822, with his brother, Godfrey, he purchased the store and began business as G. & C. Pretz at the southeast corner of Hamilton and Sixth streets. After the death of his brother in 1830, the business was continued by Pretz, Saeger & Co., then by Pretz, Kern & Co., and subsequently by Pretz, Guth & Co., until he retired in 1859. He also was in the hardware business for a time at the northwest corner of Hamilton and Sixth streets.

Mr. Pretz was instrumental in the erection of two planing mills and a stocking factory in the city, was a director in the Allentown National Bank, and, with Henry Weinsheimer, assisted in the erection of the old Muhlenberg College buildings at Fourth and Walnut streets. He was in politics, a Whig, later a Republican, and in 1830 was elected to the legislature on the Anti-Masonic ticket. He also served as school director and councilman and was a member and one of

the organizers of St. John's Lutheran church. Mr. Pretz died at Allentown, Feb. 28, 1884. He married, in 1831, Abigail, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Mickley) Saeger. She was born in 1809 and died in 1875. They had nine children: Philip S., deceased, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Alfred C., born 1840, died Feb. 19, 1904, who married Anna McLean and had one son, Godfrey; Henry J., of the Allentown National Bank, who has a son, Harold W.; William N., of Far Rockaway, N. Y.; John C, whose sons are Reuben C. and Christian; Christianna M., wife of Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D.D., and three who died in infancy.

#### PROBST FAMILY.

Daniel Probst and his brother Samuel came to Whitehall township about 1795, where they married sisters and operated a woolen mill purchased from their father-in-law, which he had erected near the Cedar creek. Henry Reitz, the father-in-law, was born in Germany in 1745, the son of Frederick and Anna Margaret Reitz, who came to America in 1748. They settled on the Cedar creek, where Frederick Reitz died in 1764. Henry, his eldest son, was a farmer and stonemason and was a captain in the Revolution. Henry Reitz, on March 11, 1794, purchased from the heirs of Lynford Lardner, for £957.18s., the plantation of Springwood, on Little Cedar creek, containing 154½ acres. On April 1, 1797, Henry Reitz deeded to Samuel Probst, 122 acres, and to Daniel Probst, 104 acres, for £1105 and £1057, respectively, and the further condition that Henry Reitz and his wife were to be maintained during their lives. On the same day he sold a tract of eight acres to George Glick for £70. Henry Reitz died in 1814.

In his will, dated Oct. 29, 1810, Henry Reitz bequeathed the land he retained, ten acres, and a five-acre tract of woodland to his daughter, Margaret, during her life, and after her death to Samuel Probst. The household goods, including a clock and spinning wheel, were also bequeathed to Margaret. Henry Reitz married Magdalena Herr, whose father, Peter Herr, had taken up a tract of 206 acres west of John Griesemer's land, on the Cedar creek. She was born in 1745, and died Aug. 28, 1823, and is buried at Western Salisbury church. They had four children: Peter, born May 7, 1774, died young; Susanna Elizabeth, married Samuel Probst; Eva Catharine, born Feb. 25, 1775, died Sept. 7, 1809, married Daniel Probst; and Margaret, born Oct. 9, 1778, died Jan. 18, 1855.

Daniel and Eva Catharine (Reitz) Probst, had seven children: Jacob; Mary Magdalena; George, who died, unmarried, at Allentown in

1884; Elizabeth, married Ralph Kemp; Henry, who married Kate Foulk; Hannah, married Alvin Hunt; and Rebecca, who married George Sanders. Jacob Probst married Anna Maria, daughter of Andrew and Catharine Elizabeth (Schall) Knerr, born Feb. 10, 1796, died Feb. 23, 1830, in Crawford county, where they had removed. They had two children: Matilda, married Benjamin Craig; and Abbie, married Levi Knerr.

Mary Magdalena Probst married Jonathan Hamman. They removed to Casstown, Miami county, Ohio, and had nine children: Matilda, died in infancy, and is buried at the Jordan Lutheran church, Lehigh county; Eliza, married Reuben Hiskey, of Casstown, Ohio; Hannah, married Edward B. Gaumer; Hiram, died aged six years; Mary, married Rev. A. M. Geiger, of Valley Falls, Kansas; Cornelius A., died in infancy, and is buried near his younger brother and sister in Lehigh county; Maria, married David Knight, of Princeton, Ill.; Sarah, married J. J. Swigart, of Toledo, Ohio, and has one son, Robert F., married to Clara Mercerean; and Crissie Louise, married John H. Knight, of Walnut, Illinois, and has children; John R., married Elizabeth McCann, and Keren H. Knight. Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Geiger had children: George and Clarence, deceased; Myrtie, married Frank Swallow, and David E.

Edward Benjamin and Hannah (Hamman) Gaumer, of Urbana, Ohio, where Mr. Gaumer is a dealer in vehicles, had four children: Augustus H., George Edward, Alice Louise, and C. Blanche. Augustus H. married Rena Johnson and had a daughter, Josephine K., who married Clarence Hutson, and had a daughter, Eleanor. George E. married Martha Kunath and had two children: Edward K. and Agnes H. Gaumer.

#### QUIER FAMILY.

George Quier, of French Huguenot descent, settled in Allen township, Northampton county, Pa., prior to 1784. In 1790 he had a family of ten children, seven of whom were sons, and among these children were: Christian; George, Jr.; John (who settled in Ohio); Jacob; Rachel (born Jan. 16, 1770, and died Feb. 2, 1829); Elizabeth; and Catharine (married to Jesse Fuselman).

Daniel Quier, of the above family, settled in Hanover township, this county, prior to 1812, and he owned a house and lot near Shoenersville. His family were Lutheran members of that church and there he and his wife Barbara (*nee* Reichard) are buried. He was born Jan. 13, 1786, and died Nov. 23, 1850, in his sixty-fifth year; and she was born Jan. 20, 1874, and died

Jan. 19, 1845. For many years he was the farmer for the "Moravian Community," looking after a large tract of land for them. His children were: Jesse; Peter (who moved West); Daniel (died at Bethlehem); Charles (died in Allentown); Sallie (married John Leiser and they moved to Ohio); Matilda (married H. George and they moved to Indiana); and Elizabeth (married Henry Ritter of Rittersville).

Jesse Quier, son of Daniel, was born in Hanover, April 4, 1811, and died in Weisenberg township, this county, in November, 1881. He owned a 70-acre farm at Lyon Valley, now the property of Harry Master, and he erected a brick house there in 1859. For three years he lived upon his father's tract. From there he moved to Kuhnsville and followed the blacksmith trade five years. The following ten years he lived at Schnecksville and carried on his trade there. He served as an assessor of Weisenberg township and as a deacon and elder of the Morganland church.

He and his wife, Lydia Smith, are buried at the Ziegel's church. His wife was born May 24, 1814, and departed this life in the spring of 1879. They were the parents of the following children: Henry T.; Frank A. S.; Mary E. (died in fifth year); Amanda M. (married David Kuhns); Asher T. (died and buried at Putmanville, Ind.); Polly E. (married Sylvester Miller; Jeremiah (of Stradford, Conn.); Owen D.; Hannah J. (deceased, who was married to Frank Smith); and Henry T. (died and buried at Stradford, Conn.)

Mrs. Quier was a daughter of John and Magdalena (Roth) Smith. Her father had a "smithy" in Allentown, and made spoons, knives, forks, iron-pots, pans and other household utensils. He became an ardent Protestant, notwithstanding his parents were Catholics.

Owen D. Quier was born at Schnecksville January 2, 1852. He attended the township schools and the Weaversville Academy. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school, and he taught in Lehigh county for twelve years, but failing health obliged him to engage in farming at Weisenberg and he continued to do so until 1891, when he moved to Allentown and followed carpenter and building contractor until 1905. For two years afterward he was a traveling salesman, then, in 1907, he located at Nashville, Tennessee, to engage again in the contracting business, and there he has remained. While at Allentown he served the Eleventh Ward as a Common Councilman, having been elected as a Democrat.

He married A. Louisa Bittner, a daughter of

Jacob and Fianna (Kocher) Bittner, of Lowhill. She died at Allentown on September 12, 1904, aged fifty years, and sixteen days.

These children were born to them: Frank A. R.; Maggie (died in 1901, aged twenty-five years); Jesse (noted as violinist, of Allentown); Annie (married Marcus Miller); Henry (married Emma Rohn); Laura (married Eugene Kuhns); Charles (afflicted with blindness, but is a musician and piano tuner, and married Emma E. Leonard, of Mauch Chunk); and Estella M. (married to William Sohland, of Allentown, and they have two children: LeRoy and Alveretta).

FRANK A. R. QUIER, of Allentown, was born March 30, 1873, in Weisenberg. After his parents had moved to Allentown, he worked in the car shops and later in the silk-mill. Since 1900 he has been a carpenter. He was associated with E. J. Bittner, in general contract work for four years under the name of Quier & Bittner. In 1909 he purchased a 29-acre farm, situated in Bucks county and after farming it for three years he returned to Allentown and resumed work at his trade. He is a member of these lodges: K. G. E., A. O. K. of M. S., and Order of Buffalos.

On September 2, 1892, he married Katie J. Diehl, daughter of Thomas and granddaughter of Jonas Diehl of Lowhill. They have two children: Mabel L. and Edward H. All of them are members of the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

#### RABENOLD FAMILY.

Wilhelm Rabenold, the American ancestor of this family, had settled in Pennsylvania in 1737. In 1749, his widow, Magdalena, took out a warrant for a tract of land in Lowhill township. He had a son, Frederick, who succeeded him to the homestead and who the federal census of 1790 records as located in Lowhill township, having a son over sixteen years, and one under that age, and four daughters.

Isaac Rabenold, another son of the pioneer, had been married to Christina Haas, amongst whose children were two sons, Peter, and Isaac.

Isaac Rabenold was a farmer, residing in Weisenberg township, and is buried at the Ziegel church. He had these children: Levi; Sarah, married to William Moyer; Catharine, married to Jonathan Shoemaker; Moses; Eliza, married to Solomon Seip; Hettie, married to Jonas Buchman; Clarissa, married (first) to Samuel Oswald; then to Jonas Eddinger; Samuel; Susanna, married to Lewis Adam; Ellen, married to Levi Weiss; Cenia, married to Daniel Berg; and Dr. Frank.



Moses Rabenold, son of Isaac, was born June 2, 1833, in Weisenberg township, where he grew up to the age of manhood. Turning to farming, he lived between Seiberlingsville and Hynemansville, which farm is now owned by David Weiss. He had been a member of the Lutheran Church. His death took place on Aug. 1, 1891, and he was buried at Fogelsville. His wife, Susan, *nee* Oswald, born Sept. 21, 1833. Their children were: Milton B., of 137 West Olei street, Reading, who has the following children, Charles, Elwood, Esq., of New York; Florence, who is a teacher; Paul; Wilmer and Alice; Albert S.; Granville H.

Dr. Albert S. Rabenold, a son of Moses, was born in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, Nov. 22, 1860. He spent the first fourteen years of his life on his father's farm, being given a very fair education in the district school. On attaining the age of nineteen years he began the study of dentistry under the tutelage of his uncle, Dr. F. A. Rabenold, of Allentown, in whose office he remained for six years. Then entering the Pennsylvania Dental College, graduating therefrom, in 1886. He opened his offices at 23 North Seventh street. Five years later he removed to 35 North Ninth street, Allentown, being succeeded by Dr. George Knecht.

In political relations, Dr. Rabenold had been a staunch Democrat, being elected chairman of the county standing committee; had been councilman and school director of the Fourth ward for a number of years, and a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M. He was the organizer, treasurer, and general manager of the Nazareth Portland Cement Company from 1897 to 1901, when he furnished limestone for cement companies. He was connected with three limestone companies and had been one of the original Eighth street bridge organizers. He died July 6, 1907, and is buried on the West End cemetery. He had been connected with many organizations, had been Past Chief of K. G. E.; Past Sachem, of the Red Men, Lecha Wonk Tribe; Past Chancellor of K. of P. On July 28, 1884, he had been united in marriage with Miss Leanda A., a daughter of Nathan and Leanda (Guth) Biery. Dr. Rabenold had been a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILSON F. RABENOLD, a salesman, of Allentown, was born at Siegersville, March 10, 1886. Educated in the Allentown high school, graduating from the Mercersburg Academy in 1902, he then studied civil engineering at Lafayette College for one year. Afterwards he was employed with R. S. Rathburn for two years. In 1905 he attended New York University, playing center on its football team. He was asso-

ciated with his father in the limestone business up to the time of the latter's demise. In 1908 he went to Chicago, where he was engaged in the automobile business, being superintendent of several factories of the Harges Truck Co., and the Randolph Motor Car Co. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1912, and now lives at Allentown. Socially he is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, Caldwell Consistory, and Rajah Temple. October 17, 1910, he married A. Marguerite Anderson, *nee* Dubuque, after whose family, Dubuque, Iowa, was named. She hails from the state of Washington.

GRANVILLE RABENOLD, dentist, of Allentown, son of Moses, was born at Chapman's Station, Aug. 2, 1870. The public schools provided him with his early education. At the age of twelve he became organist of the Kuhnsville Union Sunday school and also officiated for several years at Trexlertown. He had been secretary and treasurer of the old Citizens' Band, of Allentown from 1887 to 1898, remaining active even for several years after having removed to Schuylkill county. He began to prepare for his profession under his brother, Dr. A. S. Rabenold, with whom he was eighteen months prior to his entering the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated with honors in 1890. After graduation, he located at Coopersburg, Lehigh county, and two months later opened an office at Allentown, where he practised alternately until in 1891, when he removed to Tremont, Pa., where he built up a lucrative practice. Here he remained to 1907. After locating in Tremont, in 1895, he organized the Tremont Concert Band, which was chartered. It consisted of 24 men. For thirteen successive years he had been its director. This band won a most enviable reputation and is still in active service. He was also a member of St. John's Reformed choir, at Tremont, for five years, then, becoming its organist and leader for one year. Thus he had been a leading factor in the musical life of that borough ever since he removed thither. Dr. Rabenold sings tenor and for seventeen years sang in the Royal Arcanum. Whilst at Tremont he also served as director of the Tremont National Bank, for seven years. Whilst practising at Tremont, he also had branch offices at Tower City and Pine Grove. During 1908 he and his family traveled throughout the East, and doing post-graduate work at Harvard, and research work at Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D. C. In January, 1909, he settled at 106 North Thirteenth street, Allentown, where he also has his office. He is a member of the Susquehanna Dental Society, the Lehigh Valley Dental Society, and the Pennsylvania State Den-

tal Society, as well as of the Royal Arcanum and B. P. O. E.

On Dec. 16, 1891, he married Mary, daughter of Israel and Martha A. (Schaffer) Klob. Mr. Klob operated ore mines in Lehigh and Berks counties, and died in 1894, aged 47 years. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Rabenold, were: Martha S., who graduated from the Allentown Female College, in 1912; Harry K., who will graduate from the Allentown high school in 1914; and Anna I.

Solomon Rabenold was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Ritter) Rabenold. Daniel Rabenold was born May 4, 1779, and died Dec. 18, 1833, his wife, Elizabeth, being born May 22, 1784, and died April 28, 1835. Their son, Solomon, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He lived in South Whitehall township, owning the farm now in possession of Samuel F. Wolf. During his whole lifetime he followed farming. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, being buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. His wife had been Elizabeth, a daughter of Leonard Steininger, who bore him the following children: Jonas; Solomon; Amandes; Moses, who lived in Ohio, and was 86 years of age in 1912; Benjamin, who died when small; Mary, married to Elias Henninger; Lydia, married to Jonas Kuhns; Helena, married to Jonathan Mohr.

Jonas Rabenold, son of Solomon, was born Feb. 6, 1817, died on July 3, 1898, aged 81 years, 4 months, and 27 days. He was buried at Cedarville. He had been a farmer, living in South Whitehall township, near Cetronia, where he had a farm of 54 acres, which is now owned by William D. Stump, the greater portion of which is cut up into building lots. He belonged to the Democratic party, served as supervisor and school director, and was a prominent Mason. He was a member of the Lutheran wing of the Cedarville Union church, serving it as deacon and elder, was active in Sunday school work and a useful man for the community. He married Caroline, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Gangaware) Reichard. She was born in 1821 and died Dec. 25, 1891. Their issue being: Elmina, widow of Francis Ludwig; Thomas D., of Cetronia; Robert S., of Catasauqua; Moses, of Griesemersville; Tilghman; and Ida, married to John Stauffer.

TILGHMAN J. RABENOLD, son of Jonas, a farmer of South Whitehall township, was born in that township, Nov. 6, 1854. He attended the public schools, and, at the age of eighteen, learned the milling trade at Bechtelsville, in Berks county. This trade he followed for thirteen years. In 1886 he began to farm his father's

farm in South Whitehall, continuing there for six years. He then drove a mill team for six years, after which he farmed two years in Weisenberg, three years in Upper Macungie, and ten years in South Whitehall on the tract, where he now lives. He is a Democrat, serving as school director of South Whitehall since 1911, being one of the first to be elected under the new law of a four-year term. He is a Lutheran member of the Cedarville Union church, which he has served as deacon and elder. He was married, May 23, 1885, to Ida C., daughter of Josiah and Amelia (Faust) Litzenger, the issue being: Pearl, married to William P. Schaffer; Bertha C., educated in the public schools and the Schnecksville Academy, afterwards taught for seven terms in South Whitehall township, five of these at Wenersville, and two at Walberts. Eva A.; Clayton J. J.; Lulu M. L.; and Caleb C.

Amandes Rabenold, son of Daniel, died in 1899, at the age of 67 years. He had been a farmer. He had married Esther, a daughter of Jacob Litzenger, the issue being: Edwin S. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rabenold are buried on the Jordan Lutheran cemetery.

EDWIN S. RABENOLD, son of Amandus, was born in South Whitehall township, where he was educated in the public schools and during 1887-88 attended the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College. Afterwards he followed farming on the old homestead near Cetronia, until 1902, when he engaged in the coal business in Allentown for three years. In 1909 he sold the old farm. Mr. Rabenold has served as school director and road commissioner of South Whitehall township and at present is one of the poor directors of Lehigh county, which office he has filled for seven years. He is a staunch Democrat, a member of Cedar Council, No. 416, Jr. O. U. A. M., and Loyal Order of Moose, No. 29. He has served three years as deacon of the Jordan Lutheran church. He was married to Mary, a daughter of William and Angelina Miller, the issue being: Eva C., married to William DeLong; Edgar W. A., a bookkeeper; Roy R.; and Cleon M. Mr. Rabenold resides at 233 North Sixteenth street, Allentown.

John Nicholas Rabenold, a brother of Daniel, was born Dec. 3, 1785, and died April 28, 1873. He resided a quarter of a mile from Hillside, in South Whitehall township, where he had a large farm of 236 acres, which later came into the possession of his son, Benjamin. On April 22, 1812, he substituted for Henry Schnider in Captain John Jacoby's company, Northampton county militia. Mr. Rabenold was a man over six feet tall and slender of build, belonged to the

Lutheran Church, serving it in various capacities. His wife had been Anna Maria Guth, born March 13, 1791; died March 7, 1868; the issue being: Benjamin, Amos, and Julian, married to Dewald Kuhns.

Benjamin Rabenold, son of John Nicholas, was born on the homestead, Feb. 16, 1811, and died April 13, 1883. His sponsors were Philip and Catharine Koch. Inheriting the homestead, on it he farmed during his whole active lifetime. He owned and operated a limestone quarry, and burned lime. Many of the stone he sold to the iron industries at Catasauqua. For six years he had been supervisor. His wife was Hannah, a daughter of Lawrence and Catharine (Lehr) Guth. She was born May 15, 1813, married Feb. 5, 1837, and died Sept. 23, 1871. Their children were: Edwin, born Oct. 23, 1838; Israel W. T., born Oct. 15, 1840; Griffith N. L., born May 13, 1843; died Dec. 26, 1912; Jonas L.; Jeremiah E., born March 10, 1848; Peter A., born Feb. 9, 1851; and Alvin D., born April 12, 1853, and died Aug. 26, 1853.

JONAS L. RABENOLD, a retired citizen of Allentown, son of Benjamin, was born in South Whitehall township, Aug. 26, 1845. His sponsors were his uncle and aunt, Amos and Leah Rabenold. In 1871 he began farming on the homestead, continuing until 1881, when he moved to near Wenersville, where he farmed for seven years. In 1888 he resided in Allentown for about one year, and the following year he moved to the Tilghman Kline farm, who was an uncle of Mrs. Rabenold. This farm was located near Dubb's mill in Salisbury township. This farm he cultivated for eleven years. In 1900, he retired to Allentown and resides at 1308½ Chew street. He has been connected with the Allentown Fair Association for many years. He has been the superintendent of the horse department for more than ten years; but since 1904 he is superintendent of the cattle department.

Mr. Rabenold is a member of the Jordan Lutheran church, which he has served a number of times as deacon. In 1871 he was married to Sarah A. R., daughter of John and Helena (Kline) Heinly, who at one time resided at Catasauqua, where Mrs. Rabenold was born; later he moved to Upper Macungie township. Mr. and Mrs. Rabenold had two children, a son and a daughter, both of them died in infancy.

Phaon Rabenold, son of Peter, had been a farmer in Weisenberg township, where he operated his father's farm. He was a member of the Weisenberg church. Being a great violin player, he rendered his services by playing on

the church choir. He died in October, 1868. His wife had been Lucy A., daughter of Theobald Werley. After Mr. Rabenold's death, she married David Hollenbach, with whom she had a child, which died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rabenold had three children: Edwin P.; Addie M., married to Adam E. Bittner, and Frederick P., a slater, near Slatedale, Pa.

EDWIN P. RABENOLD, cigar manufacturer of Allentown, son of Phaon, was born in Weisenberg, Jan. 17, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of the township. From the age of eight to nineteen he worked as hired man upon the farms. Afterwards he clerked in the general store at Ironton and Allentown. In 1882 he learned the cigar-making trade at Allentown, which trade he has ever since followed. For seven years he worked as journeyman, and since 1890 is engaged personally in the manufacturing of cigars. Sept. 11, 1895, he married Sarah A., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Weigner) Dennis. She was born Jan. 27, 1871, and died March 25, 1912. Their children are: Raymond F.; Edwin P.; Paul W.; Norman S.; Marcus A.; Mary E.; Valda L.; and Dennis T. Mr. Rabenold resides at 146 North Fifth street, Allentown, Pa.

#### RABERT FAMILY.

Daniel Reber was born Jan. 19, 1763, and lived near Hoffman's post office, in what is now Washington township. His old homestead is now owned by David Reber, a grandson. The dwelling and distillery which he built there are still standing. In the year 1803 he built a new addition to the dwelling which had been built fully a quarter of a century before. He was married to Elizabeth Benninger, and they lived together for forty-eight years. He died March 29, 1850. Both are buried at the Unionville church. They had ten children, nine of whom were: John, George, Daniel, Peter, Mrs. Michael App, Mrs. Solomon Handwerk, Mrs. Peter Miller, Mrs. George Sensinger, and Susan, married John Fenstermacher.

John George Rabert, son of Daniel Reber, was a farmer at Newhard's (New Treichler's), in Washington township. He owned and conducted the hotel at that place. He changed the spelling of the name "Reber" to "Rabert." He married Sara Andreas and had the following children: John, who lived in Heidelberg and afterward settled in Ohio; Thomas; Mrs. Lentz; and Mrs. Garmer, who lived at Parryville, Pa.

Thomas Rabert, son of John George, was born April 4, 1813, and died Aug. 25, 1898, aged 85 years, 4 months and 17 days. He owned a 72-acre farm in North Whitehall. Maria Jacob,







*L. H. Ralrich*

his wife, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Peter) Jacob, was born May 17, 1819, and died Dec. 21, 1897, aged 78 years, 7 months and 4 days. Both are buried at Unionville. Their children were: Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Catharine, Amanda, Adalina, Henry J., William, Uriah, and Alice.

HENRY J. RABERT, son of Thomas, of Rabert's Corner, in Lynn, was born Aug. 13, 1854. He was a tanner at Unionville for six years. In 1877 he married Mary A. German, and the following year moved to Oswald's, a business place near the Blue mountains, in Lynn. After 1878, this place took the name of "Rabert's Corner." For eleven years, in connection with farming 35 acres of land, Mr. Rabert conducted the tavern at that place.

His children are: (1) Howard J., who in 1898 entered the United States marine service and served for five years; he married Lena Long; (2) Aquilla, married Fred. Bachman, of West Bethlehem; (3) Ida, married Stanley Lentz, of Allentown; (4) George H., married Angie Belles, of Reading, who have a son, Howard; and (5) Daisy, who died in infancy.

Of Thomas Rabert's daughters, Sarah married Henry Ritter; Elizabeth, married Lefanus Sell; Mary, married Levi Helfrich; Catharine, married Andrew Kunkle; Amanda, married Joseph Bear; Adalina, married Josiah Frantz; and Alice, married Edwin A. Rhoads.

Peter Reber, son of Daniel, was born May 20, 1808, and obtained the homestead farm, where he lived until his death, Oct. 31, 1880, aged 72 years. He and family were members of the Frieden's church, and belonged to the Reformed congregation, which he served as an elder. There he and his wife, Sarah, a daughter of Jacob Smith, are buried; also some of their children. She was born Nov. 30, 1808, and died May 2, 1881. Their children were: Maria, Eliza and Charles, these three dying in infancy; Sally Ann, married to Owen Sieger; and David.

David Reber, son of Peter, was born on the homestead, Feb. 22, 1843. He farmed the old stand until his retirement in 1911, when he moved to Hoffman's, the homestead having been in his possession since 1880. He is a Republican and served the office of school director for twenty-one years, officiating for some years as president of the board. He was a deacon of the Reformed congregation of Frieden's church for four years. His wife, Rosa, was a daughter of Jacob Best. She was born March 12, 1847, and departed this life Sept. 5, 1907. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in infancy; James D.; Laura, wife of Francis P. Hoffman; Charles;

Sadie, who died suddenly, aged twenty-three years; and Peter, who died in infancy.

#### GEORGE H. RABICH.

George H. Rabich, a prominent citizen and a leading baker of Allentown, was born April 16, 1870, son of John Rabich, a native of Eisenach, Saxony, Germany.

George H. Rabich accompanied by his elder brother, William, emigrated to the United States, landing at New York, August 28, 1880. These brothers, aged ten and twenty years respectively, located at Williamsport, Pa. They came there on a Saturday and on the following Monday the younger one, George H., commenced attending school and continued regularly for a period of about six months. The following spring he began to work in a bakery and continued at this trade until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1893 he came to Allentown and in the fall of 1897 engaged in the baking business in a small way for himself. He was first located on Seventh street, opposite to where his large establishment is now located. In 1899 he purchased the northeast corner of Seventh and Tilghman street with a frontage of 62 feet on Seventh street and 120 feet on Tilghman street. On this lot he erected a three-story brick bakery building. The bakery is equipped with the most modern machinery and Mr. Rabich has employed twenty-four people, also fourteen horses are pressed into service in distributing the bread among the many customers.

Mr. Rabich devotes all his time, energy and ability to his business, having refused public office. Nevertheless he is deeply interested in the advancement and progress of his city and in various ways he has contributed toward making Allentown what it now is. George H. Rabich owns the Grim homestead in Upper Saucon township, located at Friedensville.

The farm consists of 224 acres of fertile land. On this tract is an inexhaustable deposit of a white clay said to be valuable.

Mr. Rabich and family are attendants of the Reformed church, and they reside at No. 705 North Seventh Street. Socially he is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., and of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 257, K. of P., both of Allentown.

In 1893 he was married to Mary Alice Lehr, a daughter of Israel and Lovina (Seip) Lehr, of Allentown. Their union was blessed with these children: Elizabeth Lovina; Elsie Marguerite; Dorothy Mamie and Ruth Christina.

William Rabich, the brother of George H., was unmarried and died at Williamsport, in

1885, at the age of twenty-five years. He is buried in that city in Wildwood Cemetery.

John Rabich, the father of George H. and William, was a miller, and had six sons and one daughter. Three of the sons came to America. The other son, Fred, who also located at Williamsport, is a carpenter and is unmarried.

#### RADER FAMILY.

Members of the Rader family have been residing in Northampton county for at least two centuries where we find it represented first by Henry Rader, who was for a colonist of that period considered a rich man, being a large landowner, residing in the vicinity of Bath. His son John George Rader, was born July 27, 1757, and died April 24, 1837. In the war of the Rebellion he became an officer in the American army. His son John was married to Miss Flick and among their children were Paul, born Sept. 5, 1801, married to Mary A. Nolf, and Abraham. Abraham Rader, son of John, was the father of Stephen D. Rader who was born at Bath, where he resided for many years. He was a brick manufacturer at Bath and later at Bethlehem and Siegfrieds, where he had two yards and gave employment to as many as thirty people. He is buried at Howertown church, where he was a member of the Reformed congregation. He was married to Helen Flick, born Feb. 25, 1819, died Sept. 12, 1892. They had children as follows: Jane (Mrs. Jacob Staple); Elizabeth (Mrs. Eli Nagel); Alice (Mrs. George W. Lerch); James, of Siegfrieds; Edward B., Henry, deceased; Charles, deceased.

EDWARD B. RADER, brick manufacturer of Coplay, was born at Bath, Aug. 13, 1849. At the age of fifteen years he started working in his father's brick plant and has been identified with this business ever since. In 1890 he engaged in the manufacturing of brick for himself, making a red clay brick which is recognized one of the best made bricks on the market. Since 1907 he and his son William also manufacture cement blocks, bricks and slabs. Mr. Rader is a Democrat having served as councilman in his borough. He is a member of Trinity Reformed church in which he served as trustee for a number of years. In 1903 he built the beautiful residence at the corner of Third and Hall street where he now resides. In 1871 he was married to Mary C. Ricker, a daughter of William and Susan Ricker. Two sons were born to them of whom only one is living, namely, William, who is married to Mable Zellner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Zellner. He received his education in the local schools and the Allentown Business College. He is foreman in his father's brick

plant. He is a member of the Reformed church where he holds the office of deacon. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rader: Edward, Marie, deceased, and William.

#### RAKER FAMILY.

Martin Raker, German pioneer settled in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and there the ancestor of a numerous Northumberland county family was born. On the cemetery of the Emanuel's Lutheran Church in Little Mahanoy township are the graves of these pioneers of that locality. Their tombstone inscriptions read:

Conrad Raker  
of  
Montgomery Co., Pa.  
Born June 7, 1778  
Died Sept. 4, 1849  
His wife  
Barbara *nee* Dunkelberger  
Born April 5, 1779  
Died Dec. 7, 1838

He came to Northumberland county, about 1797, and there he was married. According to traditions he had first located at a "Block House," in what is now Lycoming county, and that he had a brother who finally located in one of the upper counties of the state. Dr. William Raker, of Pillow, Pa., and Dr. Morris Raker, of Augustaville, Pa., were second cousins of the descendants of the second generation from Conrad Raker above named. Conrad Raker upon coming to Northumberland county first located at Augustaville, in Rockerfeller township, and two years later he settled in Little Mahanoy township where he followed farming until his death. His landed estate comprised nearly 600 acres, and he gave a farm to each of his sons. He was a well built and strong man, and delighted in hunting and fishing and shot many a deer which were plentiful in that section. He had a fight with a bear in which his life was saved by a faithful dog. He occupied an important part in the church and political life of his community. He helped to build two Lutheran churches, the Emanuel church, and the Stone church, at Augustaville, Pa. He was a Lutheran and many of his descendants are members of the same faith. He was a commissioner of Northumberland county in 1837 and 1838.

Conrad Raker and wife had these children: Frederick, Jacob, William D., Enoch D., Isaac D., John, moved to Illinois and died there; Maria (Molly), married E. Peifer and they lived and died at Raker, Pa.; Barbara Alice, married

Joseph Gass; Esther, married D. Zartman; a daughter married to George Savage; Kate.

Frederick Raker (1) was born Dec. 21, 1804, in Rockerfeller township, and he spent all his life in his native county, except about four years, which after his marriage he spent in Lycoming county, Pa. Afterward he settled at Emanuel's Church, in Little Mahanoy township. He was a blacksmith, carpenter and a farmer, besides keeping "Raker's Hotel" for some years. He died Aug. 4, 1844, and is buried at Raker, Pa. In 1825 he married Elizabeth Hoffman, who died in 1903, aged eighty-seven. Their seven children were: Conrad H.; Susanna, died young; Jeremiah; Harriet; Catharine; John H. died Jan. 14, 1862, while in the Civil War, at Rolla, Mo., and Lovina Jane.

Jacob Raker (2) was born April 26, 1808, in Little Mahanoy township. He died upon his farm Dec. 28, 1869. His wife, Margaret Zartman, was born in 1813 and died in 1883. They had the following children: Lucinda; Harry; William; Samuel Z.; Enoch; Daniel Z. (1836-1898); Abbie; Rebecca; Conrad; Cornelius; Alice and Joseph.

William D. Raker (3) was born June 7, 1812, and he died in Little Mahanoy where he was born in Feb., 1887. His wife was Catharine Fink and their children were: Martin, deceased; Henry, deceased; James F., deceased; Isaac F.; Lewis, deceased; Galen; Elizabeth; Mary; Sarah; Hettie; Lovina; Rebecca; and Susan.

Enoch D. Raker (4) was born June 7, 1822, and he died June 23, 1888. He was a farmer and owned the 120 acre farm now owned by his son, Edward A. He married Sarah Bingaman and their children were: Edward B., Alice and Jane B., twins.

Isaac D. Raker (5) was born Dec. 6, 1825, and died at Shamokin, Pa., March 11, 1907. He was a farmer in Little Mahanoy township until his removal to Shamokin. He was a county commissioner during the Civil War and subsequently a jury commissioner. His wife, Phoebe A. Witmer, was born in 1824 and died in 1890. Their children were: Alvin, Wilson, Clinton, Nelson, Laura, Minnie and Jennie.

Conrad H. Raker the oldest son of Frederick, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 8, 1828, and when he was about three years old his parents removed to Northumberland county. He was reared upon the farm and assisted his father in tilling the soil until he learned the trade of a gunsmith and this he followed in Little Mahanoy township in addition to his farm work the rest of his active life excepting four years which he spent in the Western States. In 1899 Mr. Raker retired and lived with his

daughter Lydia, Mrs. John Schlege, at Shamokin, Pa., until his death, Sept. 24, 1911, aged 82 years, 10 months, 16 days. He was active in public affairs and was the first postmaster at Raker P. O., which was named in his honor. He was a Democrat, and in his religious faith was a Lutheran, and served the Emanuel's church as a trustee. On April 27, 1856, he married Susan Dornsife, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Herb) Dornsife. She was born March 22, 1832, and died on Nov. 5, 1899. Both are buried at Raker, Pa., in the Emanuel's church cemetery. Their children follow:

Dr. Frederick D. Raker was born at Raker, Pa., Dec. 21, 1856. After attending the public schools, he attended the Freeburg and Eysburg academies and taught school at the age of twenty years. He read medicine with his uncle, Dr. Daniel Dornsife, and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Phila., Pa., in the class of 1881. In 1889, together with Dr. Hollenbach, he established the drug business, still conducted under the name of Hollenbach and Raker. He was twice elected coroner and also county treasurer of Northumberland County, Pa. In addition to his extensive practice, he is president of The East End Lumber Company, president of The Shamokin and Coal Township Saving Fund, director of The Shamokin Banking Company and The Leader Publishing Company. He was married to Ada Deppen in 1890 and has the following children: Conrad J. M., a graduate of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., in the class of 1913. Ralph E., a sophomore at Muhlenberg College; Susan Eva, and Alma Elizabeth.

Mary E. Raker was married to Alvin Raker, proprietor of three cent novelty store in Shamokin, Pa. The following children were born to them: Florence, married to Robert Swank; Helen, married to Selin Weist and Walter, Mrs. Raker died from an accident in her home September 6, 1911.

REV. JOHN H. RAKER, founder and superintendent of The Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa., was born at Raker, Pa., Jan. 1, 1863. After attending the public schools, at Raker, Pa., a select school at Northumberland Pa., and teaching public school for two years, he entered the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College in the spring of 1884, and was graduated in the class of 1889. In the physiological department he received the prize of ten dollars in gold for the best skeleton. During his college course he was superintendent of the Union Sunday school at South Allentown for three years, and as Dr. Wackernagel said, "was the chief agitator in organizing St. Stephens mission" in Allentown.

He was one of the state speakers for the con-



stitutional amendment in the spring of 1889 and spoke two and three times a day for over one month. In the spring of 1892 he was graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Phila., and the Neff College of Oratory. During the summer of 1891 he had charge of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pen Argyl, Pa., and after graduation accepted a call from this church and served as pastor for seven years. He traveled extensively and prepared illustrated lectures on the Reformation, and on Vesuvius Herculanum and Pompeii. The latter was delivered before many county teachers' institutes. In 1898 he received and accepted a call from Trinity Church, Lebanon. On June 5, 1899, he was married to D. Estella Weiser, a daughter of Jonathan and Rose (Moser) Weiser, a descendant of Conrad Weiser, the great Indian interpreter, and first judge of Berks county.

He received and accepted a unanimous call to become the second superintendent of the Topton Orphans' Home, and took charge on Oct. 1, 1900, and served as superintendent and Mrs. Raker as matron until April 1, 1907. While superintendent of this home, he presented the cause before every conference, and in most of the congregations of the Ministerium of Penna., speaking as often as seven times on one Sunday. The subscription list of the Orphans' Home paper was increased from 1,500 to 5,200. The debt of \$20,000.00 was paid many improvements were made, current expenses were met and \$5,000.00 was subscribed for an Old People's Home and over one-half was paid. The greatest work, however, was not the raising of money, for that was only a natural result when interested people saw that the children were properly cared for, and were being prepared to meet the battles of life. He was the chief agitator in starting the Topton Bank of which he is still a director.

He accepted a call from Grace Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., March, 1907, with the understanding that he would start his "*great life plan*," of caring for the crippled orphans, blind orphans, infant orphans, destitute children, old people and aged or disabled ministers, regardless of creed, color or nationality. The first crippled orphan child was received in his private home on Feb. 21, 1908. The Rev. Jer. H. Ritter suggested the name, "Good Shepherd Home," which was accepted. The home has had a wonderful development. The great need for such a home was seen by all and it has been liberally supported from the beginning. He resigned as pastor of Grace Church to devote all his time to the home in the spring of 1911. "Sweet Charity," the official organ of the home has a subscription list of over 8,000 subscribers, price 50

cents per year. They have three children living, Ruth Dorothea, Roberta Naomi and Conrad Weiser Raker.

Lydia J. Raker, married to John Schlegel, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Schlegel is employed by the Philadelphia R. R. Signal Company. Their only son, W. Clarence, is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, class of 1913.

Ida Raker, married to John Hilbush, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Hilbush is a contractor and builder, also treasurer of the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, Pa. They have the following children: Edward O., Susan and Reuben, deceased.

Hattie Raker, married to Samuel Moyer, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Moyer is a contractor and builder, also a director of the East End Lumber Company. They have only one child, Leila M.

Conrad D. Raker, Dornsife, Pa., is extensively engaged in the lumber business. He is married to Tama Wert. Two children were born to them: Frederick D., and Arlington.

Albert Raker, of Raker, Pa., farmer and lumberman. He married Katie Raker. Two children were born to them: Frances and Lydia. Mr. Raker died from injuries received in an accident.

Edward Raker, the youngest of the family, taught public school at the age of 15 years. Prepared for college in the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College, and was graduated with honor in the class of 1899. He read law under W. H. M. Oram and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1902. In addition to his extensive law practice he was twice elected chairman of the Northumberland County Democratic Committee. He is vice president of the Leader Publishing Company and a director of the East End Lumber Company. He was appointed postmaster of Shamokin, Pa., by President Wilson in June, 1913. He was married to Bertha Graeber, of Shamokin, Pa. Three children were born to them: Marion, Grace, and John Peter.

#### EDWARD J. RAPP.

Adam Rapp, who was born in Coopinggen, Wurtemberg, Germany, Aug. 14, 1837, died in Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa., on Oct. 27, 1888, and is buried on the family plot in Fairview cemetery. He emigrated to the United States in 1857, and made his home at Lehigh Gap, Pa., where he was employed in a tannery about three years. Removing to Weissport he, in company with his brother, George, learned the butchering business, in which he was employed as a journeyman until 1862. He then established himself in this line of business at Mauch Chunk, continuing there for seven years, then removed to Al-

lontown, where he resided and was active in business life until his death. Before settling in Allentown he had lived for a time at Salisbury, back of the "Blue Jacket Mill," which was operated by Joshua Schnurman, many years, remained there until 1872, and is now known as the South Allentown Hotel. Mr. Rapp was an active worker in the field of religion; he was a member of Salem Evangelical church, on Linden street, spent much time and thought on Sunday school work, and served as a teacher of the German Bible class for many years. Mr. Rapp married Isabella, a daughter of George and Johanna (Luesler) Schuler, of Easton, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rapp was born in Easton, Jan. 26, 1842. Of their eight children, six died in infancy, the others being: Edward J., of further mention; Frederick D., who is the general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Fairmount, West Virginia, married Hattie A., a daughter of Charles and Francisca Bachman.

Edward J., son of Adam and Isabella (Schuler) Rapp, was born at Easton, Pa., Feb. 27, 1866. He was three years of age when his parents removed to Allentown, and made that city their permanent home, and it was there that he received his education in the public schools. Upon the completion of his education, he learned the butcher's trade under the supervision of his father, and he is of the fourth generation to have followed this calling in a direct line. He remained associated with his father in the business founded by the latter, and upon his death succeeded him in it and has carried it on successfully since that time. He is a progressive and resourceful in his methods, and keeps abreast of the times in every particular. His business is located at No. 224 North Ninth street, with a branch at No. 126 North Eleventh street, and he has five men constantly in his employ, and sometimes has need of additional help. His private residence is in a commodious house at No. 226 North street.

In political opinion Mr. Rapp is a Republican, and has served as a member of the select council for four years. In religious affairs he is one of the leading spirits of the town. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church, and has served in every office of Trinity church, of Allentown. He has been a trustee of the church since 1900, and is the teacher of the Men's Bible class, this consisting of 53 members. As superintendent of the Sunday school for seven consecutive years he has rendered inestimable service, and is considered one of the pillars of the church. He was a delegate to the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference for a number of years, and is a church member of Allentown. His fraternal

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connections are as follows: Patriotic Order Sons of America, Camp No. 406, in which he has held all the offices, and has officiated as county president; St. James Commandery, Knights of Malta; Constantine Lodge, No. 1111, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Jordan Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 673; all of Allentown. He is a direction of the Waldheim Camp-meeting Association, being in office as vice-president; a charter member and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Allentown; and is secretary of the Allentown Cemetery Association.

Mr. Rapp married, Dec. 29, 1887, Emma, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Reinhart) Donecker, of Howertown, Pennsylvania. They have children: William C., who has gained a fine reputation as an accomplished violinist; and Minnie E.

#### JOHN T. RASELY.

In 1738 three brothers left their native home in Germany and came to America. (The name was originally spelled Rasli). One of these brothers was named Conrad, who first settled in Bucks county, then some of the family settled in Lower Mount Bethel township, where some of those named now reside.

Robert J. Rasely was born in Stroudsburg, Pa., where he was educated in the public schools and when he had attained manhood followed the trade of butcher. He continued to reside in his native town for some time then removed to South Bethlehem, where he also followed the same line of business. He remained for eighteen years, when he returned to Stroudsburg, where he opened a shop, and is at the present time (1913) yet conducting the business.

Robert J. Rasely was united in marriage with Emma, daughter of Dr. John Hartman, of Monroe Co., Pa. Issue: Ardella, died, aged twelve years; John F., (sketch follows); Lela, married Elmer E. Frederick, of Stroudsburg; Lizzie, married Raymond Schreiber; and Milo Rasely.

JOHN F. RASELY, the eldest son of Robert, was born in Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Bethlehem; took a course of instruction at a business college at South Bethlehem. He then became the local representative for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., at Bethlehem. He was next connected with Taylor & Son, Allentown; and in 1904 entered the employ of the A. & P. Tea Co., at Allentown, where he eventually became manager of the business. He has been energetic, economical and prudent, and owns his present home. Dec. 23, 1903, he married Viola May, daughter of Harvey and Agnes E. (Haines) Zellner.

## ROBERT S. RATHBUN.

Robert Schwenk Rathbun, engineer and contractor, a son of George W. and Rebecca Schwenk Rathbun, was born at Rahtbun, Elk County, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1869.

George W. Rathbun, the father, was born in New London, Conn., in 1807, the ninth generation of his family in America. He was a blacksmith by trade. He invented and manufactured the first iron cooking stove to burn anthracite coal. He came to Lehigh County in the 1850's, that he might have his stoves cast at Balliet's charcoal furnace, located at the base of the Blue Mountains. He left Allentown prior to 1860, to engage in the pioneer lumbering business and oil prospecting, in Elk County, Pa., where he established a settlement known as Rathbun, now a thriving station on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. He latterly disposed of his stove interests to Rathbun, Sard & Company, of Albany, N. Y., now the greatest stove manufacturing concern in the world. He died on his farm at Rahtbun, April 25, 1870.

On December 31, 1866, he married his second wife, Rebecca Schwenk, born at Allentown, Dec. 28, 1825. She was the daughter of Martin and Catharine (Rieb) Schwenk, of Palatinate German stock, on her paternal side, being the fourth generation descended from Martin Schwenk, who landed in Philadelphia from either Manheim or Zweibruecken, on October 7, 1749, and who settled on the farm which he later bought in that part of Lehigh County now known as Lower Milford township. March 6, 1750, he married Anna Maria Dillinger. On her maternal side she was of the fourth generation descended from Andrew Rieb, a patriot of the American Revolution, of German descent, born in Salisbury township, in 1747, who served as a private in what was known as the Flying Camp, he having participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

Rebecca Schwenk was a woman of unusual foresight, untiring energy and deep religious convictions, the ideal type of motherhood. She died June 30, 1897, after living a life of earnest devotion to the possible interests of her son, the subject of this sketch.

He was educated in the public schools of Allentown, and later graduated as a civil engineer from Lehigh University in 1892. He was engaged as engineer of construction on the Ohio extension of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in the States of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky; later he was employed as a designer of bridges for the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad of the Erie system; was city engineer of Allentown from April, 1894, to June, 1897. From 1897 to 1898 was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, which he combined in 1908 with the contracting business. This enterprise has developed into an extensive and profitable business, having involved since its inception the handling of millions of dollars' worth of work, either connected with the construction or design of industrial plants and kindred structures located in the eastern part of Pennsylvania and vicinity, requiring at various times the employment of hundreds of men, as well as a score of engineers.

On October 17, 1898, he married Lilly L., daughter of Walter H. and Sarah E. (Nolf) Biery, of Allentown. They have four children, all of whom are living: Sarah H., George R., Miriam R., and Edward B.

## SOLOMON RAUB.

Jacob Raub was a farmer in Northampton county, near Raubsville, Pa. He owned a large tract of land and died there and was buried at Raubsville. He married Susan, *nee* Raub, and they had a son, Isaac.

Isaac Raub, son of Jacob and Susan (Raub) Raub, was born Oct. 13, 1785. He had but a meagre education in the common schools. His early life was spent in the ore industries of Lehigh county. He subsequently engaged in boating on the canal between Mauch Chunk and Bristol, Pa., carrying coal and other freight. At the close of his active life he lived with his son, Solomon, where he died May 18, 1875, and was buried in Union cemetery, Allentown. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Isaac Raub married Eleanora Sterner, who died May 5, 1864, and was interred by the side of her husband. Issue: John; Aaron; Isaac; Maria (Mrs. Amandus Hufford); Jonas; Solomon; Ellen (Mrs. William Transue); William; Emma (Mrs. Harrison Kilo, of Philadelphia), and one who died young.

Solomon Raub, son of Isaac and Elenora (Sterner) Raub, was born Aug. 15, 1832, near Trexler furnace, in Longswamp township. His educational advantages were very limited, as at an early age he assisted his father and brothers on the boat. He subsequently learned the trade of molder in the Allentown foundry, following this vocation for some years. During the Civil War he did much teaming, hauling supplies for the army. Being of an adventurous make-up, he became a seaman on ocean vessels, both on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, also sought wealth in the Australian gold fields. He spent upwards of seven years away from his "native heath," then returned home and resumed his trade as an iron molder, in the Allentown foundry and machine shops. He subsequently engaged in the teaming and trucking business, operating several teams, continuing this vocation for several years. In 1878 he was, for eighteen months, farming in Queen Ann county, Md. He next returned to Allentown, residing at his old home, No. 202 North Front street, where he lived until his decease, March 3, 1905. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, by the side of his parents. He was a Republican, and a member of the Reformed Church.

Solomon Raub married, Sept. 20, 1866, Amelia C. Moll, of Allentown, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Hunsberger) Moll. Issue: Two children, who died in infancy; Edwin, died, aged nine months; Myra R. (Mrs. Eli P. Clause); Emma M. Raub.



*Robert J. Rathbun*





Mrs. Raub and her daughter, Emma, reside in the old homestead. Emma has always been an active member of Zion Reformed church, and Sunday school work.

RAUCH FAMILY.

James G. Rauch, proprietor of the *Slatington News*, belongs to the class of men to whom success has come as the direct result of integrity and strict attention to his chosen business. He is a native of Lehigh county, Pa., having been born in Lowhill township, May 1, 1868, and is a descendant of Andreas and Elizabeth Rauch, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Lehigh county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Andreas and Elizabeth Rauch had a son, Andreas, born Dec. 2, 1769, who followed the same occupation that his father had followed, and through his thrift and perseverance won a reputation as an enterprising business man.

Michael Rauch, son of Andreas, and grandfather of James G., was born on the old homestead in Heidelberg, learned the trade of cabinet maker, and after thoroughly mastering all the details of the business, he engaged in business for himself. He made the wood-work for a New York party that was used in the construction of a great many grandfather's clocks. In the upper end of the county may be found a number of fancy old-fashioned bureaus that were turned out by Michael Rauch. He was married to Salome Krum, a native of Heidelberg township, with whom he had the following children: Israel, deceased; Flora; Mary; Fietta, m. Jeremiah Peters; Joseph; and William, who died in Heidelberg, where he was a wheelwright.

Joseph Rauch, father of James G., attended the common schools of his native township, making good use of his time spent in school, which was a great help to him later in his large and successful business career. After learning the trade of cabinet maker under his father's instructions, he turned his attention to carriage and wagon building, in which line he became as successful as his father had become in his work. A wagon with the stamp of Joseph Rauch's name on it was regarded as one of the best that could be gotten anywhere. Mr. Rauch, on account of his superior workmanship, is well known, especially in the upper end of the county. In 1867 Joseph Rauch was married to Amelia Hausman, to whom were born the following children: James G., married to Emma J. Smith; Maggie J., married to Frank Hensinger; Malissa, married to Amandas C. Handwerk; Victor D., married Mabel Kemmerer; Daisy, married Phaon Scherer; George, deceased, and a child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Rauch was born Jan. 8, 1846, died Dec. 20, 1909. Mr. Rauch married

the second time, Sarah Semmel, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Zimmerman) Semmel.

JAMES G. RAUCH, oldest son of Joseph Rauch, was educated in the schools of his native township. After leaving school he learned the trade of wheelwright in his father's factory at Pleasant Corner. In 1893 he moved to Weissport, where he engaged in the job printing business and continued there until 1898. Seeing an opportunity for enlarging his usefulness and business capacity he moved to Slatington where he purchased the plant of the *Slatington News*. The business soon increased to such an extent that he found it necessary to look for larger quarters to accommodate the increase of business. In 1903 he erected the present office and residence at 420 Main street. The present printing equipment is thoroughly up-to-date. He employs seven men and is in a position to turn out large amount of work, as well as most artistic work. Mr. Rauch has met with marked success in his chosen occupation as a printer as did his father as carriage builder and his grandfather as cabinet-maker.

Mr. Rauch and family are members of St. John's Reformed church, Slatington, which church he served as deacon; and since 1900 is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school which is the largest in his town. He is thoroughly interested in everything that pertains to the moral uplift of the borough. He is a director of the Blue Valley Slate Company since 1909.

In 1890 Mr. Rauch was married to Emma J. Smith, a daughter of Owen and Mary (Bittner) Smith, of Heidelberg township. Mrs. Rauch is a most excellent woman and has been a great help to her husband in his business and church work. To them were born the following children: Oliver J., who is a graduate of the Slatington high school, class of 1910, and is now employed in his father's printing plant; Russel J.; Irl O.; Allen G.; George L.; and two daughters, Mamie and Marion, died in youth.

Mr. Rauch has in his possession a curio which is of considerable historical value. It is a large frame 31 inches by 37 inches, containing eight panel pictures, together with a small mirror in the center. The pictures are painted in various colors and contain the following names; "Joseph Rittner," "Fany," "Philip," "Mary," "Napoleon," "Catharine," "Harrison," and "Dr. Franklin." The picture is reported to be one of six of like nature in existence. The paintings were made by a French artist and the wood-work by Michael Rauch.

WILLIAM RAUM.

William Raum, chief engineer at the Frederick Bros. Brick Works, in Allentown, was born

March 18, 1856, at Marietta, Lancaster county. After attending the public schools until fourteen years of age he worked on the Pennsylvania canal and railroad for several years until 1873, then followed farming in Lancaster county until 1885. From 1885 to 1904 he was engaged in the Marietta Rolling Mill, and from 1904 to 1908 he filled the position of manager of the large Cassatt farm in Delaware county. Then he removed to Allentown where he was selected as engineer of the Frederick Bros. Brick Works and here he has been employed until the present time. He is a member of Marietta Council, No. 18, of the American Order of Steam Engineers.

In 1880 Mr. Raum was married to Sarah Reinhold, daughter of Samuel Reinhold, of Marietta. Upon her decease he married Sarah Schlegel, daughter of Stephen Schlegel, of Northampton county. While at Marietta he was active in the Lutheran Church, having served as deacon and elder. He is a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran church, Allentown.

George Raum, his father, was a native of Baden, in Germany. He emigrated to America in 1844, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing vessel, which then required three months in making the voyage. He landed at Baltimore, Md., and located at Marietta, Pa., where he followed his trade as a shoemaker for many years. He died in 1880, having reached the age of 81 years. After his naturalization he was a Democrat in politics for a time, but he changed to a Republican at the time of the Civil War. He was married to Dorothea Luther, a native of Germany, while on ship crossing the ocean. She died in 1878, aged 69 years. They had ten children: George M.; Barbara, married Frederick Yost; Margaretta, married Samuel Zook; Catharine, married Christian Wentzel; Peter; William; John; Anna; Mary, married Isaac Hughes, and Samuel. John and Anna having died young. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

#### REV. J. C. RAUSCH.

Frederick Rausch was born in Württemberg, Germany, March, 1839, attending the public schools up to 14 years of age. His father had been a soldier under Napoleon, receiving a wound in his leg, but he survived to a good old age. After leaving school, Frederick learned the tanner's trade, which he followed all his life. Coming to America in 1865, he was employed at Philadelphia for five years, then at Seneca, Columbia county, then Allentown, later at Balliettsville, and then returned to Allentown. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics a Democrat. He was married to Anna Mary

Gonser (the thirteenth child in her family, who came to America in 1861), about 1866. The issue was: 1. J. Charles; 2. William, deceased; 3. Emma S., married to Mr. Brown, deceased.

Rev. John Charles Rausch, son of Frederick and Anna Mary (Gonser) Rausch, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 21, 1867. He prepared for college in the public schools of Allentown, entering Muhlenberg College in the fall of 1886, graduating with second honor in 1890, receiving the degree of A. B. He was census enumerator for the district comprising Muhlenberg College in 1890. In the fall he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1893. The same year he received the Master's degree from Muhlenberg College. After his ordination, he served as pastor of the Audenried-West Hazleton parish from 1893-94, when he was called to the present pastorate of St. Luke's, Allentown, where in 1897, he built a fine new church. He has been serving for a number of years, as one of the trustees of Muhlenberg College, to which he has given an abundance of time and labor. He also served as school director of the Tenth ward for one term, being elected thereto by the Democratic party. On Feb. 22, 1894, he was married to A. Sallie, daughter of Henry T. and Mary A. (Grammes) Kleckner, their children being: (1) Mary Dorothy, a graduate of the Allentown high school, 1912; (2) Catharine A.; (3) Winifred E., deceased. (4) Anna C.; (5) Paul C. He resides at 17 North Third street, Allentown.

#### REED FAMILY.

The subject of this history, William S. Reed, is the superintendent of the Allentown Knitting Mills, and is a descendant of one of the oldest of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania.

Johan Leonard Rith, the ancestor of this very large family, was born in Germany, in 1691, and died in 1747, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa. He was one of the twenty-three families who fled from the Schoharie, in New York, under the leadership of the famous Conrad Weiser (the great Indian interpreter and patriot of the early colonial period of Pennsylvania), and settled in what is now Tulpehocken township, Berks county, in 1723. (See History of Berks county, Pa., or Life of Conrad Weiser.)

Johan Leonard Rith, also spelled Reith, Read, and Reed, married Analiza Catrina, and their union was blessed by the following children:

Johan Nicolaus, born June 4, 1715, died Jan. 7, 1788.

Johan George, born 1717, died 1791.

Johannes Frederick, born March 15, 1718, died Dec. 24, 1794.

Margaretha.

Johan Leonhard, Jr., born Sept. 10, 1723, died April 28, 1801.

Peter.

Jacob, born June, 1846; died March 28, 1831.

Other Reeds settled in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, before 1740. They were: Michael, Casper, George, and Peter. They were all relatives. The will of Michael Reed is of record in the court house at Reading. It was recorded in 1754, and mentions these children: J. Casper, J. Michael, Daniel, Catarina, Margaretha, Anna Maria Rosina, Anna Madlena, Elisabeth, and Maria Barbara.

Members of the Berks county family had settled across the Blue mountain long before the Revolutionary War. In 1771 Philip Reed was a taxable resident of Pine Grove township, now Schuylkill county. In 1791 Jeremiah Reed, Michael Reed (both married), and Thomas Reed (single), were taxables for Manheim township, Schuylkill county. In 1802, Theodore Reed, John Reed, John (Morris) Reed, Thomas Reed, Sr., and Isaac Reed, were taxpayers in Norwegian township, and John and Philip Reed in Mahantango township, that county.

Christoph, George, and Conrad Reed, brothers, were born in Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. Of these Christoph passed all his life in his native township, and there reared his four sons, Obediah, George, Charles, and Emanuel. George was for many years engaged in the hotel business at Orwigsburg. Confad, born about 1788, died in his native township about 1830. He was a farmer. His wife, Elizabeth Neyer, bore him six children: David, born near Orwigsburg, Jan. 5, 1819, was a skilled blacksmith for many years, retiring about a quarter of a century ago. For nearly a decade he has lived in Reading with his daughter, Mrs. Hunsicker, at No. 430 North Tenth street. He married Lucy Ann Haff, and had nine children (seven still living), Emeline, Mary, Harriet, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth, Katie, and David Frank, of Summit Hill. Catharine, married John Graver, and went to Wisconsin. Hannah, married a Mr. Adams, and settled in Wisconsin. Elizabeth, married Daniel Fegley. Lewis settled in Michigan. Henry makes his home in New Ringgold, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Reed lived at Pottsville, and was the grandfather of Capt. Edward Reed, of Lyons, Pa. Among other children he had Jacob, who lived at Pottsville, George W., Hannah, and Daniel, who after a long residence in Schuylkill county, moved to Mercer county, and whose son, George W., was a member of the state legisla-

ture in 1875, and the latter's son, Hon. William F., from the same county, in 1893.

George W. Reed, son of Daniel, was born in Pottsville, in 1805, and died at Philadelphia in 1890. He married Catharine Kline, of Berks county, and they had thirteen children, one of whom was Captain Edward.

Samuel Reed, the grandfather of William S. Reed, of Allentown, was a life-long resident, near Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. He was a cigar maker. His son, Morris, was born at Orwigsburg and there was engaged in the poultry business for many years. Later he moved to Allentown and carried on the real estate business. He was married to Emma Daubert, a daughter of William and Catharine Daubert, who bore him fourteen children, namely: Raymond, William S., May, Edward, Sadie, Ida, Lottie, Katie, Emily, Ioa, Morris, Lucy, Hattie, and Edith. Edward, Ida, and the last three are deceased.

WILLIAM S. REED, superintendent of the Allentown Knitting Company, is the second son of Morris and Emma (Daubert) Reed. He was born at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, on June 6, 1875. After leaving school in his native town he was employed in an underwear factory for two years, conducted by Baker & Sheradin, afterward for less than two years he was employed by E. Emerich, a hosiery manufacturer in the same town. He then accepted employment with the P. & R. R. R., first as brakeman, then flagman, and later as conductor, for a period of four years.

In 1896 he removed to Allentown and accepted a position as knitter with the Allentown Knitting Company, and three years later he was made foreman of the plant which position he has served up to the present time in a most satisfactory manner.

On Feb. 1, 1899, he was married to Estella Snyder, a daughter of Reuben Snyder, of Allentown. They have six children, namely: Mary I.; Charles E.; Helen, deceased; Alma N.; Harold Van Curtis; and Arthur LeRoy.

Mr. Reed and his family are members of the Seibert United Evangelical church and Sunday school. He is an independent voter in politics.

#### RICHARD E. REESE.

Richard E. Reese, postmaster and store-keeper at Zionsville, was born in Upper Macungie township, April 26, 1869. He is the son of Harrison W. Reese and his wife, Rebecca, daughter of Jacob Schantz. His father was a foreman in iron mines in Franklin county, where he died in 1875, and was buried at Old Zionsville. Mr. Reese was educated in the schools of Upper Macungie

and became a fly-net maker and painter. After having passed the civil service examination, he was appointed postmaster at Old Zionsville, where he served four years. He then engaged in the general store business at Zionsville, and in 1910 was appointed postmaster there by President Taft. He has been a member of the election board, is a Republican in politics and a member of the Zionsville Lutheran church. He married, in 1891, Laura, daughter of Enos and Elizabeth (Desh) Druckenmiller, and had five children: Ella, a graduate of Perkiomen Seminary, who has been teaching school at Powder Valley for five years; Miriam; Paul, died at the age of six years; Laura; and Mary.

#### REHRIG FAMILY.

Charles M. Rehrig, deceased, was a book and job printer at Allentown, Pa. He was a grandson of George Rehrig, a lifelong farmer of East Penn, Carbon county, Pa. To him and his wife Sarah Benninger, who survived her husband a number of years were born the following children: Edwin, who was killed in the Civil War; Reuben; William, who lived and died at Lehigh-ton; Ephraim, who resided at Packerton; Lovina, married to John Weiss; Mary, married to Isaac Butz; Julia, married to Cornelius Peters; Helena, married to George Wolf. All have departed this life except Mrs. Peters.

Reuben M. Rehrig, son of George, was born in the Lizzard Creek valley, in 1845. He was a blacksmith by trade and came to Catasauqua during the Civil War, where he continued to reside until his death in 1904. To him and his wife, Ellen George, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth George, of Ashfield, Pa., were born nine children, viz: Charles M.; George, Cherryville, Pa.; Bessie, married to Charles Iskey, South Easton; Alexander, of Allentown; Omrod; Amanda, Newark, N. J.; Sophia; Irvin; and Francis, both of whom died in infancy.

CHARLES M. REHRIG was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa., Jan. 29, 1866. He attended the local public schools until the age of thirteen, when he learned the art of printing. He engaged in printing at Catasauqua in 1881, and continued for a period of five years, when he sold out and entered into the employ of the *Philadelphia Press*, as an all around man. After a period of two years he came to Allentown and was connected with the *Leader* until in 1892, when he again engaged in business for himself. His place of business, since 1903, was located at Sixth and Walnut streets. He employed three men. He did mostly general job work. The *Union Gazette*, recently discontinued, the first union paper in Allentown,

was established by him. He enjoyed membership in the F. O. E., Knights and Ladies of Honor; Red Men; Independent Americans; Lehigh Valley Printers' Board of Trade. At the time of his death he was preparing a history of the Fritz family of Carbon county, hoping to present it at the family reunion in 1913.

He was married to Emma E. Fritz, a daughter of the late Daniel E. Fritz, of Ashfield, Pa. This union was blessed with three sons: Richard D., a printer, who succeeded his father to the printing business at Sixth and Walnut streets; Howard R., an assistant bookkeeper; and Ralph W., and Harvey, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Rehrig died May 18, 1913, aged 47 years, 3 months, and 19 days, and was buried on the Greenwood cemetery. He was a member of St. Andrew's Reformed church, where his family continue to worship.

DR. J. EDWARD REHRIG, a prominent dentist in Catasauqua, was born at Mauch Chunk, Aug. 20, 1884. His father, John C. Rehrig is a son of Lafayette Rehrig, and was born at East Mauch Chunk, Sept. 1, 1857. He was employed for a quarter of a century by the Central Railway of New Jersey. Later he conducted the American Hotel, a leading hotel, for a period of seven years and now lives retired. He was married to Hanna M. Schock, a daughter of William H. and Hannah (Miller) Schock, a retired farmer residing near Weissport, Carbon county. To them were born four children: Minerva, married to Wilson K. Thomas; William, a druggist, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Edward, and Ruth M., married to H. C. Dilliard, civil engineer, East Bangor, Pa.

J. Edward Rehrig, D.D.S., received his early training in the public schools of East Mauch Chunk, from which he was graduated in 1900. In 1908 he was graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he was appointed resident dental surgeon in the Philadelphia general hospital, in which capacity he served one year. On April 1, 1909 he opened an office at Catasauqua and has buildt up a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, the Lehigh Valley Dental Society and Pennsylvania State Dental Association. He is a member of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. and A. M.; Chapter No. 278, R. A. M. On June 1, 1911 he was married to Nellie J., a daughter of John C. and Ella J. (Johnson) Miller, of Bangor, Pa. They have a daughter, Dorothy Miller Rehrig. Mr. and Mrs. Rehrig move in the best society and enjoy a wide circle of friends.

## JOHN A. REID.

John A. Reid, of Catasauqua, furnaceman and grocer, was born in Antrim, Ireland. June 24, 1856, and came with his parents to America in 1864. His father, John Reid, was born in Antrim, Jan. 8, 1820. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were also named John. The Reid's have always been zealous members of the Presbyterian church. Immediately after coming to America and locating at Hokendauqua, he was employed by the Thomas Iron Company as a furnaceman and continued in their employ until his death, which occurred March 8, 1876. He was married to Fannie Millen, of Articliff, Denny, Ireland. She was born in 1810 and died Aug. 21, 1902, aged 92 years. They had issue: John, died aged four years; Mary, died at the age of two; Ellen, married to J. Humphrey, both deceased; James (1846-1873), deceased; Margaret, the wife of the late John Clark; Nancy, married to Thos. McLaughlin; John A. and Fannie, the wife of John Patterson.

John A. Reid, began with the Thomas Iron Co. as a boilermaker, but in 1876, upon the death of his father, became a furnaceman, in which capacity he has been employed ever since, acting as foreman for a period of three years, with the exception of two years, 1886 and 1887, when he was engaged in Philadelphia as a hosiery manufacturer. In 1881 he built a house he resides in, and where the family conducts a grocery store. On Jan. 8th, 1885, he was married to Mary J. Blair, a daughter of John Blair, of Philadelphia. She was born May 23, 1863, and died Mar. 18, 1889. To them were born two children: Ellen, the wife of Frank Wheeler, and John A., Jr., who assists his father. The wife and parents of Mr. Reid are buried on the beautiful family plot in Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Reid enjoys membership in the following fraternities, Knights of Malta, Order of Red Men, in which he once served as District Deputy, Loyal Knights of America, Jr. A. P. A., A. P. A. and Sr. A. P. A., and Foresters of America. The family possess a fine library and some beautiful blue china.

John A. Reid, Jr., after graduating from the Hokendauqua High School class of 1905, and Allentown Preparatory School class of 1906, studied for two years at Muhlenberg College. He is an accomplished musician. He is the proud possessor of a very fine and valuable violin, which was made in Cremona, Italy in 1690, according to its inscription, "Andreas Guarnerius fecit Cremonae sub titulo Sanctae Teresiae, 1690."

## RIEDY FAMILY.

Otto, Jacob and Peter Riedy, brothers, came to this country on the ship "Samuel," which arrived at Philadelphia, August 27, 1739. The *Pennsylvania Archives* in the "Original List" of immigrants prefixes the "Johan" to each name, but it appears that this German custom of using the prefix was not continued by Jacob and Peter Riedy. They signed applications for land warrants as plain Jacob and Peter Riedy. The ages of these three pioneers in 1739 is respectively given at 34, 19 and 16 years.

We have no further history of Otto Riedy; but Jacob Riedy took out warrants for land situated in Heidelberg township, now Lehigh county, on May 14, and August 7, 1766, for forty-seven and sixty-five acres respectively. Conrad Riedy on September 24, 1767, took out a warrant for forty-eight acres in Heidelberg township. In the year 1781, the names of Jacob, Conrad and Peter S. Riedy appear on the tax list in Heidelberg. In 1812 the tax list contains the names of Abraham, Abraham and Susanna Riedy. In 1803, one Abraham Riedy was supervisor of Heidelberg, and in 1815 and 1816 Abraham Riedy, Jr., was auditor of the same township.

Abraham Riedy, said to be a son of an Abraham, was born in Heidelberg July 24, 1783, and died in Jordan Valley April 12, 1868, in his eighty fifth year. He was a farmer and miller in the Jordan Valley of Heidelberg township. There he operated what is yet known as "Riedy's Mill," which is a landmark of the district. It was built about 1767, probably by Bernhard Neff. He also made linseed oil and had a sawmill. The Riedy's are members of the German Reformed congregation of old Heidelberg church where many generations of the family are buried.

Abraham Riedy was married to Catharine German, who preceded him in death by twelve days. They had fourteen children, three of whom died young. All the others but one had families. They were: Elias; Abraham; Rev. Owen (for thirty-five years a Presbyterian minister, dying at New Orleans, Louisiana); Gabriel (lived at Easton, Pa.); Nathan (settled out West); Rosa (m. William Roth); Caroline (1826-1897) was a maiden; Lucy A. (m. Christian Wehr); Polly (m. Jacob Peter); Elizabeth (m. John Krum), and Catharine (m. Reuben Peter).

Elias Riedy, son of Abraham, was born in Heidelberg in 1840, and earlier in life was a shoemaker, later a laborer. He is a Civil War veteran. In 1903 he and family came to Allentown. His wife, Lovina, is a daughter of



Elias Riedy. They have two children: Lillie and Charles. Lillie (m. James Wisner), died in 1911, aged forty-three years, and left her husband and these children: Florence, Hilda, Sallie R., Charles P., and Richard. Charles P. is a graduate of Keystone State Normal School, taught school for a time and is now a clerk at Siegfried, Pa. His wife is Lizzie Smith. They have two children, Ethel and Carl.

Abraham Riedy, son of Abraham, owned the store building and two large farms at Jordan Valley, where he also built a private residence in which he lived until his death. The appraisal of his estate at the time of his death amounted to more than \$17,000. He was married first to Maria Wannamacher, by whom he had eight children: Levi, Polly, Joseph and Elias (twins), Daniel, Savina, John and Owen. Joseph, one of the twins, died young.

Elias Riedy, son of Abraham, was born in 1808, and succeeded his father on the farm, mill and sawmill in the Jordan Valley. There he died in 1875. The farm was upwards of 100 acres. His wife was Catharine Mantz. Their children were: Penrose, William, James, Eva Ann, Lovina, Elnora and Cassie.

John Riedy, son of Abraham, was born in 1845. He moved from Heidelberg to Slatington, where he lived until 1906, when he located at Allentown, where he is a laborer. He married first Elnora Riedy (his cousin). They had issue: Ida, Lizzie, Abraham and Agnes. His second wife is Fianna Remaly. They have these children: Elnora, Flora, Benjamin, Daisy, Irene and three died small.

ROBERT F. RIEDY was born July 31, 1872, in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county. He was brought up on the old Riedy homestead and attended the public schools until he became fourteen years of age; then he found work as errand boy in the Allentown silk mill at \$1.50 a week. He showed the proper spirit of industry and perseverance, which the management appreciated, and he was accordingly promoted from one position to another until he finally became the fixer of the numerous looms and assistant manager of the establishment, which he now fills in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Riedy was married in 1891 to Anna Stehley, of Longswamp township, Berks county, daughter of Henry and Marian (Moyer) Stehley, and they have the following children: Stanley, Earl, Henry, Louisa May, Leo, Irene and Robert. They are members of St. Stephen Lutheran church.

Mr. Riedy's father, Wilson P. Riedy, was born in Heidelberg township, Dec. 5, 1839. He

received his education in the local schools, the Cherryville Preparatory School and at Lafayette College from which he was graduated. Before his graduation, he had already started teaching school, and subsequently he followed teaching, altogether twenty-nine terms in different public schools throughout Lehigh county. In 1886, he moved to Allentown, entered the employ of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, was advanced to assistant superintendent of the district, and served the company for fifteen years, when he was obliged to resign on account of ill health. In politics he was a Democrat and as such filled different local offices in the township and also in Allentown. It is said that he ran for office twenty-one times and was always successful at the polls. He became city assessor of the Eighth ward in 1906, and served faithfully until his decease. He officiated as alderman of the ward from 1888 to 1892. He was married to Leanda Smith, daughter of Philip, in 1859, and on Christmas Day, 1913, they celebrated their golden wedding. He died Aug. 9, 1914. They had ten children: Richard E. W., Robert F., Roger G. C., Mrs. O. P. Ruch, Mrs. Z. C. Thomas, and Alice J. L., all of Allentown; Mrs. H. Guy Erdman, of Jersey City, and Mrs. T. A. Heil, of Germansville. They were members of St. John's Reformed church.

Mr. Riedy's grandfather was Elias Riedy, a farmer and miller of Heidelberg township.

#### LEONARD REICHARD FAMILY.

(John) Leonard Reichard, a native of Germany, emigrated to America in the ship, St. Andrew, which arrived at Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1752. He is buried at Mt. Bethel, Northampton county, Pa., and his tombstone inscription follows.

Leonard Reichard,  
Born Oct. 1, 1733;  
Died, Apr. 23, 1822.

His wife, Sarah, *nee* Weaver, died Dec. 28, 1807. These pioneers lived in upper Mt. Bethel township, Northampton county, Pa. The names of their children, who all lived in the vicinity of Mt. Bethel, follow: Anna (Zeisloff); Regina; Samuel; Catharine; Philip; Elizabeth; Leonard, Jr.; Barbara (Schelly); and Henry.

Leonard Reichard, Jr., was born June 9, 1776, in Mt. Bethel township. In the course of time he settled in Upper Saucon township, in Lehigh county, and there he owned a farm comprising 60 acres. This he cultivated until his retirement, being succeeded by his son, Thomas. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his family were Lutheran members of the Friedensville church and there they are buried.





JONATHAN REICHARD.



CAPT. A. J. REICHARD.

On March 16, 1802, he was married to Susanna M. Wint, who died about 1853, aged 68 years, 11 months, and 19 days. She was a daughter of J. Henry and Catharine (Herr) Wint. Their children were: Thomas; Jonathan; Joseph; Absalom; Jesse, and Catharine (m. to Charles Stuber).

After the death of her husband, Susanna M. (Wint) Reichard was married a second time to Peter Waltman, and they had Harriet (Smith) and Susan, who died unmarried.

Thomas Reichard was born in Upper Saucon township, Jan. 30, 1803, and he succeeded his father to the ownership of the homestead. Besides farming he made gimlets in which he was most proficient. He died on April 1, 1866.

He was married to Anna Weber in 1823. She was a daughter of Michael and Magdalena (Fritzinger) Weber. She was born in 1800, and died in 1857. They are buried at Friedensville. Their children follow:

William, born Dec. 21, 1824.	Diana, born Aug. 18, 1833.
Jonathan, born July 12, 1826.	Susanna, born May 22, 1834.
Edward, born Oct. 23, 1827.	Thomas, born Nov. 27, 1835.
Maria S., born Apr. 6, 1829.	David, born Mar. 28, 1837.
Heinrich, born Sept. 26, 1830.	Jacob, born Aug. 23, 1839.
Sarah C., born Apr. 7, 1832.	Henrietta, born July 15, 1841.

Jacob Reichard is an aged citizen of Allentown. He was born Aug. 23, 1839, and for many years he was a coach-painter in Allentown. For twelve years he conducted a grocery store at the corner of Fifth and Linden streets. He died in the fall of 1914.

He was a private of Co. D, 128th Regiment, Pa. Vol. and served 9 months, having enlisted on Aug. 8, 1861, and he participated in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville. Socially he is a member of Allen Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F., since 1867.

He was married, 1867, to Hettie Person, who died Feb. 26, 1900, aged 57 years. They have an only daughter: Jennie R.

JONATHAN REICHARD was born in Upper Saucon township, July 15, 1810. He was a shoemaker at Bethlehem until in 1832, then he removed to Allentown and established one of the first shoe stores in that city, on the site where Aschbach's Music Store is now located. The following year (1833) he purchased the property at 539 Hamilton street, and he carried on successfully the shoe business for 51 years, after which time he lived retired.

He took an active interest in public matters and served as borough and city treasurer for a quarter of a century. In 1867 he served the office by appointment. Mr. Reichard was also a councilman, school director, and tax collector.

He and family were actively identified with the St. Paul's Lutheran church in which he served in the various offices. Later, however, he united with the St. John's Lutheran church and he likewise served it as an elder.

He was deeply interested in the educational welfare of his adopted city, serving for many years upon the Board of Education; was a trustee of Muhlenberg College for many years and was the first treasurer of that institution. He reared a large family and all his children were afforded a good education. Two of his daughters—Amanda and Matilda, were school teachers for many years.

Mr. Reichard was an invalid for a year before his death on Nov. 10, 1894, at the ripe age of 84 years. He is buried by the side of his wife in the Allentown cemetery. In his death the city lost a valuable and upright citizen.

His wife was Elizabeth Tombler. She was born July 14, 1810, and died March 28, 1894. Her parents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Hauser) Tombler, of Hope, Warren county, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Reichard had 11 children, viz:

Maria C., (m. C. M. Roeder.	She resides at 45 South Franklin St., Allentown, and with her brother, A. J. Reichard, are the only two surviving children of their parents.
Sarah S. (m. Peter Bernhard).	
Amanda E., (m. John McLean).	
Matilda (a teacher was never married).	Linnie C. (m. Rev. H. N. Fegley, D.D. He is a Lutheran minister at Mechanicsburg, Pa. Mrs. Fegley died Jan. 20, 1912.
Ellen E. (died unmarried on Apr. 4, 1912).	Edwin D., died in 1879.
Henry L. (died aged 16 years).	
William J. (died March 24, 1911).	Allen J.
Emma H., of Allentown.	

William J. Reichard, enlisted during the Civil War in the 128th Regiment, P. V., and served 9 months and was honorably discharged. He was an active member of Yeager Post, 13, G. A. R., up to his death. He was prominent in public affairs and held numerous public positions. He married Emma Hersh, and had 3 children: Harry, Fred and May.

CAPT. A. J. REICHARD, the wholesale wallpaper dealer, on North Seventh street, Allentown, was born Oct. 30, 1852, in the city of Allentown. After his education in the public schools of the city, when 14 years of age, he learned the paper-hanging trade, in 1866, from William F. Woole, and for some years he was employed, with Mr. Woole, as a journeyman.

In March, 1883, Mr. Reichard bought his first bill of wall-paper in Philadelphia, and this purchase proved to be the "acorn" from which grew the present A. J. Reichard Wall Paper House. Since that time to the present day, Mr. Reichard is one of the leading wall-paper dealers in the eastern part of the state. His business was established first at 220 North Hall Street. In the year 1892 he erected the A. J. Reichard Building at 246 North 7th Street, Allentown. There he has continued uninterruptedly with increasing success from year to year to the present time. He conducts the only "exclusive" wholesale wall paper house in eastern Pennsylvania, and in the management of his business, employs a number of competent assistants. His entire building on North Seventh Street, is used in the transaction of his business. In addition to the above place he has two large ware-houses in this city.

Capt. Reichard enlisted on Sept. 10, 1871, in Co. D, 4th Regiment Pa. Infantry, as a private; was promoted to 3rd sergeant in 1873; re-enlisted July 22, 1877; was promoted to 1st sergeant on July 20, 1877; was promoted to sergeant major of the 4th Regiment on Aug. 25, 1879; and elected to the position of 1st Lieutenant of Company D, Nov. 26, 1880. On June 27, 1884, he was elected the captain of the above named company filling the above office with distinction and rare ability for about one year, when he resigned the position, owing to increased business cares and responsibilities.

He was connected with the Allen Rifles Co. D., 4th Regiment Infantry, National Guards, of Pennsylvania, for almost fifteen years, and during these years he rendered the city and state efficient and valuable services. Politically Capt. Reichard has always been a member of the Republican party, and in his earlier years, he was the head of a number of political marching clubs and was considered one of the best drill masters of those days.

Socially Capt. Reichard is a member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., Greenleaf Lodge No. 257, K. of P., and of this lodge he is a Past Officer, and a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, Minnehaha Lodge, No. 1216, and an Honorary Member of the Lehigh Saenger Bund, and an associate member of Company E, Sons of Veterans, and a member of the East Greenville Fish and Game Protective Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Reichard are members of St. Luke's Lutheran church.

On March 23, 1872, he was married to Eliza C. Herman, born Nov. 23, 1853, a daughter of Joseph and Rufena (Haring) Herman, and a grand-daughter of Peter Haring, who was a descendant of George Haring, who had settled in

Greenwich township, Berks county, prior to 1756. To Mr. and Mrs. Reichard were born three children, viz: Howard A., born July 13, 1877 (m. to Dora Thomas. They live at Emaus); Hattie A., born March 16, 1879, (m. Harry Strauss). She died in Allentown on June 1, 1912, aged 33 years, leaving one son, Allen M. (b. Jan. 21, 1902). James H. (born March 19, 1881, an engineer at New Orleans, La., and is married to Rae Tiehl. They have 3 children: (1) Dorothy; (2) Ruth; (3) Birge.

#### REICHARD FAMILY.

This family settled first in Williams township, Northampton county. A son, Michael, born Nov. 8, 1756, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and after his service he married and purchased 150 acres of land in Hanover township, and upon it he died, Jan. 20, 1842, aged 85 years. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1758, and died in 1825. Both are buried at Shoenersville. They left a large family of children, among whom were: George, John, Jacob, Daniel, and Michael. Mrs. Joseph Minnich, Mrs. William Minnich and Mrs. Daniel Quier, were the daughters.

George Reichard was born March 28, 1782, and followed farming in Hanover in the vicinity of Rittersville where he died Feb. 2, 1858, aged 75 years, 10 months and 7 days. His wife was Lydia Yeager. They were Lutherans and he is buried at Rittersville. Their children follow: J. William; J. Frank; G. Tilghman; Robert; Edwin; Harriet and Lydia. They are all deceased except Lydia, who is the wife of Joseph Moyer, and they live in Allentown.

John and Daniel Reichard remained in Hanover. Daniel and Michael settled in Whitehall.

Michael Reichert, Jr., was born Oct. 11, 1789, and for some years followed the shoe-making trade at Shoenersville; later he purchased a 50-acre farm in Whitehall, this he farmed until he retired to Catasauqua, where he died Jan. 22, 1858, in his 69th year. Sarah Brader, his wife, was born Sept. 28, 1798, and died April 16, 1868. Both are buried at Michley's church. Their children were: Joseph; Jesse; Maria, married Jacob Graffin and they moved to Philadelphia; Sarah married John Dieffenderfer; and Elizabeth married George Frederick.

Jesse Reichart, son of Michael, was born Jan. 2, 1823. He lived upon the homestead in Whitehall, serving his township as school director and supervisor. His wife was Luzetta Dieffenderfer. She was born Nov. 2, 1825, and died Dec. 16, 1894, in her 70th year. He died May 18, 1893, in his 71st year. His death occurred at Fullerton, with his daughter, Lizzie, where he and his wife spent their latter days. They are buried at



Mickley's church, of which they were Lutheran members, and he was deacon and elder of the church. Their children are: Owen; Milton O., of West Catasauqua; Preston D., of Catasauqua; Ellen, married David Tumbler; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Frank Hartman, and Lizzie is the wife of Alfred M. Miller.

G. Tilghman Reichert, son of George, was born in Hanover, April 25, 1830. There he followed the carpenter trade until a few years before his death. He worked either as journeyman or foreman in most of the States of the Union. He and family were Lutherans and for 58 years he sang in the union choir of St. Peter's church, and from 1842 until 1900 he was treasurer of the Sunday school. The latter office has not been out of the family from the organization of the church unto this time. He was married to Amelia P. Ritter, born in 1832, and died in 1868. He died Oct. 29, 1911. Their children are: Milton T., and Amanda, the wife of Peter Bigley.

OWEN H. REICHART, of West Catasauqua, was born in Whitehall, Nov. 13, 1846. He was reared upon the farm and at the age of 18 years learned the carpenter trade and after working as journeyman a few years he commenced to work for F. W. Wint and Co., at Catasauqua, in the planing mill, and there he was employed for 38 years, retiring in 1910. During 1911, Mr. Reichart and his wife made a trip to Celilo, Oregon, where their daughter, Eva U., with her family resided. Mr. and Mrs. Reichart are Lutheran members of the Michley's church. He served his congregation as deacon and elder.

On May 5, 1875, he married Amanda Musick, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Steckel) Musick, whose last years were spent with his daughter Mrs. Reichart. Their children are: (1) Eva U., married to Edgar Miller, who was a merchant in Philadelphia, Pa., but from 1909 until 1911, they lived in Oregon. Since the latter date they lived at West Catasauqua. They have a son, Edgar O. A. (2) Luzetta died in her fourth year.

MILTON T. REICHART, a farmer at Rittersville, was born at that place, Sept. 30, 1856. The common schools of Hanover township and the Normal School at Kutztown, were the sources of his intellectual training. At the age of 12 years he came into the family of Thomas Ritter, his grandfather. In the year 1881 he began farming the latter's farm at Central Park, and there he has continued to this time. Originally this farm was 152 acres but portions of it were sold off until now the tract is but 25 acres. Mr. Reichart was the organist of the Union Sunday school of St. Peter's church from 1875 to 1906, and since the latter date he is organist of the Lutheran wing

of the same church. He was also organist of St. Peter's church for several years. He is a Democrat, and was school director for one term of Hanover. During the year 1879 he travelled through a number of the Western States.

In 1881 he married Emma M. Serfass, daughter of Robert and Harriet (Roth) Serfass. Their children are: Alfred, married Elsie Stecher; Robert, married Bertha Haldeman; Clayton, single, and Harry, married Verna Renner.

Jacob Reichard, son of Michael, Sr., lived in Williams township upon a small farm. He died there in October, 1873, at an advanced age, and was buried at the old Williams township church of which he was a member. His wife, Mary, *nee* Kline, survived him, and she is buried at Hellertown, Pa.

Their children follow: Jonas; William, who lives at Bingen, Pa.; Thomas, who died at Easton; Mary Ann (m. John Doll); Elizabeth (m. Wilson Seifert); and John, who died single.

Jonas Reichard, son of Jacob, was born July 13, 1833, died at Allentown, Oct. 9, 1907, and is buried in West End Cemetery. He was a farmer, having lived the greater part of his life in Salisbury township. Himself and family were members of the Lutheran church.

He married Diana Emery, a daughter of Andrew and Mary M. (Knobel) Emery. She was born July 11, 1830, died July 20, 1906. Their children follow: Emma M., married to Frank Sterner, of Allentown; Silas, deceased; William A., of Allentown; Isabelle J., married to John Wright, of Allentown; John H., of Allentown; and Sylvanus O., of whom below.

SYLVANUS O. REICHARD, of Allentown, was born July 18, 1870, at Springtown, Bucks county, Pa. He was reared upon the Schreiber homestead in Salisbury township, having lived upon it for 20 years.

In 1899 he engaged in the hotel business at Allentown, conducting for three years the Pioneer Hotel, located at Tenth and Liberty Sts. Afterward he purchased one-half interest in the Neumoyer freight line and four years later sold his interests and bought the Kline farm in Salisbury township, consisting of 88 acres. He cultivated this farm for two years, then rented it on shares to become clerk in Hotel Penn.

In 1910 he became the proprietor of the U. S. Hotel, located at Seventh and Liberty streets, Allentown. The hotel has fifteen rooms.

Mr. Reichard is a member of these lodges: Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., Independent Order Americans; Allentown Aerie No. 110, F. O. E.; Allentown Nest No. 72, Order of Owls.

In 1898 he married Dora S. Miller, a daugh-

ter of Henry and Anna (Frederick) Miller, of Salisbury township. They are members of St. Andrew Reformed church.

Ludwig Reichard, a pioneer of Weisenburg township, paid a federal tax of seventeen pounds in 1762. The tax list of 1781 does not contain his name any more, but that of his son, George, already appears in 1762 and also in 1781. In 1812 Michael and Henry Reichard, sons of George, were residents in Weisenburg. Michael removed from that district to South Whitehall township.

Daniel Reichard, son of George, was born Aug. 9, 1785, and died on Oct. 30, 1859, and is buried at Cetronia. He was an extensive property owner and had three farms in that section where he lived, between Cetronia and Griesemerville and his homestead is now owned by the H. Dorney Estate. He was an active member of the Cedarville Union Church, and held various offices in the Lutheran congregation. He was one of the liberal contributors towards the erection of this church. His wife was Susan Gangewere. She was born Jan. 26, 1797, died on May 26, 1873. They had the following children: Joseph; Charles; Sarah, (m. Frank Butz); Susan (m. Ephraim Troxell, and they moved out west); Maria (m. James Focht); Caroline (m. Jonas Rabenold); Edwin R., of Macungie and Alfred, of South Whitehall.

Joseph Reichard, son of Daniel, was born Oct. 17, 1823, died on March 27, 1900. He was a farmer near Muhlenberg College. His 52-acre farm is now the property of Edwin Lichtenwalner. Two tenant houses on this farm are still the property of his son, Allen J. Reichard. He was a township supervisor for a period of twenty years. He and family were Lutheran members of the Cetronia church, which he served as a deacon and elder. His wife, Florenda, was a daughter of Samuel Frankenfield. She was born Oct. 17, 1818, died on Sept. 18, 1903, in her 85th year. Their children were Ellen (m. Levi Kressler); Adamissa (1848-1876); Samuel D., of Elwood, Ind.; Joseph E., Horatio (1853-1897); Allen J.; and Sarah, who died young.

Edwin R. Reichard, the second youngest son of Daniel, was born Oct. 2, 1833. He has always followed the pursuit of farming and in 1874 he settled in Lower Macungie where he bought a farm of 56 acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He lives retired since the year 1900, and his son, Charles, succeeded him to the farm.

He was married to Colletta Newhard, and they had the following children: William H., of Allentown; Maria S., of Packerton; Oscar D.,

of Philadelphia; Charles M., of Macungie; Rev. Francis E., whose history follows; and Nathaniel P., of Aqueduct, L. I.

Joseph E. Reichard, the second youngest son of Joseph and Florenda Reichard, was born in South Whitehall township, July 3, 1851. With the exception of one year he has always lived in that township. He farmed at Crackersport for thirteen years and in 1904 he settled upon his own three acre lot, which he now occupies at Kratzers. He is a Democrat and for ten years was a supervisor; also served as register assessor. He is a carpenter by trade and has followed it for some years. Mr. Reichard has served the Lutheran congregation at Cetronia, both as deacon and elder.

He married in 1875 Amelia, a daughter of Matilda (Hoffman) Woodring. Their children follow: Carrie, Eliza, Clinton T. J., Franklin D., Newton P., Matilda, Helen M., and Eva A.

Allen J. Reichard, son of Joseph and Florenda Reichard, proprietor of the American hotel at Walberts, was born March, 1858, in South Whitehall township. At the age of eighteen years he learned the shoe-making trade and this he followed on the homestead of his father for eighteen years and afterwards he farmed for several years, and in 1910 he engaged in the hotel business at the above place.

He was a school director of South Whitehall township for seven years. He is a member of the J. O. U. A. M., of Wescoesville; the South Whitehall Beneficial Association and the Order of Buffaloes. In 1882 he married Laura Butz, and they have the following children: Harvey J., Oliver J., Ervin S. (deceased), and Edna E. E., Beulah F., Florence L., Hattie M., and Bertha J.

REV. FRANCIS EDWARD REICHARD, a Lutheran minister located at Packerton, was born on the old homestead near Cetronia, which now belongs to Muhlenberg College, on Oct. 17, 1872. At the age of 20 years he left the farm and entered the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, with the intention of learning the trade of machinist. But not liking this work and owing to the panic of '93, he returned to the farm for the summer; and in the fall of that year he entered the K. S. N. S. to prepare himself for teaching. The following year he was appointed to teach "Hensingersville School," near Albur-tus. The following spring he entered the normal school again becoming a member of the senior class; graduated from that institute in 1897. Afterward he taught school for two years but finally resolved to obtain a still higher education. He entered a machine shop in Allentown, where he worked for more than one year, saving sufficient

of his earnings to pay his way through the first year in Muhlenberg college. While a student at college he felt the call to work in the Lord's vineyard, and by dint of hard financial struggles and advanced years he succeeded in passing through the college and seminary and was ordained a Lutheran minister in the St. James church at Reading, Pa., at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Ministerium in 1907. Soon after his ordination he was called to Zion's church at Packerton, Pa., where he has been laboring ever since. This congregation he raised from a dying and discouraged condition to a state of influence and prosperity. He is also serving in connection with the Packerton church, a congregation of Long Run and since May, 1912, Zion church, at Nesquehoning, Pa.

WILLIAM HENRY REICHARD, eldest son of Edwin R. Reichard, spent his youth and young manhood upon his father's farm, meantime acquiring his education in the public schools. When he attained manhood, he learned the milling business, and entered the employ of a company where he stayed 18 months, then traveled in the West for about a year; then returned to Lehigh county; was for 18 months in the Strauss mill, near Allentown; then became manager of Adam Stoudt's flour mill at Shoemakersville, where he continued for two years. He afterward formed a partnership with a Mr. Gross, and operated the flour mill at Palm Station, under the name of Palm Milling Co. They operated it for two years, when it was destroyed by fire, which caused a loss of upwards of \$4,000. Mr. Reichard became manager of the mill of Francis Weiss, continuing for two years, when he entered the machine shop department of the Bethlehem Steel works, where he remained for four years. He filled responsible positions successfully with various firms, after which, in 1905, he was appointed superintendent of the Allentown Water Works, which position he has filled with general satisfaction, up to the present time (1915). In politics he is a Democrat. He served as a member of the city council for two terms, resigning his office to accept the position of superintendent of the water works. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; of St. Luke's Lutheran church, serving as deacon and treasurer. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, and is now a teacher therein.

William Henry Reichard, married in January, 1881, Melissa Wenner, daughter of Charles and Julia (Gangewere) Wenner. Issue: (1) Essie; (2) Emily C.; (3) Jennie R.; (4) Eva M.; (5) William E., and (6) Laura May Reichard.

Essie J. was educated in the public schools and

Dorney's Business College and is now in the employ of F. J. Hollenbach, as a stenographer and type-writer.

Emily C. was also educated in the public schools. She qualified as a teacher of oil and water color painting, also china painting.

William E. was educated in the public schools of Allentown; graduated from the High School and also from the College of Pharmacy, in Philadelphia, and is now a druggist in Davenport, Iowa.

CHARLES C. REICHARD.

The grandfather of Charles C. Reichard was a tailor and resident of Easton, Pa., where he died and is buried on an old cemetery. His wife, Margaret, bore him these children: Dr. Louis P.; Charles, who lived in Montgomery county, Pa.; Thomas, who was a supply contractor, sea captain, and a soldier in the Mexican War. He died on the Rio Grande river soon after the war; Sabina, who married Joseph Sangenberg, and resided at Easton, Pa.; Matilda, who married William Craig, and resided at Bath, Pa.; Catharine, who married a Mr. Kimberly, and a daughter, who married James Haggert.

Dr. Louis P. Reichard was born at Easton, Pa., and died at Allentown, where he is buried on Fairview cemetery. He received his early education in the public schools, studied medicine with Dr. Seip, of Bath, and later entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and was graduated from that institution. He became assistant sergeant in the 104th New York Regiment, and the 107th Pennsylvania Regiment. In 1865, after the war, he located in Allentown, where he practiced until his death. He served as health officer for many years; took an active interest in public matters, and was secretary of the United States Board of Pension Examiners during five administrations, and died while in office. He manifested a strong interest in educational matters; was president of the board of control and was one of the instigators of the water works.

Mr. Reichard was a Lutheran and served as superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He married Lucy M. Erdman, daughter of Charles and Ellen W. (Nagel) Erdman. Their children are: Charles C. and Florence E.

Charles C. Reichard, a coal merchant, was born in Allentown, July 31, 1869. He pursued a commercial course at the Allentown Business College and later accepted a clerical position with M. B. Kramlich, a hatter at 710 Hamilton street; was employed as clerk in the Adelaide Silk Mill for five years, and later studied at the Elk Hurst Art School at Altoona, Pa., and was graduated from this institution. He was occupied in teaching portraiture there for one year

and then returned to Allentown, where he opened a studio, which he conducted for three years. For two years he studied under H. Logan Reed, scenic artist, of New York City, following which he engaged in that profession in Allentown, and then travelled for about fourteen years, painting many sceneries in theatres in the larger cities. He was engaged with the Majestic Theatre in Washington, D. C., for one year and for two years was with the Majestic Theatre Stock Company, in Utica, N. Y. Upon his return to Allentown, in May, 1909, he accepted the management of the Orpheum Scenic Company, and continued there for one year. In October, 1911, he engaged in the coal business.

Mr. Reichard is a member of the Methodist church on Linden street. In 1905 he married Sallie Weaver, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Swartz) Weaver, of Allentown.

#### BANKS R. REICHENBACH.

Banks R. Reichenbach, liveryman at Allentown, was born September 24, 1883, at Port Trevorton, in Snyder county, Pa. He attended the public schools there until fourteen years old, then he secured employment in the livery business at Shamokin, Pa., and was so engaged for four years, after which he assisted an undertaker at Sunbury for two years. In 1902 he went to Allentown to assist his father in conducting a livery business and he remained with him for nine years; then he embarked in the business for himself and has since carried it on in a successful manner. His first place was located at Tenth and Linden streets, but he remained there only a year, when he removed to No. 431 Hall street and here he has since continued. Besides a general livery he gives special attention to a boarding stable and to moving house furniture and heavy materials. His stable contains upwards of ten horses.

In 1901 Mr. Reichenbach married Lillie R. Eisenhard, a daughter of Lewis Eisenhard, of Allentown, and they have four children: Gertrude V., Helen M., Anna M. and Lila P. They are members of the Reformed Church.

His father, George I. Reichenbach, was born in 1861 at Dunbar, Snyder county. He has been engaged in the business at Bethlehem for many years. He married Verdelia Carwell, of Snyder county, daughter of Wm. and Louisa (Herald) Carwell, and they had four children: Carrie, married Peter Welsh; Banks R.; Lottie V., married George Berkenstock; and Maria, who died in infancy.

His grandfather, Henry H. Reichenbach, is still surviving, at the age of 82 years at Shamokin Dam, in Snyder county, where he followed blacksmithing for many years.

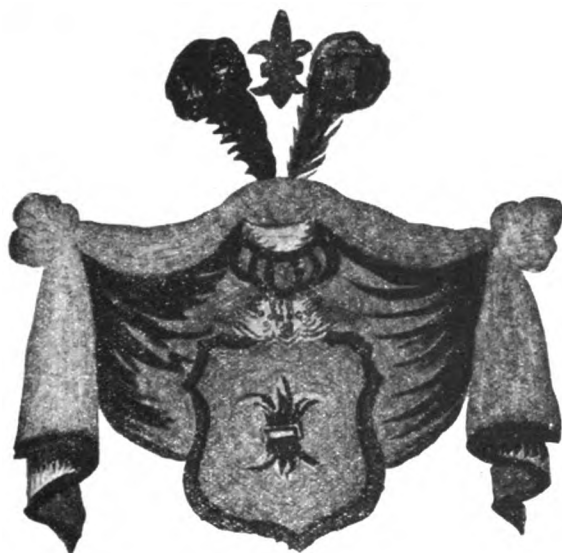
Henry Lewis Reichenbach, sign painter and awning manufacturer, was born in Allentown, Dec. 12, 1856. He is a son of William and Anna (Stahler) Reichenbach, natives of Lehigh county, both now deceased. There were six children in the parental family, viz: Caroline, who married William Gangawer and resided in Allentown; Alfred L., city treasurer of Allentown, and one of the most prominent members of the Masonic organization in the Lehigh valley; Henry L.; William, Catharine, and a child, who died in infancy. Mr. Reichenbach received his education in the local schools of his native place and started his life work first as an office boy and later as clerk for J. W. Althouse, who was the local agent for Wheeler and Wilson sewing machines. For a short time he worked in the brickyard of Samuel McHose & Co. Also, for a short period in the Fisher Foundry Co., Allentown, making pedestals for railroad cars, after which he was in the sewing machine business for A. H. Hahn. When he was eighteen years of age he learned the trade of sign painter under J. W. Funk, at 733 Hamilton street, Allentown. Mr. Funk, dying in 1876, Mr. Reichenbach assumed control of the business which he purchased from Mr. Funk's heirs, and later moved the business to 633 Hamilton street and has continued in this business for more than forty years. In 1878 he added the manufacture of awning to his already prosperous business, being the pioneer awning manufacturer of Allentown. His product soon found a ready sale throughout the Lehigh Valley. He employs a number of men in his extensive business.

He is a member of Zion's Reformed church and the K. of F. Politically he believes in the principles of the Democratic party. April 6, 1876, he was united in marriage to Ella M., a daughter of William and Mary (Kohler) Wolle, natives of Egypt. The results of this union was two sons, William, an electrician, by trade, married to Lena Butz, daughter of Henry F. and Mary Butz. Issue: Stanley H., Norton, and Evelyn. Charles F., born July 26, 1880, married Aug. 25, to Minnie, a daughter of Frederick and Mary Millker. Issue: Frank C. and Mary E. He is connected with his father in the sign painting and awning business.

#### FAMILY OF REIMER.

This is a very old family of noble descent, whose progenitor was a knight, Hanz, called the (rhymmer) who lived in Lower Saxony, A. D. 1195, by his bravery and rare gift at rhyme, beautiful songs and ballads, he found great favor with the Roman emperor of the German nation, Frederick Barbarossa. On account of

this rare gift of rhyming he was called Hanz der Reimer (rhymer), and as this name was widely known and well respected, his progeny adopted it as their surname. To this same Hanz der Reimer also were granted by Emperor Frederick armorial bearings, and he was permitted to drape his escutcheon with the robe of the Princess of Hahenstaffen. He accompanied the emperor during all his expeditions in Asia, Italy, etc., and by him was invested with several large and valuable estates, viz: Walmeroth, Mackenthal, Puslenger, in Suevia. He left four sons, Frederick, Hanz, Cornelius, and Richard, who all assumed the surname of Reimer. Of these four sons three inherited the estate of their father, Hanz, in Suevia, while Frederick took possession of the estate in Pardingen, in Lower Saxony, which was



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the dower of his mother, Abel von Formenten. In this way the different lineages of the family came into existence; the sons of Hanz calling themselves after their estates, viz: Reimer von Walmeroth, Reimer von Munkenthal, Reimer von Puslinger, Reimer von Parchingen. Among the Knights of Suevia and Lower Saxony were many members of the family Reimer, who were well known on account of their good qualities and illustrious deeds, for example Frederick der Reimer von Paringen, was a gentleman of the equerry to Count Adolph von Sohaneburg and under him participated in the battle of Barnhaeven, A. D. 1227, against the Danes, where he made the Danish Duke of Bentinoke, of Erisland, a prisoner. Another member of the family Oswald by name, in the year 1395 was elevated by Margaret, Queen of Denmark in recognition of important services rendered by him against the

Swedes to a Danish baronage, and was invested with the insignia of Dabesburg. The progeny of Oswald, A. D. 1725, were living on their large estates in Norway. One of them, Jasmund Reimer, being commander of Bergen. One of the members of the family from Suevia was Antonious Reimer von Bilingen, who was in 1609 Abbot Prior of the Abbey of Parishern and George Sixtus Reimer von Muckenthal, who in 1590 was chancellor of the empire under Emperor Frederick. About this time the family of Reimer von Walmeroth became extinct. The son of the above-named Sixtus Reimer, Walhart Reimer von Muckenthal, a brother-in-law to the celebrated Goetz von Berlichingen, was proscribed by Emperor Maxilian, together with Goetz, for revolt and breach of the peace of the land. Muckenthal, being an imperial gift, was confiscated by the emperor. Adelbert Reimer von Muckenthal was so incensed at this that he enrolled soldiers and marched towards Regenberg for the purpose of intercepting and murdering the emperor. His plot was betrayed and Knight George Truchiess von Waldberg, head of the Knights of Suevia, with one hundred troops surprised him and his men, who brought him a prisoner before the emperor, who first condemned him to death but subsequently, at the solicitation of the families von Hutten and von Sickingen, pardoned him, but deprived him of all the privileges of knight, had his name nailed to the gallows, his sword broken by the executioner and his right hand cut off. In consequence of this terrible punishment the family of Reimer von Muckenthal declined and the members found shelter in different free cities where they engaged in different business pursuits. The family of Reimer von Pfilengen became extinct by the death of the above mentioned member Abbott Antonious Reimer, A. D. 1609. In our days we find members of the family Reimer scattered and settled over nearly all parts of Germany. (European Office and General Calender at Vienna, Vol. 285.)

#### *Reimer Family in America.*

Dr. John Christian Reimer was born at Michelbach, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, April 19, 1786; married, August 1, 1814, to Charlotte Muhel, who was born at Ober-Ingelheim, near Mainz, May 29, 1783, died on Oct. 11, 1817. Issue: Carl, who was born June 28, 1816, afterwards living with his grandfather, Frederick Mickel, at Ober-Ingelheim. Dr. John Christian Reimer emigrated to America in the year 1818; re-married Aug. 8, 1819 to Barbara Rebecca Schithe, who was born April 11, 1799, at Bretzburg, Canton Aargau, Switzerland. They had issue:



Wilhelmina, born 1820, died 1849.  
 Louisa, born 1821, died 1840.  
 Wilhelm, born 1823, died 1888.  
 Carolina, born 1825.  
 B. Franklin, born 1826.  
 Ludwig, born 1828.  
 Amanda, born 1830, died 1834.  
 Augustus, born 1832.  
 Priscilla, born 1835, died 1840.  
 Emma, born 1837.  
 G. Washington, born 1839, died 1840.  
 Ann Eliza, born 1841, died 1842.

All the above are deceased except Augustus, who is now past 82 years of age.

Dr. Reimer had studied medicine in his native country. After his coming to America he had first lived in one of the counties near Philadelphia, subsequently removing into the "City of Brotherly Love," where he practiced successfully until his death in 1845. He is buried in Mount Peace cemetery, Philadelphia, by the side of his wife. Their daughter, Wilhelmina, married Charles Lieberman, of Philadelphia; Caroline married Stephen Smith; and Emma was the wife of John Haas.

WILLIAM REIMER, son of Christian and Barbara Rebecca Reimer, was born March 18, 1823, in Berks county. He was reared and educated in Philadelphia, and when his text-books were laid aside he learned the trade of barber. He located in Allentown, on Hamilton street, continuing in this vocation all his life. In connection with his business he also established the Allentown News Agency. In politics he was a Democrat and was very active in upholding those principles. He served as borough treasurer, of Allentown, from 1859 to 1861. In his declining years he was cared for by his daughter, Mary E., at his home, No. 640 Linden street. He died suddenly while in a street parade on Aug. 27, 1888. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity; the I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. His life motto was the "Golden Rule."

William Reimer married, Nov. 17, 1843, Sophie Rothrock, born in Hellertown, Pa., and died on Aug. 14, 1873; is buried by the side of her husband. She was a member of the Reformed Church. Issue: George W. and Charles C., died in Allentown; Thomas J., deceased, who was in the postal service; Benjamin F., who died in 1899; John A., deceased; Mary E.; Lillian S., married to Henry Snyder. She died, July 6, 1909, and had issue: Thomas W., of South Bethlehem, and married to Lillian Stoudt, and Harold G.

Miss Mary E. Reimer, the only surviving child of her parents, was born in Allentown. After

the death of her mother in 1873, she became the housekeeper for her family, caring for her father in his declining years, also her brothers and younger sister and her children. She owns a farm at Snyder'sville, and considerable valuable real estate in Allentown. She is a member of the Reformed Church. She occupies the Reimer homestead at 640 Linden street since 1881.

#### REINHARD FAMILY (SALISBURY)

Adam Reinhard, ancestor of this branch of the Reinhard family, was born in Germany, May 15, 1724. He emigrated to America and arrived at Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1741. He settled in Upper Milford township, where he became the owner of 110 acres of land, which he carried on in connection with his trade as a weaver. He was a member of the original Lutheran congregation near Dillingersville, and later affiliated with the Zionsville Lutheran congregation, where he is buried. He died Nov. 14, 1806.

Hartman Reinhard, son of Adam and Maria Barbara Reinhard, was born Dec. 11, 1760. He was baptized Feb. 22, 1761, by Rev. J. A. Fridderici, and his sponsors were Hartmann Leipzig and wife, Anna Margaretha. He became a farmer in Salisbury township, along the Little Lehigh, which he conducted for many years. He died May 18, 1822. He was buried at the Salisbury church. He married Catharine, daughter of Henry and Anna Maria Kemmerer. She was born Oct. 16, 1771, and died March 15, 1832. They had five children: Polly, John, Solomon, George, and Henry. Polly was born Feb. 11, 1794, and married Jacob Steininger. She died Sept. 25, 1845.

John Reinhard was born in Upper Milford, May 8, 1796, where he had a farm of 90 acres and served as a school director. He afterward moved to Salisbury, where he owned a farm along the Little Lehigh, which he received from his father. He died in Salisbury, Feb. 17, 1886. In 1824, he was married to Maria W. Roth. She was born April 10, 1802, and died July 15, 1875. They had six children: Philip, John, Sarah, Mary, James, and Lewis H. Philip was born April 3, 1827, and died Aug. 15, 1896. He married Sarah Wenner and had two children: John and Emma.

JOHN REINHARD, second son of John, was born in Salisbury, Dec. 25, 1833. He was educated in the local school, and reared on a farm until he became twenty years of age, when he learned the trade of blacksmith with Stephen Kiechel, Lower Macungie, and followed it for fifteen years. Then he rented his brother-in-law's farm in the township and cultivated it on the shares, and later



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purchased it, and now resides on it. In 1882, he bought the Gideon Kline farm of 100 acres and also later other farms. In 1895, he retired from active life.

In 1860, he was married to Angelina, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hiskey) Wenner. She was born Feb. 12, 1837, and died May 7, 1892. They had three children: Jacob J.; Elizabeth A., married Addison Kuhns, of Upper Macungie; and Maria, married Frank Backenstoe, who operates his father-in-law's farm, and they have five children: Lloyd, Sola, Arthur, Clarice, and Roman. They are members of Western Salisbury Reformed church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

JACOB J. REINHARD, son of John, was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 27, 1861. He was educated in the common schools and reared on his father's farm of 140 acres until of age; then worked it on the shares until 1898, when he moved to his present place, Minesite, and retired. He owns several farms including the former Riegel farm with a mill on the Little Lehigh, which he rents to E. S. Bortz. He was for a time a director of the Second National Bank; a school director of Lower Macungie; and served as a member of the Democratic county committee. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, also of the Western Salisbury Reformed congregation, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, and is now treasurer.

In 1885, he married Ida M., daughter of John and Marietta (Kline) Hottenstein.

Sarah Reinhard, eldest daughter of John, Sr., married Solomon Bogert, and had two children. Mary, the second daughter, died in 1912, unmarried. James H., the third son, married Hannah Schmoyer and has a son, John H. J. Lewis H., youngest son, of Allentown, married Martha C. L. Wickert, and has three children: Roman, Martha S., and Florence.

George Reinhard, second son of Hartman, was born Jan. 26, 1802. He was a farmer in Salisbury township, and died Jan. 16, 1831. In 1826, he married Veronica, daughter of John and Catharine (Troxell) Biery. She was born Sept. 2, 1807, and died May 4, 1842. They had three children: Edwin, Daniel, and Maria. Edwin was born April 2, 1826, and died Feb. 5, 1885; married Mary J. Wilson, born 1831, died 1852; had one son, Joseph Henry, died an infant; married (second) Eliza J. Drinnell, who died April 9, 1855, leaving one child, Catharine E., who married Oscar Lewis, and had nine children; and married (third) Margaret K. Bond, born Sept. 25, 1837, and died April 10, 1904, and had ten children, whose sons are Ellsworth De Grand married Maria Reese, and has three children:

Clarence E., Waldo W., and Omar; Edwin C.; Addison O.; and Daniel.

Daniel Reinhard, second son of George, was born Oct. 23, 1828, and died May 11, 1891. He married Carolina Troxell and had two children: Ella and George. Veronica Reinhard, widow of George, married a second husband, Abraham Ziegenfus, and had four children: William, Eliza, Mary A., and Samuel H.

Solomon Reinhard, third son of Hartman, was born Aug. 28, 1804, and died Aug. 8, 1895, unmarried.

Henry Reinhard, fourth son of Hartman, was born Nov. 16, 1806, and died Oct. 27, 1887. He married Catharine, daughter of John and Catharine (Troxell) Biery. She was born July 23, 1812, and died Sept. 6, 1903. They had 13 children: William, Catharine, Augustus, Isabella, Lewis H., Tilghman, Maria, Thomas, Uriah, Leanda, Dallas, Eli, and Glorane S., who died young.

William was born Jan. 11, 1830, died Oct. 24, 1858; married Sarah Diehl and had two children: Sarah A., and George.

Catharine was born July 15, 1831, died Feb. 1, 1834.

Augustus was born Oct. 18, 1832, married Rebecca Kline, and had 14 children: Alfred, Queenie, Ernest, Victor, Ellen, Oliver, Morris, Charles, Martha, Harvey, Ida, Alice, Henry, and Marcus.

Isabella, married Thomas Christman.

Lewis H., mentioned below.

Tilghman, settled in Illinois.

Maria, married William Reinhard and had two children: Charles, married Ella Romig; and Emma.

Thomas, married Julia Reinsmith and had children: Clinton, Forrest, Jacob, Lillian.

Uriah, born Oct. 5, 1844, married Margaret Martinis, and had three children: Arthur, Walter, Alonzo.

Alonzo Reinhard, advertising manager of Hess Bros., Allentown, married Vena Colver and has three children: Kenneth, Chester and Donald.

Leanda married Benjamin Derr and had children: Hannah, married Jacob Leidy, and Emma, married Nathan Dorney.

Dallas was born Oct. 25, 1845; married Amanda Henninger and had six children: Mary A. and Elias H., both died in infancy; Laura M., married Astor Ritter; Beatrice S., married Oliver Haas; Annie M., married Arthur Guth; Clara M., married George Kern, and Mamie.

Eli settled in Mississippi.

Lewis H. Reinhard, third son of Henry, was born Oct. 8, 1835. He was reared on a farm

and resides in South Allentown. He enlisted in the Civil War, in the 176th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, in Company A, as a sergeant and served nine months. He is a member of St. Mark's Reformed congregation, and of Fearless Castle No. 147, K. of M. C. He married Hannah, daughter of George Sanders (Xander) and his wife, Rebecca Brobst, daughter of Daniel Brobst. They had three sons: George H. T., Milton U., and Henry. George H. T. was born March 17, 1865, married Margaret Gardner and had five children: Lewis, Ida, Arthur, Stanford and Lizzie. Henry was born Sept. 20, 1868; married Elizabeth Strunk.

REV. MILTON U. REINHARD was born Aug. 12, 1866, in Salisbury township and attended the public school. He entered Muhlenberg College and was graduated in 1896; and also attended the American Business College and was graduated in 1898. He then entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, where he graduated in 1899, and was ordained in the Lutheran ministry the same year at Reading. He was pastor of the Shellsville charge in Dauphin county, consisting of four congregations, for two years; then of the Brickerville charge in Lancaster county, with his residence at Lititz. He then located at Allentown, where he has since been engaged in supply work of the Lutheran ministry. He is a member of Jordan Lodge No. 673, F. and A. M., and of the Lehigh County Historical Society.

Reverend Reinhard was married Aug. 8, 1899, to Sallie S., daughter of John and Emmeline (Kline) Bowen, of Allentown, and has three children: John B., born Jan. 30, 1903; Hannah B., born Sept. 6, 1904, and Paul B., born Dec. 1, 1913.

Solomon Reinhard, son of Henry, was born May 17, 1800. He was a farmer in Upper Milford, where he died. His wife, Susanna Schaeffer, was born Feb. 5, 1798, and they had the following children: (1) Catharine, married first, George Hartzell and second, Abraham Wimmer; (2) George, lived in the Locust Valley; (3) Maria, married Abraham Wimmer; (4) Angelina, married to Reuben Reichard; (5) Susanna, married to Charles Frey; (6) Francis, who was a carpenter in Upper Saucon; he died about 1868, aged 41 years; his wife, Louisa Rumfield died in 1904, aged 75 years. Their children follow:

- Ella married to Charles Nonnemacher.
- \*Bolivia, married to Henry Kramer.
- \*Amanda, married to Frank Romfield.
- \*Clinton, married to Amanda Snyder.
- \*Annie, died aged 6 years.
- Emma, married to Theodore Trexler.
- \*Jane, married to William Marsteller.
- \*Deceased.

Tillie, married to Henry Smith.  
 Alice, married to William Deily.  
 William, of Noxon, Pa.  
 Gideon, of Bethlehem, Pa.  
 John S., history follows.

JOHN SOLOMON REINHARD, of the Fourteenth Ward, Allentown, was born Nov. 29, 1869, in Upper Saucon township. He was reared upon the farm until he was sixteen years old, then he went to St. Louis, Mo., for two years and upon his return to his native county, settled in East Allentown (Hanover township), now the Fourteenth Ward, Allentown. For twenty years he was employed by the American Wire and Steel Company, Allentown, in the drawing department. He resigned this position to take charge of the drawing department of the Alabama Steel and Wire Company, in Alabama. Six months later he again returned to East Allentown and for four years more was employed by the American Wire and Steel Company. In 1909 he was elected tax-collector for a term of three years. After the annexation of East Allentown, as the Fourteenth Ward, the court of Lehigh county appointed him the first constable, which office he now serves. He is also one of the collectors of the county; delinquent city and school taxes; was auditor of Hanover township for three years; and school director for two years, resigned the latter office when he went to Alabama.

He and family are members of the St. Joseph's Lutheran church, which Mr. Reinhard served as deacon, elder and trustee for many years. Socially he is a charter member of Jordan Council, No. 746, J. O. U. A. M.; Washington Camp, No. 6, P. O. S. of A.; Charter member of the original East Allentown Fire Company; member of the Lehigh county Democratic Club, and is one of the influential and honored citizens of the community.

In January, 1889, he was married to Laura Albright, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Albright, of Hanover township. They had these two children: Chester A., who died in infancy; and William T., who died Sept. 2, 1912, aged twenty years. He was a silk ribbon weaver; was married to Effie I. Reichenbach and they had: Willard and Arlene.

Henry Reinhart, son of George Reinhart, was educated in the public schools and upon attaining manhood married Caroline Hartzell, daughter of Samuel Hartzell. Issue: Wilson, married Ellen Roth; Victoria; Martha; Harley and Marcus G.

MARCUS G. REINHART was born April 19, 1874, in Salisbury township and was reared upon the farm. His education was acquired in the public schools. He learned the carpenter trade



and was for five years employed in foundry work. In 1902 he engaged in the contracting business and became the leading builder in Emaus. He also operated in Allentown and the surrounding community. He employs about twenty people. His office is at Emaus. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and has served in the various offices.

He married Josephine Frick, a daughter of Charles and Anna L. (Miller) Frick. Issue: Wilson, Timothy and Caroline.

AMBROSE W. REINHARD, son of George and Mary (Wagner) Reinhard, was born in Upper Milford, Nov. 30, 1851, and educated in the township school. He began farming on his father-in-law's farm of 103 acres in Upper Saucon which he later purchased and cultivated for some years. Subsequently he was engaged in the cement business at St. Louis, Mo., with his brother-in-law, Mr. Brunner, for several years. He then returned to Lehigh county and became associated with the Allentown Paving and Construction Company, of which he continued a member until his decease. His home was in Upper Saucon, and he was accustomed to travel to and fro daily on the trolley line, and on the way home on the evening of Dec. 23, 1901, was accidentally killed with six other persons.

Mr. Reinhard was married to Emma M., daughter of Charles B. and Caroline (Bender) Weber, of Upper Saucon. They became members of the Lutheran congregation at Friedensville, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

#### REINSMITH FAMILY.

Four members of this family served their country in the Revolutionary War, as followers: Jacob, John, John, Jr., and Samuel Reinsmith, natives of the upper end of what is now Lehigh county. John and John, Jr., were members of Col. Henry Geiger's battalion, on Nov. 15, 1781, and Jacob and Samuel Reinsmith at the same time were members of the Associators and Militia from Northampton county. Jacob, being a member of Capt. Mathias Probst Company and Samuel being a member of Capt. G. Schmetter's Company.

The first Federal Census of 1790 records one Jacob Reinsmith as the head of a family residing in Albany township, Berks county, having a wife and one son, the latter being under fourteen years of age.

Charles Reinsmith was born in Lehigh county. For many years he kept a hotel at the north end of 6th street, in Whitehall township. At different times he was engaged in the hotel business

at Emaus, also in Allentown. He was a Republican, and served the office of constable of the Fourth Ward, Allentown. He died from apoplexy while a candidate for re-election the night before the election. During the latter years of his life, he resided on Hamilton street, upon the present site of the public library. He and his wife, Maria Nagel, were members of the Reformed Church. Their children were: Maria, married to George Dutt; William Tilghman, Mrs. Theodore Siegfried; Walter; Reuben and Alice married to Alfred Sieger.

William Reinsmith was a brick laying contractor, and built the Lehigh Valley R. R. Station, in Allentown, the Easton Station, the Mauch Chunk station, the Weatherly station, the Shenandoah station and the Mahanoy City station for the same road. He also built many houses at Allentown and Delano, Pa. He married Carolina, a daughter of Col. T. H. Good, and their children were: Charles H., Annie, married to John Pascoe, James and Harry.

Henry Reinsmith, a native of Lehigh county, was a carpenter at Emaus, where he is buried in the Moravian cemetery. He built his own house in that borough and lived in it for fifty years. He was an active member of the Evangelical Church and frequently preached in different churches of the denomination.

He was married to Sallie Kemmerer, and they had twelve children, two of whom died small. They are:

Tilghman (m. Fianna Romich).	William, lived at Emaus. Tillie, died in 1877.
Amelia (m. John Eckert).	Clariassa. John, lives in Macungie.
Sarah (m. Peter Butz).	Thomas, lives in Iowa.
Maria (m. William H. Wint).	James.

James Reinsmith was born in Emaus. He was a bookkeeper at Allentown, and in 1877 he located at Buffalo, N. Y., and from there drifted to Findlay, Ohio, where he was engaged in the hotel business until his death in 1909, in his fifty-fourth year of age.

MARTIN A. REINSMITH, real estate operator and notary public, with offices in the B. & B. building, was born in Allentown, Jan. 21, 1878. He was educated in the public schools of the city, and later, in 1898, graduated from Wood's American Commercial School. Afterward, he accepted a position with Breinig and Bachman, in whose employ he remained for a period of nineteen years, seventeen years of which he was the bookkeeper of this established house. During this period he took a course of study in the Economist and Bond Training School of New York City. Later he graduated from the International Realty Associ-

ation School of Chicago, and since Oct., 1911, he is engaged in the realty business; and since that time, he has sold upwards of \$900,000 worth of real estate, in and about Allentown.

He is actively identified with the Zion United Brethren Church, and he has served as a general steward since the year 1904; and from 1898 to 1909, he was the superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school of that church. Socially he is a member of Franklin Chamber, No. 9, O. K. of F., and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.

On Sept. 14, 1898, he was married to Clara K. Butterwick, daughter of Alfred M. and Mary A. (Miller) Butterwick. They have these children: Alfred D., George M., Winton H., Gerald J., Paul E., Mary A., William A. R. and Lydia C.

Mr. Reinsmith is a property owner in different sections of the city and resides with his family at 127 South West street.

#### REITZ FAMILY.

The pioneer ancestor of this family was John Frederick Reitz, a native of Wurtemberg, in the Palatinate, Germany. He sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship Hampshire, with seventy-four other passengers, and landed at Philadelphia on September 7, 1748, when he took the oath of allegiance to the King of England. On April 3, 1751, Frederick Reitz secured two warrants of land of 25 acres each in Philadelphia county, but later settled in Northampton county, now Lehigh county. His land, which he patented on Nov. 26, 1760, was in the present South Whitehall township, northwest of Muhlenberg College property. The names of Frederick Reitz and his wife, Anna Margaret, appear in the list of communicants at the Blue church, in Upper Saucon township, then a Lutheran congregation, on Nov. 10, 1751, and on May 7, 1752, and on Jan. 3, 1753, their daughter Anna was baptized there. Their son Jacob was baptized at the age of four weeks on April 8, 1759, at the Western Salisbury Church, his sponsors being Jacob Gensler and wife, Anna Maria, and their son Lorentz was baptized there on Jan. 2, 1762 at the age of three weeks, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher. His sponsors were Lorentz Guth and Gertrude Guth, both single. His eldest son, Henry, was confirmed here in 1760.

Frederick Reitz died in Whitehall township in 1763, leaving seven children: Henry, born in 1745; Anna Margaret; Elizabeth, born Jan. 25, 1749; Anna, born in December, 1752; Eva Elizabeth; Jacob, born in March, 1759, and Lawrence, born Dec. 1, 1761. He left no will

and John Wyand was appointed administrator of his estate and the three eldest children chose Adam Gable as their guardian and the court appointed David Berringer guardian of the four younger children. When Jacob Reitz the second, became fourteen years of age he chose John Griesemer as his guardian.

Henry Reitz, eldest son of the pioneer, was born in Germany in 1745 and accompanied his parents to America with his eldest sister. He secured part of his father's land and in 1768 was assessed as the owner of 80 acres, 15 of which was cultivated, one horse and one cow. He became Captain of a company in the Revolutionary War, commanding a company in the Second Battalion of Northampton county militia, under the command of Lieut. Colonel Balliet. His name appears in muster rolls in the years 1777, 1778 and 1780. On March 11, 1794, Henry Reitz bought of the heirs of Lynford Gardner for £957 18 shilling specie, "current gold and silver of Pennsylvania," the plantation of Springwood, containing 154½ acres, which adjoined his land on the west. This plantation was situated along the little Cedar Creek, near Cedarville, and is now owned by Col. H. C. Trexler. On April 1, 1797, Henry Reitz conveyed to his son-in-law, Samuel Brobst, a tract of 122 acres and to Daniel Brobst, another son-in-law, 104 acres. He had erected the first woolen mill in the vicinity on his land which he operated for a time, and his sons-in-law many years. He was also a stone mason as well as a farmer. He and his wife, Magdalena Herr, had four children, Peter, born March 9, 1773; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Brobst; Era, the wife of Daniel Brobst, and Margaret, born Oct. 9, 1778, died Jan. 18, 1855.

Elizabeth Reitz, daughter of Frederick, was born Jan. 25, 1749 and died Feb. 15, 1831. She John Adam Schwander, son of Frederick Schwander, who owned a large tract of land adjoining the Reitz property.

Jacob Reitz, another son of the pioneer, served as a private in the Revolution and later removed to Northumberland county, along the Swabian creek, near where an uncle had settled previously. His children were: Daniel, Jonathan, Peter, Henry and Samuel.

John George Reitz, brother of the pioneer Frederick, landed at Philadelphia on Sept. 14, 1751. He settled in Washington township, Northumberland county. He had two sons, Andrew and Michael, and several daughters, who have many descendants.

Lawrence Reitz, youngest son of the pioneer, and from whom most of the Reitzes in Lehigh and adjacent counties have descended, settled and lived in Lynn township. About the year

1784 he bought 90 acres of the manor land, known as "Vineyard"; which had been surveyed to Thomas Penn, January 3, 1734, being situated along the Ontelaunee creek in Lynn township, east of Lynnport. This manor was a square tract, in area 2,000 acres, extending south from the Blue Mountain two miles in length and one and two-thirds miles in breadth, east from the present village of Lynnport. It is described in the *Penna. Arch.* (3rd ser., Vol. IV.) said "Vineyard."

Lawrence Reitz selected his land in the centre of this Manor, and after clearing it off erected a log house and barn about a quarter of a mile west of the present home of Edwin Reitz, who owns the original tract of his great-grandfather. On Feb. 1, 1790, he took out a warrant for 95 acres of woodland on the Blue Mountain, and a part of it has been in the possession of his descendants ever since. Some of it is now owned by his great-grandson, Rev. Dr. J. J. Reitz.

Lawrence Reitz was a good penman and wrote his name *Lorentz*. He was born December 1, 1761, and died March 10, 1844. He was married to Catharine Hess (daughter of Philip Hess, a Revolutionary soldier). She was born August 4, 1759, died December 26, 1837, and is buried by the side of her husband at the New Tripoli church. They raised a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: John, Heinrich, Andreas, Jonas, Philip, Elizabeth and Catharine.

John, the eldest son of Lawrence, went farther into the interior and settled upon a farm between Danville and Catawissa. He had a son Levi, who migrated to Missouri.

Heinrich, the second son, settled on a farm near Lenhartsville, in Berks county, Pa., where he married and had two sons, Daniel and Lewis. Jonathan Reitz, of Reading, a son of Daniel, who died in 1907, was a well-known business man.

Andreas, the third son, owned and lived on a farm in Lynn township, now the home of Samuel Waidelich. He married the widow of Christian Klingaman (who was killed by lightning). He was born September 1, 1791, died November 16, 1876, and is buried at the New Tripoli church. He and his wife, Anna Maria, (*nee Oswald*) had eight children: Catharine (born Aug. 30, 1815, died Nov., 1863; married Christian Brobst); John A. (born Nov. 4, 1818, died Jan. 11, 1890; married Percetta Gildner); Rebecca Polly; Maria (born Aug. 13, 1824, died March 2, 1897; married Dan. Follweiler); Maria Elizabeth (born May 19, 1827; married to Mr. Roth at Riverside, Pa.); Eli

(born July 18, 1829, died young); Helena (born Nov. 18, 1832, died 1910, married Levi Ebert); Nicodemus (born June 1, 1835, died young)

Jonas Reitz, fourth son of Lawrence, was born May 1, 1796 in Lynn township on the old Lawrence Reitz homestead. He owned and lived on an adjacent farm of 60 acres (having had two other tracts of Blue Mountain woodland besides). In 1840 he built a grist mill on this farm which was situated along the Ontelaunee creek and then he also built a distillery near by which he operated for over 20 years, making applejack and rye whiskey. He was a weaver by trade and invented a loom for knitting stockings by the aid of which he made many woolen stockings of a superior quality for people in Northampton, Carbon and Schuylkill counties. He was a busy man and was assisted by his wife and children. He also wove linen goods, among them the favorite of the times, called by Pennsylvania Germans "Chimborine," and "Halbleina." He occupied a prominent position in the community. He served as road supervisor when the "Wertman Mountain Road" was constructed across the Blue Mountain. He assisted liberally in the erection of Ebenezer church at New Tripoli in 1824, and was officially connected with it for many years, being an elder at the time of his death. He was a Lutheran; in politics a Whig and afterward a Republican. At his decease, besides the above-named properties, he owned an adjoining farm of 80 acres, and also 35 acres of woodland on the Blue Mountain. The 80-acre farm is now owned and occupied by Mr. Hartinger, who is married to Ellen Reitz, a granddaughter.

During the career of Jonas Reitz the times were not always encouraging. At one time he helped to thrash with the flail for one whole week, and received only one dollar for his services—that was during the panic of 1837. He was married twice: first to Catharine Lutz, daughter of Peter Lutz and Catharine, his wife (*nee Klingaman*) who was born in 1794, and died in 1834, and to them were born the following children: Jacob (who died a young man); Catharine (married John Leiby and died in early married life); Samuel; Benjamin; Sabina; Daniel, and Elias (whose sketches appear in this work). His second wife was Barbara Smith, and they had three children: Phaon, David and William. He died on June 10, 1861, and is buried at the New Tripoli church.

Samuel Reitz, son of Jonas, was an energetic farmer and distiller and an influential citizen in Lynn township. He and his brother Benjamin owned and operated for several years the grist

mill built by their father, and then sold it to John Ulrich, when he bought one of his father's farms (the 80-acre tract) and there he lived till he died. In connection with farming, he operated for many years an applejack distillery, and for some years a store. His premises had a central location in Lynn township and for many years the township elections were held there. He was twice married. First to Abby Smith, with whom he had six children: Mary Alice (m. Oscar Peter), Josephine (m. Amandes Lutz), William M. (m. Alvena Krauss), Oliver J. (m. Mary T. Reichelderfer), Levi (m. Miss Rauch), Ellen (m. Charles Hartinger). His second wife was Susan German, and they had two sons. He died in 1903 and is buried at New Tripoli.

Benjamin Reitz, son of Jonas, was an active and respected farmer and miller by occupation. In his younger days he was foremost in school for studying arithmetic and geography. He learned the trade of miller, and when the Slatington grist mill was rebuilt in 1851 he leased it and operated it from 1851 to 1854. After that he and his brother Samuel bought their father's grist mill in Lynn township, and they operated this successfully until 1858, when he retired to one of his father's farms, the old Reitz homestead, where he lived the remainder of his days. He was connected with the Ebenezer church at New Tripoli and served for some years as its treasurer. He was twice married: first to Leah Philips, the daughter of John and Margaretha (Lauchnor) Philips, and they had two sons: Thomas Franklin, born February 27, 1855, and died March 26, 1873, while he was the public school teacher of Snyder's School near New Tripoli; and James Jefferson, the other son, was born December 13, 1859 (a sketch of him being given in this work). His wife was born February 22, 1836, died May 8, 1871, and is buried at the New Tripoli church. His second wife was Sarah (Schitz) Reitz, widow of his deceased brother, David Reitz, and they had two sons: Calvin (born December 2, 1872, and lives in Idaho); and George (born December 11, 1875, died in 1897, and is buried at the New Tripoli church). He was born in Lynn township February 25, 1829, died September 3, 1886, and is buried at the New Tripoli church.

Sabina, the daughter of Jonas Reitz, was born in Lynn township. She married Stephen Ebert and they owned and lived on a farm near Stine's Corner. Two children were born to them: Sarah (who married a Mr. Bailey), and Chester.

Daniel L. Reitz, son of Jonas, was born in

Lynn township on the Reitz homestead. He married a Miss Greenawald and afterwards went to Hayes City, in Kansas, where he owned and lived on a farm. They had two children: Jonas and Ellsworth.

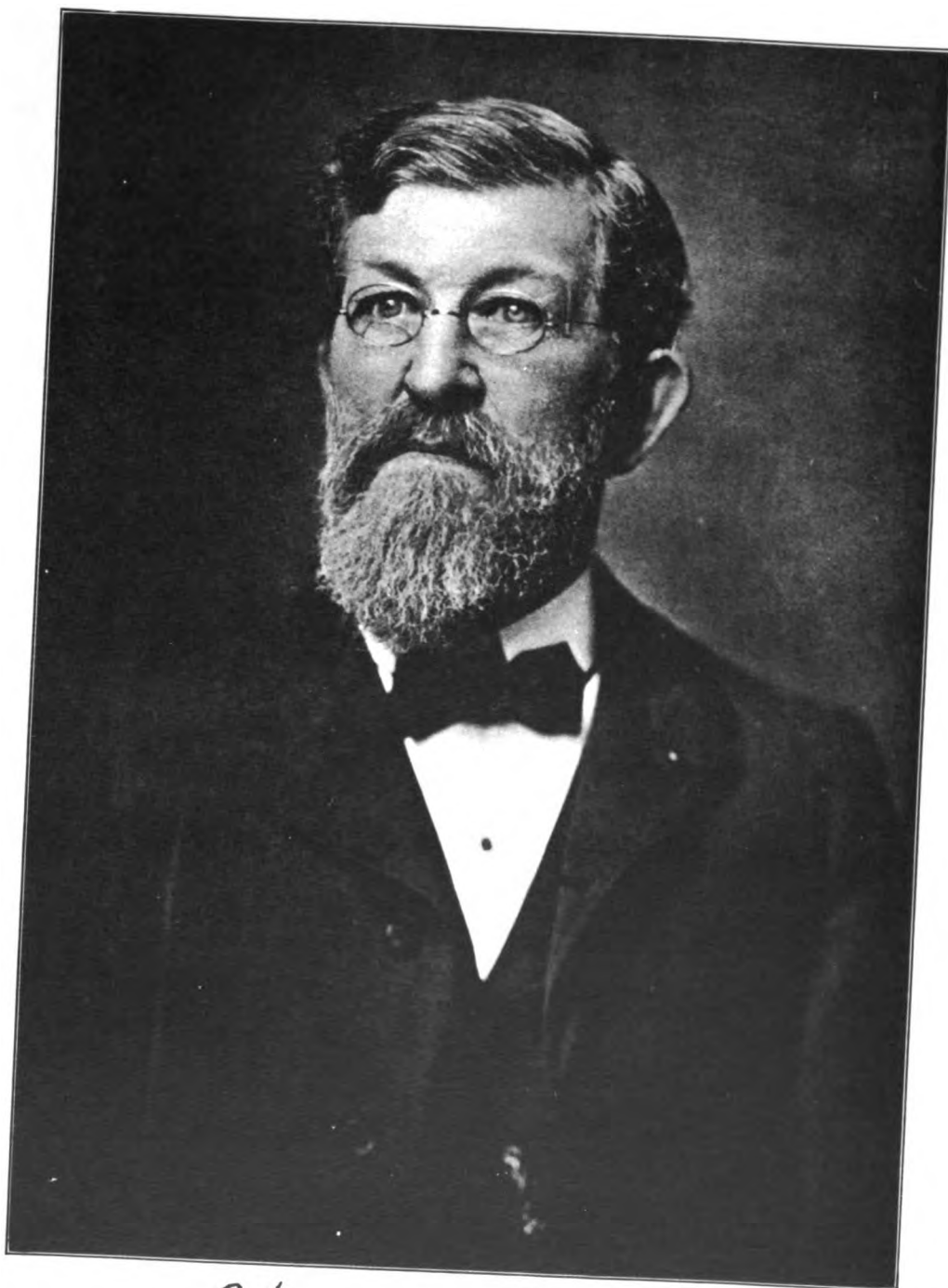
Elias Reitz, son of Jonas, was born in Lynn December 25, 1834. When four weeks old his mother died. She was a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Klingaman) Lutz. The father then made provision with his sister, Elizabeth (wife of Daniel Oswald) who cared for him like a mother for 18 months, when he was taken to his father's brother, Philip Reitz, who raised him to the age of 18 years. He worked at farming until that time, then he went to Jonas Creitz as an apprentice to learn the trade of cabinet maker and stayed for 18 months, and afterward he worked at farming for a number of years. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. On March 15, 1862, he married Sarah S. Billman. Soon afterward he bought three acres of land in Lynn township, near Rabert's Corner, on which he erected a house and there he and his wife have been living ever since. They have lived to become one of the oldest married couples in the neighborhood, both still healthy and able to do a day's labor. On May 4, 1912, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have eleven children: W. Harrison; Jennie (married George Herbst); John A. (m. Edna Leibenguth); Alice (m. Samuel Schellhammer); Elmira (died young); Clara (married John Weller); James (died in infancy); Jonas (died young); Aquilla (m. Mr. Epler); Frederick (m. Edith Moyer); Rosa (m. Edwin Heller).

Phaon Reitz, son of Jonas Reitz and his second wife, Barbar (*nee* Smith) was born in Lynn township and owned and lived for many years on a farm which adjoined the one on which he was born. He is a miller by trade. He married Lucy Hunsicker, who died in 1900. She was a daughter of Peter Hunsicker of Mossersville. They had issue: Alvena (m. Joseph Scheirer); Ellen R. (m. Allen Kistler); Lewis B. (m. Amanda Smith, died Aug. 21, 1900); Mary (m. Henry Smith); Minerva (m. Menno Wehr, died 1912); D. Milton (m. first, Mary Snyder, and 2nd, Mary Kunkle); Thomas (m. Miss Brobst); Gertrude (m. Harvey Reinert), and Henry (m. Mary E. Oswald). He is an aged and esteemed resident of Lynn. He served for many years officially the Ebenezer Lutheran church at New Tripoli. As a widower he has for many years made his home with his son-in-law, Allen Kistler, of Mossersville.

David Reitz, son of Jonas and his second wife,







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Barbara, was born February 10, 1840, died May 3, 1864, and is buried at the New Tripoli church. He was married to David Schitz's daughter, Sarah, with whom he had three children: James M. (m. Sallie Christ); Ida J. (m. J. D. O. Moyer); Aaron, of Alaska.

Philip Reitz, son of Lawrence Reitz, and grandson of the pioneer Johan Friederich Reitz, was born in Lynn township, on the "Vineyard Manor," and there he lived all the days of his life to an old age. He is buried at the New Tripoli church. He married Sarah Straub, and they had three children: John P. (m. Polly Leiby); Rosa (m. Daniel Leiby), and Anna (who died young).

Elizabeth M. Reitz, daughter of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, was born November 28, 1795, died February 18, 1864, and is buried at the Jacksonville church in Lynn township. She married Daniel Oswald and they had seven children: Daniel (married Rebecca Correll, born June 23, 1816, died July 7, 1898); Samuel R. (m. Elizabeth Correll); Solomon R. (m. Elizabeth Smith); Elias (died an infant); Rebecca (died young); Catharine (died young); Elizabeth (m. Daniel Creitz).

Catharine Reitz, daughter of Lawrence and Catharine (Hess) Reitz, was born at the old Reitz homestead in Lynn. She married Peter Steiger, with whom she lived in Berks county. They raised a family where they lived in the Mahoning Valley, about two miles west of Lehigh-ton. They had two children: Mary (m. Nathan Rabenold); Polly (m. Jacob J. Oswald). She lived to a very old age, and is buried in the Lehigh-ton cemetery.

WILLIAM HARRISON REITZ, a prominent native citizen of Lynn township, was born October 31, 1842. He was one of the early students in the free school system and his teacher during his first two years was Nauson Knapp. He was raised on his father's premises, which comprised a mill, farm and distillery. In 1857 he became a clerk in a general store at Lynnport, but the following year he resumed working for his father and remained in his employ until in 1862, when he again became a clerk in the store at Lynnport. But he continued there only four months, then enlisted in the service of his country in Aug. 1862, in Company G, 128th Regt. Pa. Vol. Inf., and served nine months, participating in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam and Chancellorsville. In the last engagement he was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison, but paroled several weeks afterward.

Upon his discharge from service he returned home, and worked there for some time, when he became a railroader at Mauch-Chunk and he continued there for several years, when he returned to Lynn and engaged in the mercantile business for two years at Lynnport. In 1869 he and his brother, Phaon, bought the Philip Kerschner farm of 50 acres, situated one mile from Lynnport, and this they cultivated for seven years. During the first two years they also operated their father's grist mill. In the centennial year (1876) he purchased the Matthias Schütz homestead, consisting of 125 acres, situated one mile east of Lynnport. Its soil was well adapted for potato raising and this industry has been very profitable of late years.

On this farm there is a large stone house, which was built in 1825, by Heinrich and Elizabeth (Sechler) Schütz, and a fine picture of it appears in the descriptive history of Lynn township. There is another house on this farm in which Mr. Reitz resides, which was built by David Schitz, son of Heinrich, and grandson of Matthias Schütz, in 1847. The first barn upon this farm was built by Matthias Schütz in 1765; and the second by Heinrich Schütz in 1801. The latter was razed by W. H. Reitz in 1888, and he then erected the present barn.

Mr. Reitz purchased this farm when a severe panic was in the land and crops were a failure; now, however, it reflects the superior care and attention of its owner, whose industry and good management have made it a most desirable property.

Politically Mr. Reitz is an independent Republican and for nine years has served upon the school-board of the township. During his administration three graded school houses were built and the schools were elevated to a higher plane of usefulness; but these were only secured after strenuous exertions. Frequently Mr. Reitz was alone in these forward movements, and criticism was not spared against his actions. But he has lived to see scores of school children grow up into educated men and women of the township who now attribute their success in life to the high standard of the township schools, which he was instrumental in establishing; and the community at large now respect and honor him for his wisdom and foresight, the soundness of his judgment, and the courage to stand by his convictions.

Mr. Reitz and family are Lutheran members of the Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli. He was a member of the trustee board when the present edifice was built in 1890. He served

the church in the official capacity of a deacon, elder and trustee for a quarter of a century. He took an active interest in the installation of the present pipe organ and it was upon his suggestion that Andrew Carnegie was invited to contribute towards the cost of this most admirable improvement to the church.

He was the organizer of Post 606, G. A. R. at Steinsville, and he has been the Commander of the Post since 1909. Prior to this year he had served in the offices of Adjutant, Senior Vice Commander and Quartermaster Sergeant. He filled the office of postmaster at Best from 1897 to 1901; of county tax collector for Lynn in 1907; served as a director and the local secretary of the Washington National Loan and Building Association for some years, and as a director of the Kutztown Rural Telegraph and Telephone Company from 1908 to 1912.

In 1864 Mr. Reitz was married to Brigetta Scheetz, who was born March 23, 1843, and died very suddenly of apoplexy, June 11, 1911, in the sixty-ninth year of her age. She is buried on the Reitz family plot in the cemetery at New Tripoli, where a unique monument, with the figure of a sentinel standing upon a massive base, marks her last resting place. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Schitz, and enjoyed a happy married life for upwards of forty-eight years. They had twelve children: Elmer E., William F., Carrie A., Alice R., Charles H., Cyrus E., Menora E., George A., Alvin A., Ambrose G., Lawrence E. and Ella J. the last three having died young.

Mr. Reitz is a man of great intelligence and in his later years has spent much time in the pursuit of literature. He is versed in the Bible and an earnest student of history, which affords him much entertainment of an instructive and elevating character. Since 1911, however, his life has become much saddened by the death of his devoted and most companionable wife.

D. M. REITZ, of Palmerton, Pa., son of Phaon Reitz, of Jonas, of Lawrence, of Johann Frederick, who was the pioneer, is the fifth child and the second son of Phaon and Lucie (Hunsicker) Reitz. He was born Sept. 10, 1869 in Lynn township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He worked on the homestead farm and acquired his education in the township schools until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he learned the trade of a carpenter. In 1889 he began to work as a journeyman carpenter at Morea, in Schuylkill county and he has followed the trade with steady advancement ever since, working at Blackwood, Tamaqua, Hazleton, Slatington and Palmerton.

On May 17, 1891, he was married to Mary J., daughter of Nathan and Maria Snyder of New Tripoli, Pennsylvania. They have issue: Edna M. (born 1893); Norma H. (born 1895), and Earl M. (born 1900). His wife died on August 28, 1900, aged 29 years less 2 days. On January 1, 1903, he married Mary A., daughter of George and Sarah Kunkle, of Aquashicola, Pennsylvania. They have one son, Luther G., who was born in 1908.

In 1905 he formed a partnership with George B. Snyder under the firm name of Reitz & Snyder.



*D. M. Reitz*

der. They engaged in the building and contracting business begun at Slatington, but in 1907 they transferred their operations to Palmerton, there it has expanded gradually until now it includes contracting and building, a lumber yard, operate a large planing mill, and hardware store. Their average payroll is forty men, and annual business amounts to about \$100,000. In the rapidly growing town of Palmerton the firm has erected sixty houses in 1910 and altogether about 200 dwellings, 1 church, 1 fire engine house, and the especially handsome and substantial "Neighborhood House" of the New Jersey Zinc Company of Pennsylvania, which is one of the most modern

and up-to-date public buildings in that part of the state.

In 1909 he moved from his home on Second street in Slatington to a newly-built residence on Delaware avenue, Palmerton. At the end of 1912 he sold that residence and erected a more commodious home for himself at the corner of Fifth and on Lafayette avenue, in the same town.

In politics he is a progressive Republican.

He was confirmed in the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Tripoli, and during his residence at Slatington was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1911 he became a charter member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church at Palmerton. In the church at Slatington church he served as a deacon for a period of ten years, also was its treasurer for four years, and he serves the same offices in the church at Palmerton. He is the superintendent of the Holy Trinity Sunday school at Palmerton since its organization in 1911.

REV. J. J. REITZ, M.D.

Rev. James Jefferson Reitz, M.D., was born near Lynnport, Lehigh county, Dec. 13, 1859, son of Benjamin and Leah (Phillips) Reitz. He was reared on his father's farm, where he worked hard and laid the foundation of a busy and useful career. He had to go to school every day, unless sick, which was very rare. Even on days when the weather and roads were almost too disagreeable to permit a child to go a mile to school, his father would haul him to school in the morning and fetch him in the evening. His first school term was only three months during the year, at Weaver's school house. Later, in 1876, young Reitz attended a summer school at "Kistler's Tannery." In the fall of that year he was licensed to teach, but was too young, only sixteen years old. During the summer of 1877 he attended summer school at Lynnville, and again received a certificate to teach, and the following winter he taught at Rabert's Corner, Lynn township, receiving a salary of \$25 per month for teaching a mixed school with 63 scholars. The following spring he journeyed to the Edinborough State Normal School, in Erie county, Pa. The following winter he again taught at Rabert's school house. During the summer of 1879 he attended Bauch's School, and the next winter taught school at Lynnport. In the spring of 1880 he entered the preparatory school at Muhlenberg College, then successfully passed the examination for admission to Muhlenberg College, from which he graduated in 1884. At graduation he was Class Poet, and wrote two poems, of which the following is an extract:

Our college days are over,  
The parting time has come;  
We must chant now our farewell,  
For we are going home.

With a chip, chop! cherry chop!  
Folderol, riddle rop!  
Chip, chop! cherry chop!  
Folderol rsy.

We've fought the fight together,  
We lived like brothers here;  
But soon like sheep, bewildered,  
We'll scatter far and near.

Who knows when we'll assemble  
Again within these walls?  
We'll raise no more bad rackets;  
Farewell, ye noisy halls!

Ye rooms with your rough benches,  
Where tutors drilled us sore;  
Where oft' "on cheek" we entered;  
Farewell, we'll flunk no more!

Ye fellow students cry not,  
When far away we stroll;  
But nobly do your duty:  
Hence bid we "Lebe wohl!"

In the fall of 1884 he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and graduated in 1887, and in the same year Muhlenberg College conferred upon him the degree of A. M. During the summer of 1885 he was granted a leave of absence from the Seminary, and was principal and instructor in the New Tripoli Academy, during both the spring and fall terms. In 1886 the subject of this sketch attended the Hebrew summer school at the Episcopal Seminary, Philadelphia, which was conducted by the very learned Hebrew scholar, Dr. W. R. Harper. After that, for two months, he preached in the Trinity Lutheran church, Philadelphia, and later that summer was engaged to preach for Rev. H. S. Fegley in the New Tripoli church. In June, 1887, he was ordained a Lutheran minister in Philadelphia, and in the fall of that year he became pastor of the Cherryville charge, composed of St. Paul's, Indianland; Emmanuel's, Petersville; Ashfield and Parryville. The first two are in Northampton county, and these he served for a quarter century; the latter two are in Carbon county, where he preached only one year, when conference detached them and added them to another charge.

The reverend then turned his attention more to the physical ailments of people, and studied medicine in connection with his pastorate, and therefore by his great desire for learning, the way was easily paved to become a regular physician, which profession gives him much pleasure and a comfortable livelihood. On May 14, 1903, he graduated from Hahnemann Medical College,

Philadelphia, with the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Homeopathy. Ever since that time he has given the greater part of his attention to medicine, and his delight is to study chronic cases, and in their treatment he has had marked success. He stoutly maintains that it is a noble and necessary work to make people happy in enjoying life by removing bodily and mental diseases. Although a firm believer in the doctrines of the Christian church, he thinks he has done his duty by laboring in the profession of the ministry for a quarter century and that now he can do more good by trying to make people happy while here on earth as well as for the hereafter.

In 1903, he moved to Walnutport, where he had purchased a home, with twenty-five acres of land, half of which he later laid out in building lots. At that home he still resides, and has improved and beautified it so that it has become one of the most desirable homes in that part of Walnutport. He bored an artesian well, and has his own waterworks, affording him a continuous flow of fresh spring water at the side of his house and barn, as well as for modern conveniences in his home. After preaching for those many years, he desired to retire, and accordingly asked his congregations to relieve him as their pastor, but the church council would not accept his resignation until he persisted. Therefore, he resigned his churches in 1912. During his pastorate he preached over 1,200 sermons, baptized over 700 children and officiated at several hundred funerals.

Doctor Reitz was united in marriage March 12, 1889, to Ada Jane Follweiler, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Heinly) Follweiler, of Tamaqua, Pa. His wife is an active helpmate and devoted companion to his busy life. They have one son, Charles Benjamin, whose history follows.

Reverend Reitz wrote a history of Emmanuel's church, Petersville, one of the oldest churches in Pennsylvania, having been started in 1723, which history was published in the "Pennsylvania German," June and July numbers, 1912. He has a large library of choice books; wherein he delights to spend many an hour. He is a lover of the home, and surrounding his residence are several hundred choice fruit trees, which receive the best scientific attention. In his manners, Doctor Reitz is plain and congenial, and by his resolute will to do that which he believes right he has won a wide and enviable reputation.

DR. CHARLES BENJAMIN REITZ, son of Rev. J. J. Reitz, M.D., resident physician at the Rittersville State Insane Asylum, was born Jan. 4, 1890, at Cherryville, in Northampton county. He attended the public school of the township

and also the Slatington high school from which he graduated at sixteen, and then followed teaching for three years, after which he took a course of four years in the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating June 5, 1913, with first honors in the class, and followed with a special course of five weeks in the State Hospital at Westboro, Mass. With this preparation and the recommendation of the professors under whom he was qualified, the Board of Trustees at the Rittersville State Hospital in Pennsylvania selected him as the pathologist of the institution, and he has filled this responsible position in a successful manner until the present time.

#### REMELY FAMILY.

Ambrose and Jacob Remely, French Huguenots, emigrated to this country in 1741, and settled in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, at or about the same time that Conrad Remely settled in Philadelphia. Michael Remely on Aug. 5, 1767, took out a warrant for 32 acres of land in what is now Washington township, Lehigh county. At Slatington and in the surrounding territory the Remelys have been settled for more than 145 years. An Ambrose Remely (name is spelled differently) took up 232 acres of land, situated south of Slatington borough, along the public road that follows the Lehigh river to Andrews' saw-mill near Rockdale. He was a farmer. Elias and Daniel Remely later lived upon some of this land. The homestead tract is now owned by James Kern.

Ambrose Remely had two sons: John and Jacob. John was born May 23, 1788, and died July 20, 1853. He had the homestead farm, and was married to Salome Fenstermacher, who was born Oct. 3, 1804, and died Nov. 5, 1892, in her 89th year. Both are buried at the Frieden's church. On Oct. 20, 1833, they were married and they had two sons and two daughters: Elias; Daniel; Lucy, married to Daniel Zellner; and Sarah, who was twice married, first to Elias Best, and second to Oliver Deshler.

Jacob Remely, the youngest son of Ambrose, was born Nov. 22, 1790, and died Sept. 6, 1865, in his 75th year of age. He was married to Catharine Remely, who, tradition states, was no near kin. She was born Jan. 16, 1818, and died March 28, 1907, in her 90th year of age. Both are buried at the Frieden's church, near Slatington. The upper part of Slatington is built upon his acres and what is locally known as "Spruce Hill" was on his property. He had a very large tract of land. Their nine children follow: Stephen; Charles; Jonas; David; Adam; Susanna, married John Dorward; Polly, was the



wife of Adam Kreitz; Lydia, married Conrad Best; and Carolina, married Benjamin Rockel.

Charles Remaly, the second son of Jacob, was a laborer and lived on upper Main street, in Slatington. He was born May 17, 1816, and died Feb. 10, 1886. He married Louisa Hamilton, of Allentown. Their children were: Maria, Elmira, Mary, Henry, Jane, and Frank.

Jonas Remaly, the third son of Jacob, was a farmer along the Blue mountains, in Carbon county, Pa. His wife was Hannah Newhard, and they had these children: William, Tilghman, Amandus, Benjamin, James, Mary, Lydia, Carolina, and Annie.

David Remaly, son of Jacob, built house No. 1248, on Upper Main street, in Slatington. His brother, Charles, lived opposite the street from him. His wife was Elizabeth Snyder. She died Oct. 16, 1901, aged 77 years, 3 months and 15 days. Their children follow: Cyrus, Lafayette, Robert, David, Jane, Caroline, Mary, Agnes, and Elizabeth.

Adam Remaly, another son of Jacob, lived in the upper end of Slatington and there was a laborer. He married Sabina Kern, a pious and good woman, who was never known to have been angry. She is said to have possessed great psychic powers and was a useful woman to her community, where she was held in reverence and esteem. Their children were: Jonas, Amandus, Edwin, Nathaniel, Lydia, Violetta, and Susan.

George Remaly, another on the pioneers, who lived about Slatington on land which was his own and passed to his son, Jacob George Remaly. The elder George Remaly was married to Polly Kocher, an Englishwoman, and they had four sons and four daughters, to wit: Michael, Henry, William, and George. The daughters were: Catharine, married to Jacob, son of Ambrose Remaly; Elizabeth, married John Ringier; Maria, married Peter Newhard, and Sarah, married Daniel Brown.

(Jacob) George Remaly was born Sept. 4, 1794, and was a farmer. He lived in the upper end of Slatington, near the corner of Main and Washington streets. He sold tracts of his land for the improvement of Slatington, and was an intelligent and public-spirited citizen. It is said that he was an English Quaker and he never denied himself the broad-rimmed hat and the turned down collar. He had purchased the homestead from his father. He was married for forty years to Mary Elizabeth, a daughter of John and Polly (Kuhns) Benninger. She was born May 5, 1801, and died Aug. 3, 1863. He died Dec. 29, 1868, in his seventy-fourth year. Four of their eleven children died small.

Those that grew up were: John; Kate, mar-

ried Joseph German; William; Paul; Jacob; and Elizabeth, born in 1849, married John Crossley.

John Remaly, son of Jacob George, was born March 10, 1823. He had upwards of 300 acres of land near the Lehigh furnace, and he owned what was known as LaBarsville, which is now Slatedale. He died Jan. 3, 1862, in his thirty-ninth year. His wife was Lovina Wert, and they had these children: Sarah Ann, married J. C. Mack; Ella A., married George F. Oplinger, whose history appears in this volume; and James, who died aged seventeen years.

William Remaly lived in Berlinsville, in Northampton county. There he operated a grist and saw-mill, also a farm. He married Mary, a daughter of John Benninger. They had one son and five daughters, namely: Emelina; Sabilla; George, who was a school teacher, and died an accidental death; Ella; Mary; and Katie.

Paul Remaly was a farmer on the outskirts of Slatington. He married Mary Blose, and they had these four children: Benjamin, James, Isabella, and Mary. Paul Remaly was married, second, to Mary Oswald. They had one son, George.

Jacob Remaly was a farmer near Benninger's Crossing, in Northampton county. His wife was Annie Rex, and they had these children: Sarah, married William Deibert; Mary, married William Beers; and James, who now occupies the homestead farm.

Jacob Remaly, a farmer, lived in Washington township. He was the father of three sons: Jonas, Charles, and Adam.

Charles Remaly, the second son of Jacob, was a carpenter and boat-builder. He lived at Slatington, Pa. He was married to Louisa Hamilton, and they had the following children: Maria, married to Jonas Beidelman, they lived in Tiffin, Ohio; Ellemina, married to W. K. Derr, late of Hokendauqua; Mary; Henry W.; Jane, married to Oscar Beidleman; and Frank, of Slatington.

Henry W. Remaly, the oldest son of Charles, was born Feb. 1, 1847. He was employed upon the farm until 1892, when he began farming on a 90-acre tract which belongs to the Lehigh Portland Cement Company. On this farm George Kemmerer built a stone house in 1826. Mr. Remaly is a charter member of Camp 301, P. O. S. of A., at Catasauqua.

He was married, in 1875, to Ellen, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Carr) Gackenbach. They have two children: Edwin, who died aged 18 years; and Stella M., a graduate of the American Commercial School, who since 1906, is employed as stenographer and typewriter with the

Lehigh Portland Cement Company, at Allentown.

REV. J. S. RENNINGER.

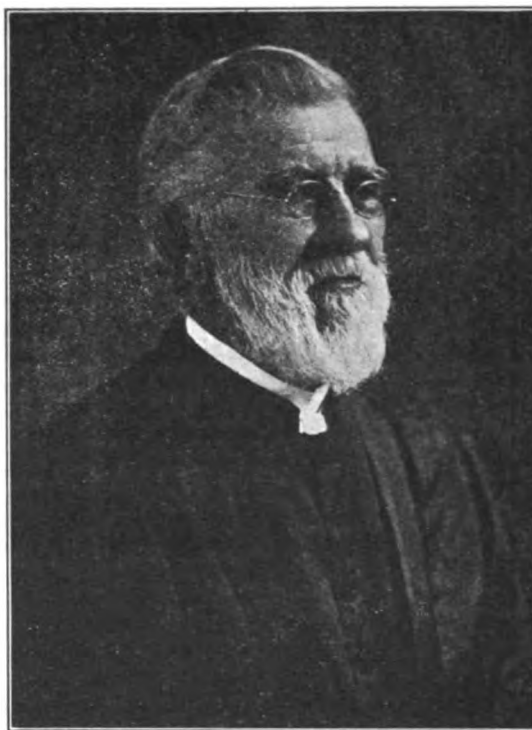
Rev. Josiah Stauffer Renninger, son of Peter Renninger and his wife, Anna Maria, *nee* Stauffer, and a Lutheran pastor for fifty years, was born in New Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pa. He was baptized by Rev. Conrad Miller in the Faulkner Swamp church, and confirmed by Rev. Nathan Yeager in the Sassaman church in 1853. His paternal grandmother was a Kern, and his maternal grandmother was a Linsenbigler. After attending the home schools, and after his confirmation, he prosecuted his studies at Skippackville, Mechanicsville (in the limit of Philadelphia), Freeland Seminary, Mt. Pleasant Seminary (Boyertown) Dickinson Seminary (Williamsport), Kuttelfleck Hall and Frederick Institute. He then taught public school for four terms and also for a session at Frederick Institute, selling books and working during vacations. In 1862 he was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and in August of that year received his credentials from the Allegheny Synod to serve as a minister of the Gospel in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Immediately after his installation he received a call from the Fryburg charge in Clarion county, Pa., which he declined, but he also received a call from a mission at Derry, in Westmoreland county, which he accepted. The congregation at Derry was much disturbed by the "anxious bench system," but after his faithful services there for a year the members became more conservative. A part of this parish was connected with congregations of the Pittsburgh Synod, and the other part with congregations of the Ohio Synod. In consequence of the pending formation of new parishes, Reverend Renninger resigned and became a supply pastor of the Ringtown parish in Schuylkill county, and in 1864 was elected their regular pastor.

The Ringtown parish comprised four congregations and several preaching posts, which required much attention for their betterment. By Bible-classes, catechetical instruction, securing teachers of music for church services, and the introduction of better church government, a healthy change took place and a new church-building was erected for the Lutheran Mt. Zion congregation.

In 1866, Reverend Renninger received a call to the Conyngham parish, where he had preached a trial sermon, but at the earnest solicitation of the Ringtown parishioners he decided to remain

another year in order to get them properly started in building a parsonage, and also a church. Then, in 1867, he received and accepted a call to the Schnecksville parish, in Lehigh county, which comprised the Egypt, Union, Frieden's, Heidelberg and Lowhill congregations. This was a large field for mission work, and it proved to be an important one. He introduced a thorough catechetical course and began preaching at Laury's school-house, and also at the Slatedale and Furnace schoolhouses and succeeded in organizing a Lutheran congregation and erecting a building at Slatedale; and a chapel was



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also put up at Cementon, in Whitehall, where a new congregation carries on religious worship. He conducted regular services in the Schnecksville schoolhouse and there too he established a congregation and chapel, but he resigned this parish in 1888.

In May, 1888, he moved to Allentown, and started preaching in a schoolhouse in East Allentown, which resulted in the formation of a congregation and the erection of a building, and there he preached as a supply pastor. Soon after having located at Allentown, he organized the St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, secured a lot of ground on North 7th street, be-

tween Gordon and Liberty streets, and accomplished so much in the erection of the church that the Sunday-school was enabled to celebrate its Christmas festival there. He also began earnest and successful preaching in an old school-house in South Allentown, and after persistent work with a Sunday-school and a young people's society he succeeded in establishing Grace Evangelical Lutheran congregation. He secured a lot and his well-directed labors in this instance also resulted in the erection of a church building.

During the first year of his services in connection with St. Luke's Church, Reverend Renninger began to supply the Gilbert's parish in Monroe county; and then too the Coopersburg parish. He served these three congregations for six years, then resigned his connection with the St. Luke's so as to devote his time more exclusively to the building up of the St. Joseph's and Grace congregations, and this labor was continued until the last few years, during which he served only the St. Joseph's. In twelve years of hard mission work, he received support from the Synod only for one year and this amounted to \$500, and though he was paid a small sum for his services he has no regrets to express for the work he had to do and the sacrifices he had to make.

In 1898, Reverend Renninger resigned from the St. Joseph's Church and accepted an earnest call to the St. John's at Berrysburg, in Dauphin county, a large congregation with a fine property. In this locality he also worked hard for the welfare of the parish, and during his service of ten years he added 150 members to the congregation and lost only 40 by death and otherwise; and he also accomplished desirable changes for the improvement of the congregation as well as its property. In October 1908 his resignation of this field was accepted.

Notwithstanding his desire to rest for a time from his ministerial labors and direct for a change of vocation direct his attention to building operations with his son-in-law, John A. Klinger, at Fullerton, he was persuaded to perform special services nearly every Sunday until in the Fall of 1909, when he began to preach in the Northampton Heights parish and there he was installed as the regular pastor on March 13, 1910. This parish consists of St. John's Church of Williams township, and St. Matthew's Church of Northampton Heights; and there he has been preaching the Gospel in a most acceptable manner until the present time.

In the Schnecksville parish Rev. Renninger was instrumental in securing fifteen candidates for the Lutheran ministry, and some also for the

Reformed ministry. In his ministrations as a Lutheran pastor, covering a period of fifty years, he has delightful recollections of the cordiality and encouragement extended to him by the different parishes which he served, and he expresses himself as truly grateful for the opportunity he has had in serving the Father, through Jesus Christ, for so long a time and in so acceptable a manner.

#### RENNINGER FAMILY.

Wendel Renninger, the ancestor of the family in this country, was born in Wurtemberg in 1734 and came to Pennsylvania, settling in Montgomery county, in 1750. He died there in 1810.



AARON G. RENINGER.

He had six sons, the eldest of which was Jacob, who had three sons, one of which was John, the father of Reuben, Aaron, John, and Sallie.

Aaron G. Reninger, son of John Reninger and his wife, Elizabeth Gilbert, was born in Montgomery county, Nov. 27, 1815. His father died from disabilities received in the War of 1812 while his son was in his youth and he became a member of the Latshaw family. He engaged in various occupations and as a young man became associated in the general store business in

Weisenberg township with Seth Grim. In the early 40's he came to Allentown, where he engaged in the mercantile business at the northwest corner of Seventh and Hamilton streets with Ephraim Grim, under the firm name of Grim & Reninger. The firm was burned out in the fire of 1848, later became Reninger & Shimer, and when Mr. Reninger sold his interests it became E. S. Shimer & Company, composed of E. S., Alexander, and Hiram Shimer. Subsequently Mr. Reninger again became associated with the business, which then became Shimer, Reninger & Company, until his son, Theodore D., entered the firm, when it became A. G. Reninger & Company, which it remained until Mr. Reninger retired from business in 1893.

Mr. Reninger was a director of the Allentown Bank and a charter member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, of which he was treasurer for twenty years. At the time of the Mexican War he was a member of the Harrison Guards, which were prepared to enlist but were not called into service. He was a deacon and elder of Zion Reformed church for many years and was an active and prominent member, frequently serving as delegate to classis and synod. He was many years a trustee of the Reformed Church Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, and one of the organizers of the Allentown College for Women, of which he was a trustee and treasurer at the time of his death, March 29, 1894. Mr. Reninger married, June 19, 1849, Eliza Julia Schreiber, daughter of Jacob Schreiber and his wife, Eve Catharine Leisenring. Mrs. Reninger was born July 15, 1822, and died Aug. 1, 1898. They had five children: J. Jacob S.; Theodore D.; Elizabeth S., married to Charles Bachman, deceased, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Edward H.; and Margaret E., married to John E. Lentz, deceased.

John Jacob Schreiber Reninger, the eldest son, was born July 21, 1850, and died Oct. 10, 1911. He was survived by his wife, Ellen A., *nee* Blumer, and three sons: Gilbert T., paying teller at Lehigh Valley Trust Company; Charles W., with W. H. Gangewere, contractor; and Frank J., a draftsman; and four daughters: Mary E., E. Julia, Helen M., and C. Elizabeth. Mr. Reninger was one of the best known men in the community, having served a term as chief engineer of the city fire department, and continuously from his majority to the time of his death, as secretary of the Republican Executive Committee of Lehigh county. At the time of his death he was alderman of the Fifth ward. He was educated at the "Allentown Academy." He was engaged principally as an accountant, and served a number of years as clerk of select council.

Theodore D. Reninger was born March 8, 1852, and was educated at the Allentown Academy. He associated with his father in the mercantile business and continued until the firm of A. G. Reninger & Company went out of business. He has ever since been in charge of the Allentown branch of Drake & Company, wholesale grocers. He was married in 1881, to Ida L. Clewell.

#### EDWARD H. RENINGER, ESQ.

Edward H. Reninger was born in Allentown, April 23, 1857. He was educated in the schools of the city, the Allentown Academy, and the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. with the class of 1878, of Franklin and Marshall College. He entered upon the study of law with Morris L. Kauffman, was admitted to the bar in 1882, and then formed a partnership with his preceptor under the name of Kauffman & Reninger. He was one of the organizers of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company in 1886, of which his firm became the counsel, and in October, 1893, he became treasurer of the trust company, a position which he has continuously filled most ably and acceptably. Mr. Reninger was at one time chairman of the Republican County Committee and has always retained an active interest in politics, having been for a number of years a member of the Board of School Controllers, and a school director and controller for upwards of twenty years. He has been secretary of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association and president of the trust company section, as well as a member of the executive committee of the trust company section of the American Bankers' Association. He is a member of the Livingston Club, Chamber of Commerce, St. Leger Club, Lehigh Country Club, Lehigh County Historical Society, Pennsylvania German Society, and Lehigh County Agricultural Society—member of executive committee and president *pro tem*. He has taken a great interest in the Allentown hospital and is a trustee and treasurer of the Allentown Hospital Association, and a trustee and former treasurer of the Allentown College for Women. He is at the present time president of the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the College. He is a member of and has been a deacon and trustee in St. John's Reformed church.

Mr. Reninger married, April 24, 1884, Miss Clara L. Weinsheimer, daughter of Henry Weinsheimer and his wife, Rebecca Saeger. Mr. and Mrs. Reninger have three children: Captain Henry A. Reninger, a graduate of Franklin and



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*Edward H. Reninger*





Marshall College, class of 1906, regimental adjutant of the Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guards, a special representative of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company; Evelyn, wife of John G. Candor, an attorney-at-law, of Williamsport, Pa.; and Estelle.

HON. CLAUDE TREXLER RENO.

Claude Trexler Reno, the son of Joseph F. Reno and Amelia J. Trexler (Reno) was born April 4, 1882, at Lyons, Berks county, Pa. His parents moved to Allentown, when he was six months old. He was educated in the Allentown public schools; graduated from Allentown high school with the class of 1900; attended Muhlenberg College for two years; and was graduated from Dickinson School of Law, with highest honors, in 1905, receiving the degree of LL.B.

He is editor of the official journal of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and the national secretary of that organization.

He was admitted to the bar of Lehigh county, Sept. 6, 1905; Northampton county, Dec. 6, 1906; Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Dec. 7, 1908; Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Feb. 4, 1907; was appointed sheriff's solicitor, 1906; elected county solicitor, 1909; elected as a Republican to the state legislature, November, 1910; defeated for congress, 1912.

Claude T. Reno was married, Aug. 14, 1906, to May Grim Appel.

REUBER FAMILY.

Joseph B. Reuber, of Joseph B. Reuber & Sons, Allentown Fence Works, was born July 1, 1848, at Dusburg on the Rhine, in Germany. He received his education there and became an iron-worker in structural and ornamental iron works, which he followed until his emigration to America, in 1881. He landed at New York City, on April 6th, and after remaining at Perth Amboy for a time he proceeded to Allentown, Pa., and was engaged in the Allentown rolling mill until 1890, when he embarked in business for himself, in the Sixth ward under the name of the "Allentown Fence Works." He put up the necessary buildings and equipped them with machinery for the production of ornamental and structural iron work for buildings and fences, and he has since carried on this enterprise in a successful manner. The hands employed number eighteen. His two sons, Tilghman and Edmund, have become associated with him, and their trade extends throughout the United States.

Mr. Reuber was married to Alice Flugsteadt, of Germany, daughter of Henry, and they had five children: Marie; Magdalena, who died in infancy; Hannah, married Charles Vorckeller, a

florist in South Bethlehem; Tilghman H. and Edmund W.

TILGHMAN H. REUBER, son of Joseph B., was educated in the common schools and the American Business College. He was then employed with his father for a few years, after which he took a practical course for a year with the Heckler Iron Works, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is now the owner of a fourth interest in the firm of Jos. B. Reuber & Sons and is the traveling representative of the firm, his route as salesman extending throughout the United States and Canada. In this department he has met with great success and the orders he secures enable the business to run constantly. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and of the fraternal orders of the Moose and the Eagles and the Franklin Fire Company.

EDMUND W. REUBER, son of Joseph B., after attending the city schools, took a course in mechanical drafting with the Scranton Correspondence School and is now a member of the firm of Jos. B. Reuber & Sons, with a fourth interest, and has charge of the office work and the drafting of plans, etc. He married Alice, daughter of Frank Snyder, of Allentown, and they have three children: Elsie H., Marie and Christian.

REX FAMILY.

The Rex family is one of the pioneer families of Washington township. The founder of this now numerous family was George Rex. He was born in Germany in 1682 and died in Washington township, Oct. 18, 1772. He and his wife, Barbara, after spending some time in Germantown, came to Heidelberg (now Washington) township, in 1739, and took up a tract of about 400 acres of unclaimed and unwarranted land. He was justice of the peace for Northampton in 1757. Among other children were two sons; Jacob, and Abraham.

Jacob Rex received from his father, Dec. 20, 1749, a tract of 276 acres upon which, in 1752, he erected a dwelling. Upon the date stone, in addition to the date he had carved his and his wife's initials. The stone was used again when the present house was built by George Rex, a great-great-grandson. Jacob was born April 5, 1724, and died April 11, 1802. He was married, May 16, 1749, to Anna Elisabeth Arner. They had a number of children, among whom were: Christopher, Abraham, William, and George Adam.

Christopher married Hannah Holder, and had issue: George; Capt. John (1785-1868), married to Salome Farber; Mary, married Abraham Sevitz; Elisabeth, married Daniel Andrews;

Hannah, married John Frederick; Barbara, married John Keener. George was born Jan. 8, 1788, and died March 12, 1783. He was married to Magdalena Miller. Their children were: Stephen, married Fianna Rex, a daughter of Joel; Ephraim, married Sarah Shadel; Nathan, married Rufena Hunsicker; Polly, married Levi Kern; Mary, married Ephraim Lentz; Sarah, married Nathan Kern; and Moses, married Sarah Freyman. Nathan Rex, son of George, was born April 8, 1817, and was married to Rufena Hunsicker, who was born June 3, 1828, and is still living (1913). He was a mason by trade, which occupation he followed for a period of 52 years. For a time he resided on the original homestead, but later he erected a stone dwelling on a thirteen-acre tract, a part of the original homestead, where he resided until his death and where his widow still resides. They were members of the Frieden's Lutheran congregation. To them were born four children: Flora, born Nov. 22, 1852, and died Sept. 10, 1878; Catharine E., born Nov. 25, 1855, married John Rex; Mary A., born June 2, 1858, married John Kuntz; and Leon P.

LEON P. REX was born Aug. 6, 1861, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed and learned the trade of stone masonry which he followed for a period of 25 years. He built the Saegersville quarry and Slatington bridges, the Rextown schoolhouse, and many buildings in and about Slatington. He owns the old homestead and has in his possession many of the old patents, warrants and deeds, besides many family relics, among which are a grandfather's clock, the drum carried by his father's uncle, John Rex, as a member of the 101st Regt. Drum Corps; a powder horn containing the date 1673, upon which is engraved a German village, and many fine Indian relics. In politics he is a Republican, and for a number of years has served as a township auditor. He was married, Nov. 10, 1885, to Olivia E. Peter. They have four children: Leda Olivia, Chauncey R. H., Leland Stanford, and Leon P., Jr. He and his family are members of the Frieden's Lutheran congregation. On the barn at his farm appear the following interesting names and dates:

George Rex 1739  
Jacob Rex, 1749  
Christopher Rex, 1785  
George Rex, 1833  
S & M Rex, 1848  
Leon P. Rex, 1892

Stephen Rex, son of George, and grandson of Christopher, was born Sept. 21, 1812, and died Dec. 4, 1890. He was married to Fianna Rex, a daughter of Joel Rex. She had three brothers:

Paul, Tilghman, and William. She was born Feb. 5, 1840. They reside in Heidelberg township, and have the following children: Mary, Louisa, Menno, Ellen, Wilson, and Emma.

William Rex, son of George, the pioneer, with his wife, Margaret, removed in cir. 1750 from Germantown to Northampton county. Very little is known of him, except that his son who was born cir. 1744, is said to have been living in 1832. William, Jr., was the father of seven children, viz: Mrs. West; Henry;

Daniel; Jacob, who had two sons: Nathan and Isaac; John; William; and John George. The latter was born 1803 and died in 1875. He was married to Elizabeth Geiger and had issue: Eliza, Solomon, George, Jacob, and Reuben. George was born Oct. 15, 1829, and in 1855 was married to Fianna Snyder. They had the following children: Louisa, Levi, Matilda, Menno G., Emma, Mary. Reuben was the father of Leana and Wilson, the latter a justice of the peace at Slatedale.

William Rex, Sr., is said to have had another son, George, by name, who left three children: Margaret, John George, and John. The children of John George are: Maria, married John Miller; and George, whose children are: Mary, Stephen, and Jonas. John Rex became the father of nine children, viz: Mrs. Blose; Mrs. Ross; John, of Mulberry, Ind.; Mrs. Miller, Mulberry, Ind.; Mrs. Geiger; Eliza; Mrs. Hunsicker; John George; William Henry; Leon, Decatur county, Iowa. John, a son of William, resides at Best, Pa.

Abraham Rex, son of George, was born September, 1735, and died Feb. 7, 1793. He was married, July 26, 1759, in St. Michael's church, Philadelphia, to Anna Bastian, a daughter of Christopher and Anna Bastian. They had fourteen children:

John, born Feb. 8, 1760, died Aug. 10, 1827, married, Oct. 22, 1801, to Margreth Valentine, born 1768, and died May 18, 1850.

George, born Oct. 14, 1761, and died Dec. 11, 1841, married, March 3, 1784, Susanna Peter, born March 21, 1764, died Nov. 4, 1837.

Levi, born Feb. 25, 1763, died Sept. 28, 1828, married Catharine Peter, born Feb. 7, 1766, died Aug. 23, 1844.

Mary, born Dec. 7, 1765, died Jan. 8, 1844, married, first, John Nice, and second, William Hartman.

Samuel, born Oct. 19, 1766, married Mary Valentine.

Enoch, born April 8, 1768, died March 14, 1832, married, Nov. 24, 1801, Elisabeth Nice, born May 27, 1786, died Jan. 20, 1856.

Jacob Martin, born Oct. 2, 1772, died May

9, 1845, married, Nov. 22, 1798, Mary ——— born Nov. 29, 1780, died Aug. 25, 1848.

Sebastian, born October, 1769, died Feb. 7, 1786.

William, born November, 1774, died April 9, 1779.

Anna Barbara, born March 23, 1776, died April 6, 1863, married Jacob Hortter, born Feb. 10, 1773, died Jan. 15, 1845.

Abraham, born Dec. 7, 1788, married Elizabeth Schaeffer.

Margaret, married, Jan. 12, 1802, Joseph Bockius.

Katharine, born Dec. 24, 1783, died Aug. 14, 1857, married, May 30, 1805, John M. Bockius, born June 13, 1780, died Nov. 30, 1867.

They are said to have had another child, whose name is however, not known.

To the above Levi Rex and his wife, Catharine, *nee* Peter, were born the following children: William, born Feb. 27, 1787, and died April 27, 1788; George, born March 2, 1789, and died Sept. 14, 1795; Anna, born Dec. 10, 1791, died March 25, 1843, married, Nov. 29, 1807, John Fry, and second, Jacob Peter; Elisabeth, born Oct. 30, 1794, died Oct. 28, 1829, married Jacob Peter; George, born Feb. 25, 1797, died Dec. 18, 1859, married, Oct. 10, 1827, Mary Cress, and second, Anna W. Rubican.

John, born Sept. 18, 1800, died April 10, 1852, married, March 1, 1827, Sarah Lentz, daughter of John and Anna Lentz. They had eight children: Jacob, Catharine Anna, Mary Louise, Elisabeth S., John Schlatter, Levi, Emma Matilda, and Frederick A.

MENNO G. REX, a prosperous and intelligent farmer of Washington, is a son of George and Fianna Snyder Rex. George Rex was born Oct. 15, 1829, and died October, 1905. He passed his years tilling the plantation now owned by his son, Menno. He obtained it from his father, John George, who purchased it in 1832, from Daniel Peter. Earlier it was owned by John Troxell, who for many years conducted a general store in the log structure still standing, which, it is said, was erected long before the Revolutionary War. The homestead was originally owned by John Hunsicker. George Rex served at one time as school director; he and his wife were members of Heidelberg Lutheran congregation, in which he served at various times as deacon, elder and trustee. To him and his good wife, Fianna, a daughter of John Snyder, who died March 4, 1884, were born the following children: Flora, who died in infancy; Louisa, married John Rex; Levi F.; Matilda, married Henry Bachman; Menno G.; Emma E.; Mary,

married Ed. Fink; and Fietta and Benjamin, both of whom died in infancy. Menno G. and his sister, Emma E., who keeps house for him, are members of the Heidelberg Lutheran congregation.

LEVI F. REX, 519 Park street, Allentown, was born in Washington township, Aug. 2, 1860. He was reared on the old homestead, where he worked until in 1890, when he came to Allentown and learned the art of carpentering, which he has followed ever since. For a period of upwards of sixteen years he is employed by A. A. Albright & Son, as foreman. He and his family are members of St. Luke's Lutheran congregation, of which he is janitor since 1890, and has also since that time been a deacon, serving also as secretary of the church council. He is also a member of the choir and assistant teacher of the German Bible class. In 1880, March 4, he was married to Catharine Hensinger, a daughter of Benjamin and Leanna (Blease) Hensinger. To them were born four sons: Benjamin F., James A., Charles O., and Edgar V., all of whom, with the exception of the latter, follow the trade of their father. James A. is married to Mabel Lerch and has one daughter, Catharina, and Charles is married to Emma Kries, and likewise has one daughter, Mary.

Josiah Rex, a son of John Rex, whose children were: George; Mary, married a Mr. Heintzelman; Lovina, married Joseph Handwerk; Leah, married Owen Heintzelman; Julianna, married James Krum; and Josiah, was born July 23, 1833, on the George Rex farm in Washington township. He spent his days close to mother earth tilling the soil. He died April 10, 1908. He left issue: Jane A., deceased; Lewis A., married Anna Knox; Willoughby A.; Francis O. and James A., deceased; Osville F., married Sarah Snyder; Wilson, married Lydia Bloss; Alvin, married Hattie German; Mary; Cora, married Granville German. Of the above, Alvin was born May 16, 1877, in Washington township. He is a farmer, and has four children: Clarence J., Estella M., Albert W., and Helen C.

Wilson Rex, hardware merchant and justice of the peace of Slatedale, was born in Washington township, Feb. 28, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of Slatington. He taught public school for nineteen consecutive terms in his native township. He has been elected justice of the peace three times, served as township auditor nine years, was census enumerator in 1890, and has been a delegate to county and State Republican conventions. He is a director in the Citizen National Bank, of Slatington, and of the Allen Trust Company, of Northampton, the

treasurer of the Slatedale Rural Telephone Co., and president of the Slatedale Electric Light and Power Company. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church in which he was Sunday school superintendent for many years. He was married, Oct. 11, 1884, to Laura Miller. They have issue: Carrie M., married to Victor Wertman; Lottie P., a teacher; and Beryl E. His father, Reuben Rex, was born Jan. 12, 1821, in Washington township, and operated the farm now owned by Wilson, his son.

He died Feb. 22, 1888. To him and his wife, Lucy Ann Peter, born Oct. 4, 1826, and died Oct. 6, 1902, were born three children: Wilson; Leana, married to Ed. W. Bittner; and Rosa Ann, who died in infancy.

GEORGE REX, SR., truck farmer of Guthsville, is a grandson of Daniel Rex, whose remains lie buried at the Heidelberg church. To him and his wife, ———, *nee* Handwerk, were born six children: Paul; Nathan, who was accidentally killed; Levi; Susan; Rebecca; and Mary. Levi was married to Anna Resh, a daughter of George and Mary (Bechtel) Resh. Mr. Resh was a soldier in the War of 1812. Levi Rex lived retired at Snydersville, where he died and was buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. For a period of seventeen years he was the farmer at the county home. He was the father of eight children: George; Franklin; Levi; Ella; Emma; Walter, of Quakertown; and Phaon and John, of Ambler, Pa. Franklin, Emma and Ella died in infancy.

George H. Rex, Sr., was born in South Whitehall township, Nov. 8, 1851. He learned the trade of carpentering which he followed until in 1888, when he engaged in fruit and truck farming at Guthsville, until in 1899, when he acquired the present tract. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1783, June 14, he was married to Mary Resh, a daughter of Charles and Abigail (Schnerr) Resh. They have one son, George L., who is associated with his father in the culture of fruit and vegetables. He was born Sept. 4, 1875. He attended the public schools of his township and a summer normal school, and subsequently taught one term in his native township. In 1893, he associated with his father in their present vocation. They cultivate a truck and fruit garden of eighteen and one-half acres. They also have a colony of twenty hives of bees. Like his father, he is a Democrat. He is a member of Camp 378, P. O. S. of A., Guthsville, Pa., and superintendent of the Guthsville Union Sunday school since its organization, Easter, 1907, prior to which he was superintendent of the Jordan Lutheran Sunday school,

of which congregation he is a member and at one time a deacon. Mr. Rex is an amateur photographer of more than ordinary ability, and a number of the cuts in this volume were made from photographs furnished by him. He also compiled much of the history of Guthsville. In 1898 he was married to Emma L. Diehl, a daughter of Alfred and Emma (Sell) Diehl.

George Rex, son of John George, farmer and tailor, took up a tract of land in Weisenberg township of 200 acres. He lived retired at Guthsville about one year before his decease. He was buried at Jordan Lutheran Church, in which he had served officially.

Issue: Stephen, who died in North Whitehall township; Mary Ann, and Jonas Rex.

Jonas Rex, son of George Rex, was born Aug. 25, 1832, in Weisenberg township. He succeeded his father to the homestead and operated it until 1893. The farm in his time consisted of 134 acres. He built the barn in 1890 and also an addition to the house. He was a deacon and elder in the Lowhill Lutheran Church.

Jonas Rex married Sarah Ringer. Issue: Maggie (Mrs. John Hausman); Thaddeus W., and Norah, (Mrs. Oliver George).

THADDEUS W. REX, son of Jonas and Sarah (Ringer) Rex, was born Nov. 14, 1864, in Weisenberg township. He was reared upon the farm, alternating in assisting on the farm with attendance at the public schools of his neighborhood. He also attended the Keystone State Normal School. Upon attaining his majority, he followed carpentering at Reading for three years; for two years he was a foreman. He had never learned the trade, as was usual, but nevertheless he was an efficient mechanic. Since 1893 he had lived on the old homestead, becoming its owner in 1904. The farm now consists of 130 acres. He has added thereto a number of modern conveniences, making it up-to-date in all respects. In politics, Mr. Rex is a Republican; in religion he is a member of the Weisenberg Lutheran Church. At an earlier day he was a deacon of Lowhill Church where the family then attended. In 1895 the family became members of the Weisenberg congregation.

Thaddeus W. Rex married, March 29, 1889, Kate I. Kistler, daughter of Henry D. and Caroline (Schwoyer) Kistler of New Tripoli. Issue: Charles T., born Nov. 14, 1892; Edna M.; Jeanette; Mildred Rex. Charles T. was educated in the public schools graduating in 1907; Keystone State Normal School, graduating in class of 1911; then began teaching in North Whitehall, where he has continued down to the present time—1913.



RHOADS FAMILY.

The ancestor of this family was Peter Rhoads, the son of Daniel Roth, a native of Switzerland, who arrived in America on Aug. 28, 1733. He settled in Whitehall township, where he died in April, 1737. His widow, Anna Margaret, died Feb. 25, 1757.

Peter Rhoads was born in April, 1737, in the same hour in which his father died. He was educated among the Quakers and changed the spelling of his name to Rhoads. He returned to Whitehall in 1761 and in 1762 located in Allentown, where he kept a general store at 107 North Seventh street from 1768 to 1814. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1776 and 1790, of the Committee of Safety in 1776 and 1777, of the Assembly from 1778 to 1781, president judge of Northampton county from 1784 to 1791, associate judge from 1791 to 1812 and associate judge in Lehigh county from 1812 to 1814. He was the first burgess of Allentown in 1811. A full account of his life appears on page 161 of the first volume. He died Dec. 18, 1814. Judge Rhoads married, Nov. 23, 1762, Sabina Kohler, daughter of Jacob Kohler, of Egypt, Whitehall township. She was born Jan. 14, 1744, and died Aug. 8, 1785. He married (second) April 12, 1789, Eve Catharine, widow of John Miller, a sister of his first wife. She was born in 1747 and died Aug. 26, 1825. He had eight children, all by the first wife. Four of these children died young, namely: a son in 1764; Elizabeth, born 1767, died 1768; Adam, born and died in 1775; and Daniel, born and died in 1783. The four children who survived were: George, Peter, John, and Catharine.

*Peter Rhoads*

I. George Rhoads was born Jan. 24, 1769. He assisted his father in the store and became a carpenter and cabinet-maker. He was town clerk of the borough in 1811 and in 1812 a member of the first grand jury. In 1810, he opened a hotel at Seventh and Linden streets and was at this time also lieutenant-colonel in the militia. He was clerk of the county commissioners from 1813 to 1818, and from 1827 to 1832, and county treasurer in 1841. He was a justice of the peace from 1835 to 1840 and had his office at 532 Hamilton street. He died at Allentown, Sept. 12, 1851. He married, in 1789, Christianna Ealer, who was born March 9, 1769, and died March 24, 1862. They had six children: Sarah; Catharine; Elizabeth; Joseph E., died young; Henrietta; and Josiah.

Catharine Rhoads was born Sept. 28, 1793, and died April 3, 1883. She married, March 27, 1814, John Wilson, born July 9, 1789, died March 2, 1864. He kept a store in Allentown for many years, located on Centre Square, and in later years removed to Bethlehem. They had ten children:

1. Emily M., born 1814, died 1886, married Tilghman Rupp, born 1812, died 1859, and had five children: Henry W. Rupp, of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co., Philadelphia, who married Ellen M. Schropp and had children: Henry G. G., born 1868, died 1896, and Mrs. Herbert Leonard; Mary E., born 1842, died 1867, married William T. Carver; Fanny, married Theodore Speir; Theodore T., born 1855, died 1856; and William.

2. James M. Wilson, born Aug. 17, 1816, died Oct. 7, 1875, married Susan Meeker and had two children: Mary M., wife of Thomas K. Crader; and Margaret, wife of Henry Mertz.

3. Maria Henrietta, born 1819, died 1895, married William W. Selfridge and had children: Major Alex. W. Selfridge, Mrs. Catharine MacFarlane and Theodore. Major Selfridge had two children: William W., died Jan. 2, 1895; and Jessie, died in London, England, July 16, 1896, aged 22 years.

4. John Josiah Wilson, born Jan. 29, 1821, died April 2, 1879.

5. William R. Wilson, born Jan. 29, 1821, died May 26, 1866. He married, in 1852, in Salisbury, N. C., Sarah A. F. Slater, and had two sons: John and William.

6. Catharine S., born July 25, 1823, died Aug. 21, 1893.

7. Anne E., born Dec. 16, 1825, died June 15, 1905.

8. Frances C., born 1828, died 1837.

9. Thomas, who resided in Philadelphia.

10. Henry A., born April 1, 1833, died Sept. 29, 1880.

Elizabeth Rhoads, third daughter of George, was born Nov. 26, 1796, and died March 27, 1829. She married, June 12, 1817, George Haberacker, who was born May 12, 1792, and died Jan. 2, 1866. He kept the Court House Hotel, now the Hamilton, from 1825 to 1855, and also the hotel where the Allen now stands. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, county treasurer, 1838 to 1841; a member of town council in 1833, and of the first school board in 1834. He was a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M. They had six children: William and George, died in infancy; Henry J., born Sept. 13, 1817, died April 17, 1890, who married Hannah Mohr and had children: Alice E., born 1851, died 1889, wife of Owen

E. Mank, and Dr. Eugene O. M., of Tyrone; Mary, married Rev. Ferdinand A. Berkemeyer, of Sellersville; Sarah, who died in February, 1914, unmarried; and Catharine, who married George Stein and had a daughter, Anne. George Haberacker married (second) March 18, 1830, Sarah Rhoads, eldest sister of his first wife. She was born Sept. 23, 1791, and died Oct. 22, 1854.

Henrietta Rhoads, fourth daughter of George, was born in 1800 and died in 1891. She married George Frederick.

Josiah Rhoads, son of George, was born March 2, 1802, and died July 17, 1853. He kept the Pennsylvania Hotel for many years, was clerk

lain. 4. George W. Rhoads, born Feb. 22, 1830, died June 11, 1867, who was a First Defender in the Civil War and also a member of Co. I, 47th Regt. 5. Henry J. Rhoads, born May 8, 1833, died Sept. 11, 1862. He was in the Civil War and married Catharine A. Wolf, born 1832, died 1866, and had a son, Franklin P., born 1852, died 1861. 6. Tilghman V. Rhoads, born May 13, 1835, died Oct. 27, 1872. He was a printer and publisher and married Lavinia Breinig. They had a son, William, and three daughters. 7. James W. Rhoads, born 1837, died 1888, a printer, married Eliza R. George, born 1844, died 1906, and had three children: Harry

*IN the NAME and by the AUTHORITY of the FREEMEN of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,*

### The SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the said Commonwealth,

*To Peter Rhoads Esquire of the County of Northampton*

*James Ewing*

*General Quarter Sessions of the Peace*

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Prudence, Integrity, and Knowledge, have appointed you President of the County Court of Common Pleas, and of the Court of Giving hereby and granting unto you the said *Peter Rhoads* full Power and Authority to execute and perform all the several Acts and Things to the said Office belonging.

GIVEN under the Hand of *The Honorable James Ewing Esquire, Vice President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia,* this *seventh* Day of *October* in the Year of our LORD, one Thousand Seven Hundred and *Eighty-four*

*Entered in the office for Recording of Deeds in and for the County of Northampton*

*in Book D. vol. 4. page 239 viz. the twenty-first day of October 1884*

*Witness my hand and the seal of said Office the same day*

*John W. Smith*

ATTEST.

*James Trimble  
for John Armstrong  
Recorder*

#### COMMISSION OF PETER RHOADS AS PRESIDENT JUDGE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

of the county commissioners in 1836 and justice of the peace in 1850. He married, Dec. 26, 1822, Hannah Kramer, born May 9, 1805, died Oct. 13, 1844. They had ten children: 1. William G., born 1824, died 1825. 2. Sarah E., married Jacob Rummel, and had children: Frank J., Alice M., and Hannah J., who married John T. Eckert and had children: Harry A., Annie M., Bertha M., John T., and Charles R. Eckert. 3. Maria, married Reuben Guth, publisher of the *Lecha Patriot*, and had one son, Dr. Morris S. Guth, deceased, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, at Warren, who married, Oct. 5, 1898, Margaret Chamber-

F., born 1871, died 1892; Emily M., married William A. Ott; and J. Allen Rhoads, of Williamsport. 8. Ann C., born 1839, died 1840. 9. Allen P. Rhoads, born June 19, 1841, died Feb. 15, 1906. He was a printer and a member of Co. B, 47th Regt., in the Civil War. He married Sarah Frederick and had two sons who died in infancy. 10. Ann C. Rhoads, born June 19, 1841, married Charles Dankel. Josiah Rhoads married (second) Nancy Diehl, born 1806, died 1884, and had a daughter, Elemina E., born 1848, died 1871.

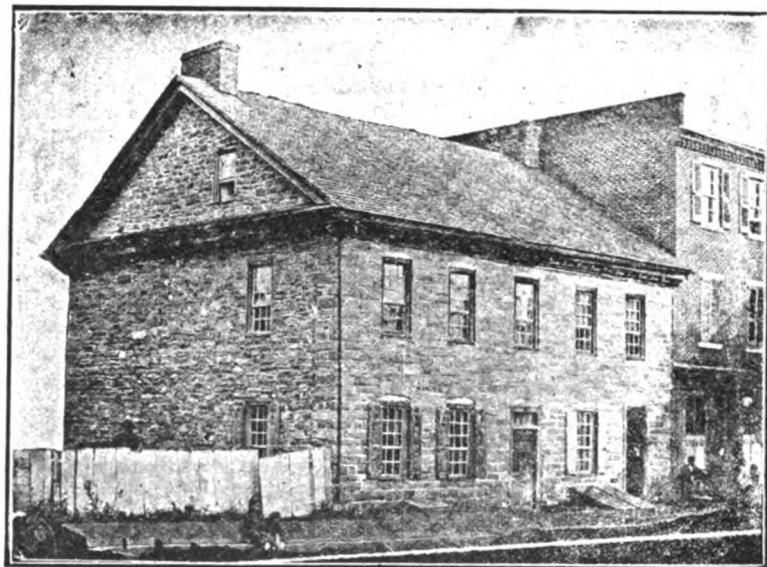
II. Peter Rhoads, second son of Peter Rhoads, was born in Allentown, April 28, 1771:

He was educated in the schools at Allentown and at Franklin College, Lancaster, where he graduated as a member of the first class in 1789. He became a surveyor and in 1821 was appointed deputy surveyor of the county. Upon the organization of the Northampton Bank in 1814, he was elected president and continued as such until his death in 1836. In 1822, he was a candidate for Congress on the Whig ticket. He was many years the representative of Mrs. Mary Livingston, owner of one-third of Allentown, in her real estate transactions, and was trustee of the Allentown Academy. He died at his residence, 109 North Seventh street, July 8, 1836, and was buried in the old Allentown cemetery. He married Barbara, daughter of George Graff. She

high nurseries. He resided at the southeast corner of Seventh and Linden streets, in a stone house on a lot 90 by 230 feet, from 1831 to 1845, when he built a brick house at 117 North Seventh street, where he resided until 1871, when he purchased the property at 340 and 342 North Seventh street. He died at the latter place on Aug. 28, 1876. He married, April 3, 1831, Keren H., daughter of Peter Newhard. She was born July 25, 1810, and died Oct. 7, 1880. They had ten children:

1. Emeline M., born Sept. 6, 1831, died Aug. 6, 1876, unmarried.

2. Emanuel P. Rhoads, born Nov. 11, 1833. He engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements at Linden and Church streets in



RHOADS HOMESTEAD, ALLENTOWN.

was born April 29, 1773, and died June 4, 1866, aged 93 years. They were members of Zion Reformed church, and had seven children: Maria Anne, born May 22, 1802, died young; Edward, born March 11, 1804, died May 18, 1833; Caroline C., born Aug. 7, 1808, died Jan. 13, 1867; Juliana, born Feb. 7, 1806, died Aug. 10, 1887; Stephen; Maria B., born Nov. 19, 1812, died March 3, 1884; and Augustus P., born March 6, 1816, died July 31, 1841.

Stephen Rhoads, son of Peter, Jr., was born in Allentown, May 27, 1810. He was educated in John Ryan's English school and the Allentown Academy, and after assisting his father in his business for some years devoted his time to the cultivation of the family farm of 130 acres, embracing what is now Clifford Park, and the Le-

1857 and at the outbreak of the Civil War became first lieutenant of Co. I, First Penna., which was mustered into the United States service on April 20, 1861. On Aug. 30, 1861, he was elected captain of Co. B, 47th Penna., and served until mustered out at Berryville, Va., Sept. 18, 1864. He participated in the battles of Pocotaligo, St. John's Bluff, Munsur Plains, Yellow Bayou, Berryville, and Bunker's Hill, in engagements in the Shenandoah Valley and was long stationed at Key West, Fla. He removed to Ohio after the war, living first at West Lodi, Seneca county, where he was storekeeper and postmaster, and later at Defiance, Ohio, where he died, Aug. 19, 1914, aged 80 years. He was a member of the G. A. R., and the Union Veteran Legion. He married, Dec. 23, 1856,

Amanda C. Ahlum, who was born April 6, 1833, and died Feb. 20, 1913. They had four children: Allen G., of Bellevue, Ohio, who married Ida Sterner and had children: Harry, Lloyd, Elmer, Ray, Nellie M., and Fern; Elmira K., who married L. C. Brittain, of Toledo, Ohio, and had children: Hazen G., Paul, and Nellie M.; Nellie M., born 1865, died 1893, married Thomas E. Karr and had one son, Alvin P. Karr, and Cora L., who married Edwin J. Finn and had children: Layton, Lloyd, Walter, and Roy.

3. Mary A. B., born April 20, 1836, died April 22, 1870, married, Oct. 9, 1866, Jonas Mest, and had one son, George S. Mest, born Feb. 19, 1869, died May 30, 1905, who married Sadie Stull and had children: Earle G. J., Gerard S., and Grace.

4. Sarah C., married Wilson Lightcap and had children: George W., born 1859, died 1861; Jennie R.; Lizzie A., born 1862, died 1907; and Robert L., married Cora Clewell, and had children: Albert W., and Harriet.

5. Ellen L., born Aug. 8, 1839, died July 13, 1893, married Wm. F. Hendricks, born March 21, 1835, died Oct. 7, 1875, and had two children: Carrie A., married Edward N. Kroninger and had children: Miriam H., Paul H., Luther H., and Edward; and Edwin W. Hendricks, born Jan. 21, 1874, died April 20, 1895, a graduate of the Allentown high school, class of 1891.

6. Augustus G. Rhoads, born Nov. 14, 1842, died Sept. 28, 1862.

7. Lavinia J., born Feb. 24, 1845, died Nov. 26, 1883, married, Aug. 11, 1863, Tobias Kessler and had one son, Paul, born 1871, died 1875.

8. Senia S., born July 22, 1848, died July 28, 1903, married Charles Richter and had one son, Emery A., of Bellevue, Ohio, who married Vertie M. Noel, and has two children.

9. Edwin A. Rhoads, of North Whitehall, who married Alice J. Rabert and had five children: Carrie K., born 1890, died 1903; Frank S., Charles Alfred, born 1895, died 1904; Harry P., born 1901, died 1913; and Mary H.

10. Alice S. Rhoads, youngest daughter of Stephen Rhoads, married Moses Roberts and had one son, Charles Rhoads Roberts.

CHARLES R. ROBERTS, only child of Moses and Alice S. (Rhoads) Roberts, was born in Allentown, but in childhood lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., Providence, R. I., and Massachusetts. His father, the son of Moses Roberts, Sr., was a native of Essex county, New York, where he was born May 30, 1848, and from 1864 to 1910 was engaged in the manufacture of cut and wire nails. He also at one time manufactured railroad spikes at the Allentown Iron Works. He died suddenly at his home at Allentown, Sept.

18, 1911. His paternal grandfather was Charles Noel Roberts, born 1793, died 1881, who married Emelie Menard, born Sept. 6, 1796, died Sept. 3, 1887, and who was a descendant of Louis Robert, who came to America in 1670. The Robert family is descended from Timard Robert, the son of Robert de Mure, who became celebrated through his exploits in France about 980. Jean Robert was in 1289, one of the twelve counsellors of the Parliament of Philip the Fair, King of France. His sons were: Gui Robert, first bishop of Montauban, and Adhemar Robert, bishop of Lisieux, archbishop of Sens and cardinal in 1342, whose nephew, Peter Robert, was treasurer of the finances of Charles VI, 1380 to 1422. His son, Peter Robert, Baron of Lignerac and de Noaielles, married Marguerite de Cosnac, and their son, Charles Robert, who married Philippe de Pelegrue, Lady of Puy-Gensac, had a son, Francois Robert, Baron de Lignerac, Siegneur de Fleaux, and Chevalier of the Order of the King in 1571, Captain of the Guard of Queen Isabeau D'Autriche, wife of Charles IX, Lieutenant of Upper Auvergne, Governor of Aurillac, who died in 1613 and who married Catharine d'Hautefort. On the maternal side, Mr. Roberts is descended from Swiss and German Lehigh county families, including the Rhoads, Graff, Kohler, Diefenderfer, Mattern, Eckert, and Shankweiler families.

Mr. Roberts received the first five years of his education in the excellent schools of East Weymouth, Mass., where he ranked first in scholarship among all the school children in the town of 10,000 inhabitants. In September, 1887, he entered grammar school and graduated from the Allentown high school in 1892. Keenly interested in history, literature and languages, he continued these studies privately and while engaged in business life for the next few years in clerical positions with the Penna. Paint and Ochre Co. Consolidated Steel & Wire Co., and Phoenix Silk Manufacturing Company. In September, 1895, he was on the staff of the *Providence Telegram*, and in 1896 was in the wholesale house of Callender, McAuslan & Troup Co., of Providence, R. I. In 1896, he returned to Allentown, became interested in politics, was clerk of common council from 1902 to 1904, secretary of the Republican city committee and successfully conducted the literary end of the mayoralty campaign in 1902, and of the judicial campaign in 1903. On Aug. 15, 1904, he was appointed clerk in the Allentown postoffice. He was one of the founders and the first secretary of the John Hay Republican Club. At the age of sixteen he became interested in local history and continued along this line until he had accumu-



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Very truly yours,  
Charles R. Roberts





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lated a vast store of information and data on this section of the state. In 1903, he organized the Lehigh County Historical Society, which now has a membership of nearly 200, and has been its secretary continuously. He has written a number of papers on historical subjects, among them: "The Allen Family," "Lynford Lardner and Grouse Hall," "Pennsylvania Germans in Public Life in the Colonial Period," "Allentown in the Revolution," "Revolutionary Patriots of Allentown and Vicinity," etc., etc.; is the author of "History of Egypt Reformed Church," and of "Historic Homes in Lehigh County," which latter series of papers appeared in the *Pennsylvania German Magazine*; translator of the records of Egypt Reformed church, 1734 to 1834, published in the *Penna. Archives, Sixth Series*, and editor-in-chief of the *History of Lehigh County*, published in 1914.

Mr. Roberts is a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution; Pennsylvania German Society, and a member of its executive committee; Bucks County Historical Society; third vice-president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies; historian of the Newhard family; member and past master of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; P. H. P. of Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203, and at present D. D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for the counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, and Pike; member of Allen Council, No. 23, R. & S. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Constantine Lodge, No. 1189, I. O. O. F.; and the Lehigh Country Club.

He is a member of St. John's Reformed church and a member of its choir for a number of years. In business life he was treasurer of the North Allentown Improvement Company, and is treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Publishing Company. He resides at 520 North Sixth street, Allentown.

III. John Rhoads, third son of Peter, Sr., was born April 10, 1773, and died July 3, 1851, near Egypt. He lived in Allentown until 1812, when he moved to a 210-acre farm bought from his father, at Sherersville, which he sold in 1837 and removed to near Egypt, where he purchased a fine farm, on which cement has since been found in large quantities. He married, Jan. 7, 1794, Magdalena, daughter of George Graff. She was born March 5, 1775, and died Dec. 4, 1847. They had twelve children:

1. George, a school teacher in Whitehall township before the adoption of the school system, who was born in 1794 and died Nov. 3, 1849, unmarried.

2. Maria, born July 2, 1796, died March 2, 1874, married, Oct. 6, 1816, Henry Roth, and had children: Lydia, Daniel H., Reuben, Solomon, and Owen T. Roth.

3. Lydia, born Aug. 27, 1798, died May 21, 1875, married, Dec. 3, 1815, Conrad Leisenring, and had children: Mrs. Caroline Steckel, Mrs. Maria Fenstermacher, Catharine, Sarah A., Reuben, Mrs. Francesca Cole, Walter, Mrs. Celia Daniels, Edward, Mrs. Abigail Laury, Mrs. Amelia Steckel, and Lydia B.

4. Louisa, born July 20, 1800, died March 22, 1872.

5. Sabina, born July 7, 1803, died Aug. 2, 1843.

6. Daniel J. Rhoads, born April 10, 1806, died Dec. 3, 1889. He was many years a justice of the peace at Coplay. He married, Feb. 14, 1829, Hannah Kelchner, born Feb. 13, 1802, died April 15, 1860. He married (second) March 25, 1862, Mrs. Sarah (Haas) Romig, born June 10, 1820, died Jan. 7, 1900.

Daniel and Hannah Rhoads had five children:

1. Erastus D. Rhoads, born Jan. 18, 1830, for many years organist and school teacher at Unionville, still lives there, aged 84 years. He married Esther Leh and had three children: Alice E., born 1849, died 1876, married Lewis F. Kuntz and had a daughter, Bertha; Sabina A., married Frances P. Semmel, and had children: Alverta, married Charles Peter; Katie L., married Laurence F. Nadig; Annie, Eva and Herman, and Cora M. L. Rhoads, deceased.

2. Herman K. Rhoads, born 1831, died 1857, married Lydia Swartz and had one son, Herman S., born and died in 1857.

3. Walter P. Rhoads, born Nov. 9, 1832, died March 25, 1899, married (first) Louisa Haaf, born 1838, died 1861, and (second), Aug. 31, 1862, Sarah A. Troxell, born Feb. 7, 1843, died Aug. 7, 1886. They had twelve children: Magdalena L., married (first) Edward Brown and had children: Elmer, Irvin, Clara, Minnie, and Lillie, and (second) Jacob Knoll and had children: Amy, Earle, Beatrice, Walter, and Bessie.

Clara C., married John F. Hunter; Charles D. Rhoads, major of the Fourth Regt., N. G. P., former chief of police of Allentown, who married Margaret Appel and has children: Lillian A., and Arthur J.; John H. Rhoads, foreman at the Allentown Spinning Co., who married Minnie C. Sterner and had children: Walter D., Alma M., Florence I., and Ida G.; Sarah R., born and died in 1869; George O., of Allentown; Milton P., of Oakland, Cal.; Eugene W., married Mary C. Bartels, and had children: Milton M., Sarah, and John; Richard S., married Mary A. Brian; Norman S., born and died

in 1878; Amelia E., married Capt. R. Otto Wollmuth; and Alfred M. Rhoads.

7. Mahlon Rhoads, born Feb. 19, 1808, died Jan. 20, 1892, unmarried.

8. Diana, born Dec. 13, 1809, died Aug. 5, 1868.

9. Owen.

10. Cornelia M., born 1815, died 1817.

11. Eliza Hannah, born 1817, died 1862.

12. Catharine A., born March 8, 1819, died March 9, 1870.

Owen Rhoads, youngest son of John, was born May 25, 1811, in Allentown. He located as a young man in Lower Milford, near Dillingersville, where he was one of the early school teachers, and became a prominent member of the Mennonite Church. He died April 25, 1900, aged 88 years. He married, Jan. 26, 1837, Catharine Schantz, who was born Sept. 19, 1812, and died Feb. 19, 1864. They had six children: Lydia, born 1837, died 1901, married Isaac Oberholtzer; Sarah, married George Schultz, formerly of Palm, now of East Greenville, and had two children: Henry and Mrs. Mary Laudenslager; Maria M., born 1841, died 1864; Catharine, married Daniel B. Mohr and had children: Harry T., of Zionsville, who married Agnes Nonnemacher, and Rosa R., wife of William M. Schaeffer, of Allentown; Susanna, born 1849, died 1863; and John Rhoads, who married Sarah Schoenly and had five children: Emma, married Harvey Brunner; Alfred O., born 1882, died 1885; Cora S.; Ella M.; and Ida L., born 1891, died 1896. Mr. Rhoads now lives retired near Zionsville, and leases his fine farm near Dillinger station.

IV. Catharine Rhoads, only daughter of Judge Rhoads, was born April 26, 1780, and died Dec. 25, 1817. She married, June 20, 1802, Jacob Blumer, son of Rev. Abraham Blumer. They had six children: Lucy A.; Camilla, married John Mohr; Alexander A.; Matilda, married Edmund D. Leisenring; Victor T.; and William H.

#### CHARLES RIBER.

Charles Riber, who for many years was a well-known silk manufacturer of Allentown, was a native of France, born at Sulz, Alsace-Lorraine, now part of the German Empire, Nov. 1, 1857.

Michael Riber, father of Charles, was a native of the same state, and there was engaged in the manufacturing of silk. Being a subject of the French Empire, he participated in the Franco-Prussian War, as a soldier of France, and at the fall of the Empire, he with his wife and five children, came to America, locating first at New York, where he followed the silk business, later

moving to Paterson, N. J., where he made his home and followed the same business, continuing there until his death. He is buried in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery at Paterson, N. J., having been a member of the Catholic Church, as are also his wife and children.

He married in his native country, Louisa Kuster, who bore him five children, viz: Charles, the subject of the sketch; Louisa, who married a Mr. John Gruter; Christina, who married Philip Yunker, of Paterson, a butcher; Catharine, who married John Bradley, of Paterson; Rosina, who married Nicholas Sauer, a manufacturer of New York.

Charles Riber, the subject of this memoir, received his education in the schools of his native country and as a boy served as an acolyte and altar boy in the Roman Catholic church of which he was a member.

He learned the business of silk manufacturing at an early age with his father. At the age of thirteen years, during the Franco-Prussian War, he ran away from home and enlisted as a soldier in the service of the Empire, then came to America with his father and family.

He attended the public schools of New York, where he obtained a knowledge of the English language, speaking also German and French. He first worked as a silk weaver in New York City, and also learned the trade of baker, which he did not follow. On going to Paterson, N. J., he followed the silk business, remaining there until 1886, when he was sent to Allentown as foreman of the Pioneer Silk Mill, under Mr. John Ryle, continuing there until 1901, in which year the Pioneer Silk Mill failed.

He then formed a partnership with Mr. John A. McCollom, under the name of the Lecha Silk Company, which he conducted with great success, continuing in business until 1908, when he was forced to sell out his interest on account of ill health and retired.

He died Jan. 13, 1910, and was buried at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery at Paterson, in the family plot.

Mr. Riber was a Republican and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic church, attending the church of the Immaculate Conception, and was a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and took much interest in Allentown, the city of his adoption, its people and institutions, domestic in his tastes and much devoted to his home and family.

He was married in Paterson, N. J., May 12, 1880, to Frances Durget, born in Paterson, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (August) Durget. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Riber

has continued to make her home on Twentieth street, Allentown, in the beautiful house which she herself planned. Mrs. Riber is much interested in real estate operations and may be considered a successful business woman. She is the mother of four very talented daughters, viz: Caroline Louise, born March 23, 1881, educated in the school of the Sacred Heart, also the public schools of Allentown, and received a thorough musical training as pianist under Professor Lockwood. She married Charles Green, of Allentown, and has two children, Frances and Walter. (2) Mary Frances, born Nov. 17, 1882, educated in the school of the Sacred Heart and Allentown Business College and musical education as violinist under Professor Lockwood. She married, July 14, 1903, R. J. Erdman, who died March 18, 1910, leaving one child, Roy Edward Charles, born Youngstown, O., March 11, 1905. Mrs. Erdman and son make their home with her mother. (3) Emma Christine, born Sept. 11, 1884, educated in the Sacred Heart School and Dorney's Business College, studied as violinist under Professor Lockwood, and is also an artist of much ability, both in oils and pastel work. In her mother's home are many fine evidences of her work with the brush. She married Emanuel Toman, of New York City, and now resides in Allentown. They have two children, Eleanor and Emanuel. (4) Pauline, born Sept. 21, 1886, was educated in the school of the Sacred Heart church and Dorney's Business College and learned to play the cornet under Professor Lockwood. She married William J. Keller, of Paterson, N. J. They have one child, Frances Pauline.

JOSEPH RICHARDS.

Joseph Richards, slate operator, at Slatington, was born in Monmouthshire, South Wales, on September 16, 1848. His early opportunities were very limited; nevertheless by perseverance he eventually reached distinction and comfortable circumstances. His father was a worker in the coal mines and the educational advantage of Wales for the humbler class having been very limited, he looked towards the country of great prospects and emigrated to America in 1854. There he naturally sought a locality for himself and family in the coal fields of Pennsylvania and at various times resided in the counties of Schuylkill, Luzerne, and Carbon.

Joseph Richards, the son of this immigrant family, while a boy only nine years old, was obliged to work in a coal-breaker and he continued to work there for five years; afterward he was in the mines for seven years, and it was only after he had reached the age of twenty-

one years that he was able to secure an education by attending the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, in Luzerne county for two terms, but he still worked in the mines during the summer months so as to support himself and pay for his education during the winter months. He then directed his energies from the hard and discouraging field of labor to the promising and profitable one of business by starting earnestly as a clerk in stores at Freeland and Summit-Hill, and he filled these positions acceptably for five years.

While so engaged, his employer at Summit Hill died in 1876, and he became the purchaser of the general store-business at that place and he carried it on successfully as the proprietor for seventeen years. During this time he realized the great promise of the slate business, and therefore in 1888 he associated with Ellis Owens and Robert G. Pierce who were engaged in that business at Slatington, and its great success prompted him to sell his store at Summit Hill in 1894 and move to Slatington; and there he has continued to reside until the present time.

In 1892, when Summit Hill came to be incorporated as a borough his fellow-citizens elected him as the first burgess and he filled the important position for one term, with credit to himself and the advantage of the tax-payers. Upon his locating at Slatington he was selected to serve as the secretary and financial manager of the Carbon Slate Co. and these offices he has filled ever since. He also became the secretary and treasurer of the Franklin Slate Co., and the treasurer of the Surprise Cash Store which he has served seven years. These companies employ upwards of 200 persons and their products are sold in all the markets of the world.

Mr. Richards identified himself in a prominent way with the public affairs of Slatington as a growing centre, and the citizens elected him first to the office of school director in 1895, and then to the office of Burgess in 1899; and in both of these public positions he conducted himself with dignity in the interest of the general welfare. During his term as the Burgess, the new main street bridge across the railroad, and also the new high-school building, were erected; and it can be said that it was mainly due to his influence and progressive spirit that the Slatington Silk Mill was established in this thriving borough.

Politically, Mr. Richards is strongly attached to the principles of the Republican party. He frequently served his district in the county conventions and acted as a delegate to State Conventions, at Harrisburg. He has a high appreciation of music, and his fellow-country-

men honored him as the presiding officer at the Eisteddford which was held and largely attended at Slatington on Thanksgiving-Day in 1905. He has also shown great interest in religious matters as an active member of the Baptist Church, which he served as a deacon for a long time; and he was a liberal contributor when the new edifice was erected. He identified himself with Slatington Lodge No. 440, F. and A. M.

In 1874 Mr. Richards was married to Margaret, a daughter of the late Josiah Williams, of Lansford, in Carbon county. Five sons have been born to the family, one having died at the age of two years.

Dr. Josiah W. Richards, after having been carefully educated, entered the United States Army as a Surgeon at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and he remained in the service of the country for six years. During this time he visited Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Phillipine Islands, as well as other distant lands, and upon his return to Slatington he started the practice of his profession and carried it on there for six years. In September, 1910, he removed to Pennington, N. J., and there he has established a lucrative business. He was married to Emma Storch and they have two children, Miriam and Louise.

David, the second son, was married to Mabel Kern, a daughter of Milton J. Kern, of Allentown, treasurer of Lehigh County. He is a clerk in the office of the County Commissioners at Allentown.

Joseph, the third son, resides at Slatington. He was married to Susan Campbell, and they have one daughter, Margaret. He died Dec. 8, 1912.

John, the fourth son, was graduated from the Kingston Seminary in 1910. Since 1912, he has been engaged as a civil engineer in the employ of the Lehigh and New England R. R. Co. He married Carrie Henton, daughter of Frank E. Henton, merchant at Slatington.

#### REV. M. H. RICHARDS, D.D.

Rev. Matthias Henry Richards, D.D., professor at the Muhlenberg College in Allentown from 1868 until his decease in 1898, was born June 17, 1841, at Germantown, Pa. He received a thorough preparatory education at Reading, to which place his parents had removed in 1851, graduating from the high school with the first class in 1856, and then he attended the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, from which he was graduated with first honors in 1860, having delivered the Latin salutatory. After having followed teaching for three years, he enlisted in the

Civil War in 1863 and served as a corporal in Co. A, of the 26th Emergency Regiment, Penna. Vol. Upon his discharge, he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, as an advanced student, and continued his studies for the ministry until 1864, when he was graduated, and he received ordination at Pottstown in Trinity Week, 1864, from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. For the next three years he served churches at Reading and Easton, and also Greenwich, N. J., and in 1868 he was elected professor of English and Latin at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, and here he continued until his decease in 1898, excepting from 1874 to 1877, when he took active charge of a Lutheran church at Indianapolis, Ind. He served as senior professor of the institution and as secretary of the faculty since 1886. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1889, by the Pennsylvania College.

In addition to his duties as professor, he served different Lutheran churches on special occasions; in 1880, he took charge of publishing the *Church Lesson Leaf*, and *The Helper*, and acted as editor until 1895; he was chairman of the General Council Sunday-school Committee for many years; and he was intimately associated with the publication of the *Lutheran*, the recognized monthly newspaper of the denomination. He was a forcible writer and debater, and as a lecturer he was widely renowned.

Dr. Richards manifested great interest in public school education at Allentown, having served as a school director for many years, and he officiated as secretary of the Board of Control from 1883 to the time of his decease. He was a member of the Livingston Club; also of the Pennsylvania German Society.

In 1866, Dr. Richards was married to Sarah M. McClean, of Gettysburg. His children were: Rev. John W. Richards; Mary McC., married David R. Stockton; Dora G.; Adelaide P.; and Rosa Muhlenberg. He died Dec. 12, 1898.

Dr. Richards was the son of Rev. John W. Richards, D.D., a distinguished Lutheran minister, who was born April 18, 1803; served as secretary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for three terms from 1843, and as president for three terms from 1850; and he was a grandson of Hon. Matthias Richards, prominent in the political history of Berks county for forty years, who was married to Maria Salome Muhlenberg, a daughter of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the first Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania.

#### RIEKER FAMILY.

Charles Rieker son of Gottlib, of West Cata-



sauqua, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 21, 1848. He came to this country, settling at his present place in April, 1869. He is a laborer and member of the Catholic church. In 1874 he married Francisco Nagle, a daughter of Xavia Nagle, of Germany. Their children are: Frank, Charles, Joseph, Jacob, Rosa, Thecla, John C., Leah, Anna Margaret and Carrie.

John C. Rieker of West Catasauqua was born at that place, October 26, 1886. At the age of sixteen years he learned the moulding trade with the Lehigh Foundry & Machine Co., at Fullerton, Pa., and there he was employed about nine years. In 1911 he engaged in the grocery business at the lower Catasauqua bridge, having as a partner Harry Keim for about one year, when the latter sold his interests to C. P. King. The firm have traded since under the name of John C. Rieker & Co.

#### RINGER FAMILY.

John Ringer was born Dec. 8, 1775, and died Dec. 19, 1831. He built the Unionville Hotel and conducted it for some years. He and his son, John, each died in their forty-fifth year of age. His wife was Elizabeth Remaly, born June 16, 1787, and died May 2, 1853. Their children were: John, Jonas, Edward and Maria.

John Ringer Jr., was born November 28, 1810, and died Oct. 10, 1856. He was an early German school teacher, and for twenty-one years he was organist at the Unionville church. His wife was Magdalena Wotring. They had the following children: Mary Ann, born 1832, lives with her sister, M. Messina, at Slatington; Fianna, died in infancy; M. Messina; Elizabeth, married Geo. Frederick; John; Sarah A., married George Knecht; Francis M., of Slatington; James S., of Slatington.

George Ringer, farmer of North Whitehall, owned upward of 300 acres of land, for which he paid \$8.00 per acre, being all the land from Sheidys, back to the Lehigh river. He died in 1812.

His wife was Elizabeth Ritter, daughter of Caspar Ritter. Both are buried at Egypt. They had the following children, each of whom received \$1,100. Jacob; Daniel, born August 20, 1796, died April 10, 1872, was buried at Egypt church—his wife was Salome Ringer, born July 5, 1795, and died Sept. 20, 1873; William, lived near Rising Sun; George lived at Helfrich's Spring, where he died; John, who lived in the West; Sallie, married Samuel Snyder; Catharine, married Stephen Lentz; Polly, married Christian Troxell.

Jacob Ringer, son of George Ringer, lived

near Balliettsville, and is buried on the old graveyard at Egypt. He was a farmer. His wife was Polly Schneck. They had two sons, Lewis, who died in his twenty-fifth year and was buried on the same day with his father and Harrison.

Harrison Ringer was born near Balliettsville. He was a laborer, and lived on a small lot at Balliettsville; and was a Lutheran. His wife, Amanda (Smith) resides with her daughter, Lillie, near Balliettsville. They have two children: Lillie, married to Benjamin Clauser, near Balliettsville, and Rosa, married to Peter W. Deibert.

HENRY P. RINGER was born in South Whitehall township, near Balliettsville, Nov. 13, 1869. He was raised upon the farm, and at the age of nineteen became a clerk in a general store near Balliettsville. He also clerked about four years at Cementon. He later worked in the cement mill of that place for a period of ten years. In 1893 he engaged in the mercantile business at Mechanicsville, and continued there four years. In 1903 he began farming and two years later he moved upon his present farm of ninety acres, which he still tills. This farm was a Troxell homestead. He also owns an eighty-two-acre farm in Whitehall township, which was the William Lazarus homestead.

In religion he is Lutheran, his wife, Reformed, and member of Mickley church. For six years he was a deacon. In politics he is a Republican. On June 14, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida C. Lerch, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Lazarus) Lerch. They have three children: Reuben H., Raymond I. and Roy H.

Charles V. B. Rinker was born Oct. 1, 1836, in a small frame house at the corner of Sixth and Linden streets, where the Democrat building now stands. The house was a story and a half high and was reached by a steep stairway, which led down to it as the house was set in a hollow.

Mr. Rinker was a machinist by trade, and for forty years, following his marriage, was employed at Barber's foundry, which later became the Allentown Foundry and Machine Company.

On Jan. 29, 1857, he was married to Miss Sarah Meeker, by Rev. Richard Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at his parsonage; corner of Lumber and Hamilton streets, where the Fair store is now located.

Mrs. Rinker was born March 18, 1839, at the corner of Fifth and Linden streets, in the old Lehigh county prison, her father, J. D. Meeker, being county sheriff at the time. Mr. Rinker's grandfather, Abraham Rinker, was sheriff of Lehigh county for two terms. They reside at 423 Mayberry street, Allentown. They

have one son, Wm. Rinker, who is employed at the Palace Silk Mill, and resides in the Twelfth ward.

#### HON. A. E. RINN.

Albert E. Rinn, justice of the peace of Upper Saucon, was born June 6, 1864, at Easton, where he attended the public schools until eleven years old; and his parents having moved to Allentown he continued attending school there until he became fourteen years old. He then learned printing under his father. He ran off the first edition of the *Daily City Item*, and worked on different newspapers until he was eighteen years of age, then he found employment at New York with a firm of card manufacturers for whom he solicited trade in parts of the United States, in Canada, Cuba and England during a period of nine years. He returned to Allentown and after working for Wilson & Arbogast, dealers in provisions for several years, he engaged in the sale of wire and wire brushes in the whole of North and South America until 1913.

On June 12, 1913, he received from Governor Tener the appointment of justice of the peace of Upper Saucon and on November 6th he was elected for a full term without opposition, which he is now serving in a satisfactory manner. On Nov 3, 1914, he was elected a member of the State Legislature. He is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. and A. M., and of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand.

Mr. Rinn was married in 1893 to Katie A. Hartman, daughter of Jacob and Sabina (Uhler) Hartman.

His father was Emil Rinn, a printer and publisher, for many years at Allentown and afterward associated with Wilson & Arbogast. He was married to Augusta Stroh.

#### RITTER FAMILY.

The first of this family in America were four brothers, who arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Pennsylvania, Sept. 11, 1732, having sailed from Rotterdam, Holland. Their names were Paul, Henry, Martin and Caspar. Accompanying them were Elizabeth, the wife of Paul, their sisters Anna and Barbara, and Paul, the son of Paul. Martin and Caspar were under sixteen years of age.

Paul Ritter secured a tract of 192 acres of land by a warrant dated Dec. 2, 1737. This tract was situated on the Hosensack creek, north of the Great Swamp Reformed church, in Lower Milford township. He lived there some years and attended the Lutheran church near Dillingersville, but later transferred the land to Caspar.

and removed to Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where he became the owner of a 300-acre farm. He was born in 1713, and died Feb. 14, 1799. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1710, and died July 23, 1798. Caspar Ritter sold his land on Nov. 28, 1758, to Joseph Eberhard, for £250, who bequeathed it to his son, Joseph Eberhard, Jr.

Henry Ritter secured by a warrant dated March 16, 1737, a tract of 170 acres, 149 perches, at that time in Bucks county, but when Northampton county was erected in 1752, 74 acres fell in the new county and the balance, 96 acres, remained in Bucks county. This land is situated on the line of Lower Milford township, west of the Great Swamp Reformed church. On this tract of land Henry Ritter built in 1739, a log house, with a stone chimney, which stood until a few years ago. The cellar and part of the chimney can still be seen. The log over the fireplace was removed by the present owner, Squire O. C. Keiper, and the section of it containing the date 1739 was presented by him to the Lehigh County Historical Society.

Henry Ritter was naturalized Sept. 11, 1740. He and his wife attended the Lutheran church in the township until 1754. He did not remain long upon his land, which was secured by a vacating warrant, dated Jan. 13, 1749, by Lawrence Erbach, who deeded it to his only son, Jacob Erbach, on May 7, 1785. Henry Ritter then located in Salisbury township, where, in 1764, he owned 280 acres of land. He was an elder of the Lutheran congregation at Salisbury church and a prominent resident of the township. He died in January, 1797. He and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, had a number of children, among whom were: Caspar; Martin; Henry William, born Feb. 20, 1751, John Theobald, born June 11, 1753; and Barbara Anna, born in 1758.

Martin Ritter, son of Henry was born Nov 10 1749, and died Nov. 2, 1827. He married, Jan. 11, 1774, Anna Margaret Steininger, who was born Jan. 11, 1752, and died Aug. 4, 1838. He was an inn-keeper on the road from Mountaintown to Emaus, and his tavern was the scene of many exciting events at the time of the Fries Rebellion in 1798. He was a tax collector of Salisbury township for several years. He had seven children: Henry, born 1779, died 1833, married Lydia Knappenberger; Martin, born 1781, died 1863, married Anna Margaret Bogert; John; Daniel, who married Lydia Knauss; Jacob; Michael, who married Eloisa Miller; and Margaret, who married Solomon Klein.

Daniel Ritter was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 1, 1817, and died April 27, 1871. He was the son of Henry and grandson of Martin Ritter.

He was reared on a farm and was educated in the public schools. He first rented and worked the Trexler farm, and then purchased a farm in Upper Milford township, where he reared his family and resided until his death. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, and a Democrat. In business, he was progressive and enterprising; was an extensive stock raiser, and was devoted to his home and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were both interred in the Western Salisbury church cemetery.

Daniel Ritter married Annette Romich, born Sept. 17, 1825, died March 4, 1900. Their children were: Peter W. Henry Ritter, who married Mary Wolf, and died at the age of 56 years; Milton H., who married Marie Ritter, and had one daughter, Cora. He is a miller and resides in Allentown; Alfred R., a carpenter; William Matthias; Rebecca Eleanor; James Morris, died aged 17 years; and Montana, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM M. RITTER, son of Daniel, a resident of Allentown, and for several years recorder of deeds, is a native of Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, and was born in 1852.

He attended the public schools and assisted his father on his farm until the age of 19 years, at which time his father died (1871). He was a teacher in the public schools of his native place and at Vera Cruz until 1873, when he removed to Allentown, and took a course in the Allentown Business College. He then entered the employ of Shimer & Co., where he continued for three years as book-keeper.

He embarked in the clothing business in 1878 with Samuel Hoats and continued with him until 1886. In 1887 he was appointed deputy recorder of deeds and filled this position until 1892, when with John Yeager, he conducted a real estate business for a period. In 1899, Mr. Ritter was elected recorder of deeds and held this office until 1902, when he retired from all active pursuits.

In 1894 he was badly injured by an accident, which left him permanently in a crippled condition.

In politics Mr. Ritter is a Democrat, and himself and family are members of St. John's Lutheran church, and he was for some time a deacon. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., connected with the Macungie Lodge; also Past Master of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.

William M. Ritter, son of Daniel and Annette (Romich) Ritter, born 1852, was married April 19, 1883, to Emma Rebecca Wagner, daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Seip) Wagner, of Allentown. Their children were: Charles Daniel, Florence Aleata, Aaron Wagner, and William Stanley Ritter. Charles Daniel was educated in

the public schools and took a course at the veterinary school at Toronto, Ontario.

Florence A. attended the public schools, also the Keystone State Normal School, and graduated in 1907. She is a teacher in the Lincoln school. Aaron W. attended the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1909, and is now a teacher in the Second ward building. William S. is now a student at Muhlenberg College.

Joel Ritter, born in 1832, in Salisbury township, in his youth was a farmer then engaged in cabinet making and undertaking business at Vera Cruz; then took up house painting at Emaus. He later removed to Coopersburg, where he conducted a furniture and undertaking business until his death in 1902.

In politics he was a Republican; a member of the Lutheran Church, later connecting himself with the Moravian Church, of which he became an elder.

He married Mary Gehring, daughter of John Gehring, of Emaus. Issue: Richard; Maria, Mrs. Shaw, deceased; Robert, at Macungie; Rebecca, married William Steininger; Milton D., cabinet maker, Newton, Bucks county; Morris, of Lebanon, photographer; John, of Coopersburg, a miller; and Henry A., of whom below.

HENRY ALFRED RITTER, son of Joel and Mary (Gehring) Ritter, was born Oct. 18, 1872, near Emaus, Lehigh county. He attended the public schools of Coopersburg, and when his education was completed, took a course of instruction in embalming, and upon his father's death, he purchased the business founded by his father, and has since then successfully carried on the business. He also operates a large farm in Coopersburg borough; is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; Knights of the Golden Eagles; is a member of the Moravian Church; also has been trustee, elder deacon and sexton of the same.

He married, Nov. 11, 1893, Dora Bitting, daughter of Charles and Elmina (Saussaman) Bitting. Issue: Florence May, and Arthur Henry.

Martin Ritter, son of Martin, was born Nov. 7, 1781, and died on his farm, which he cultivated in Salisbury township, Feb. 10, 1863, aged eighty-one years, three months and three days. His wife, Anna Margaret Bogert, was born Jan. 5, 1786, and died Sept. 25, 1861, aged seventy-five years, eight months and twenty days. They had twelve children, namely: Reuben B. (1815-1892); Gideon B. (1817-1891); Solomon B.; Edwin B. (1823-1864); John B.; Martin B.; Charles B.; Mary Ann; Elizabeth; Sallie; and Annie B. (1827-1890).

John B. Ritter, son of Martin, was born in Salisbury township, where he was a farmer. His

homestead is now owned by Samuel Heilman. He was a deacon, elder and trustee of the Jordan Lutheran church, where he is also buried.

His wife was Mary Kemmerer. Their children were: Samuel; Mervin M., deceased; and Emeline, widow of Willoughby Guth.

SAMUEL RITTER, son of John B., of Allentown, was born in Salisbury township, Feb. 2, 1842. He followed farming until 1900, when he came to Allentown, and purchased a home at 1132 Linden street. He owns a ninety-seven acre farm near the Iron Bridge in South Whitehall township. This farm he cultivated many years, but now has rented it.

He served Jordan Lutheran church as deacon and elder a number of years. He married, in 1865, Hannah E. Koch, daughter of Thomas K. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Koch. They have these children: Annie E.; John T.; Minnie V.; Ella J.; Irene, wife of Rev. C. W. Eberwine, of Port Carbon, Pa.; Samuel; Charles; and Mima L. K.

JOHN T. RITTER, of Catasauqua, who has charge of the tailoring department of Koch Brothers, Allentown, was born at Guth Station, Lehigh county, Jan. 7, 1869. He was educated in the public schools, the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College, and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, where he graduated in 1887. In the same year he became connected with Koch & Shankweiler, now Koch Brothers. His promotions came in quick succession. On Jan. 1, 1907, he was placed in charge of the tailoring department. He is a member of the Catasauqua Club.

He married Miss Margaret Evans, daughter of William J. Evans, of Catasauqua, whose history appears in this volume. They have two children, namely: Margaret and Robert Evans Ritter.

Martin B., son of Martin and Anna Margaret (Bogert) Ritter, was born about 1816, and died in Allentown, April 10, 1894. He was a farmer in South Whitehall township, and is buried in the family plot in Union cemetery. He held various offices in the Lutheran Church. He married Sarah, born in 1832, died in June, 1902, a daughter of Peter Mohr, of Upper Macungie township. Children: Adelaide, born in 1853, died in 1876; Robert R., of further mention.

Robert R., son of Martin B. and Sarah (Mohr) Ritter, was born in South Whitehall township, July 27, 1855, and was engaged in farming in his native township until 1902, when he came to Allentown. He retains the homestead farm, and supervises the work on this and his other farms. He married, Feb. 22, 1877, Josephine, a daughter of Dr. and Elizabeth (Hess)

Thomas, of Lower Saucon township. Children: Dr. Hope T. M. and Robert C., of further mention; Martin Luther, a graduate of the State College, Pa., is now a chemist at Palmerton Zinc Works.

DR. HOPE T. M. RITTER, son of Robert R. and Josephine (Thomas) Ritter, was born at Eckert's, Lehigh county, Dec. 11, 1878. He was graduated from Allentown high school in 1898, and the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, in 1902. By selection through competitive examination he was appointed physician to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, and served in this office one year, after which he established himself as a physician in Allentown, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. He resides at the northeast corner of Linden and Eleventh streets. He is a member of the Lehigh County and Lehigh Valley Medical Societies, the State Medical Society and American Medical Association, and the Masonic Fraternity. Dr. Ritter married, Feb. 25, 1903, Lyda A. Malin, of Philadelphia, and has an only daughter: Flavilla J. T.

Robert C., son of Robert R. and Josephine (Thomas) Ritter, was born Jan. 22, 1882. He acquired his early education in the public schools, then became a student at the Pennington Seminary, New Jersey. He learned the machinist's trade at Stroudsburg, Pa., and was a journeyman in the gun department of the Bethlehem Steel Works for seven years. In 1909 he organized the Allentown automobile works, of which he is the proprietor, these being located at No. 1411 Chew street. The garage is a two-story structure, fifty by one hundred and twenty feet. He has the agency for the Overland car, and employs four men. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity; the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of Allentown, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Stroudsburg. He and his family are members of the Cetronia Lutheran church. Mr. Ritter married, in 1908, Annie, a daughter of Horace and Alice (Rupp) Beisel. Children: Arlene, Martin H., and Robert, Jr.

Jacob Ritter, the fifth son of Martin, Sr., was brought up in Salisbury, and there carried on farming until he died. He married Anna Bogert and had four children: Martin, who married Rebecca Marticks; Sarah, wife of Joseph Weaver; Nathan and Jacob, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years.

Nathan Ritter, the second son of Jacob, was born in Salisbury, July 4, 1823. He was reared upon the farm and after his marriage removed to Lower Macungie, where he bought a forty-

acre farm, which he operated until his death, Sept. 21, 1896. He married Hannah, daughter of Henry Schantz, of Schantz's Mills, and had two sons: Peter H., and Alfred, who married Elizabeth Yoder.

Peter H. Ritter, son of Nathan, was born in Lower Macungie, Dec. 29, 1848. He was reared upon a farm until seventeen years of age, when he learned the trade of wheelwright, under William Breneiser, of Centreville, and followed this occupation continually for the past seventeen years at Macungie, in the carriage works of Jonas W. Gerhart, in which borough he was for six years a member of council. Mr. Ritter married Miss Caroline, daughter of Henry Shankweiler, and has three children: Franklin, who married Ella Bloss; Katie, who married Harvey Laudenslager, and has three children; Minnie, wife of Arthur Hartzell, Carrie, wife of Joseph Hallman; and Marie; and Milton H. N.

MILTON H. N. RITTER, son of Peter H., the head miller in the large Fritch roller-process mill at Macungie, was born in Lower Macungie township, Jan. 17, 1881. He was brought up on a farm and attended the township schools and the Emaus high school until the age of fifteen years, when he became a teacher in the schools in Lower Macungie for one term and of Upper Macungie for two terms. He subsequently attended Perkiomen Seminary, Shippensburg State Normal School, Muhlenberg Preparatory School, and Muhlenberg College, graduating from the last-named institution in 1906. During this time he taught school in the borough of Macungie three terms and in Allentown one term. From the spring of 1907 to the fall, he managed the farming operations on the large farm of Dr. D. D. Fritch, adjoining the borough, after which he entered the Fritch mill as head miller in the manufacture of flour, where he still continues. The average daily production of the mill is 400 barrels, and this large output shows the responsibility of his position.

Mr. Ritter married, in 1902, Lillie A., daughter of Nathan D. Fritch, one of the owners of the mill, and they had one child, Carl Fritch Ritter. Mrs. Ritter was born Oct. 24, 1881, and died April 26, 1912.

Henry Shankweiler, grandfather of Milton H. N. Ritter, was born in Schuylkill county, and married Matilda, daughter of Jacob Bitting, of Lower Macungie. They had three children: Caroline, wife of Peter H. Ritter; Walter, who married Rosa Schaeffer; and Morgan, single.

Henry Schantz, great-grandfather of Milton H. N. Ritter, on his paternal grandmother's side, was a miller in Whitehall. He married Elizabeth Dorney and had seven children: Tilghman;

Henry; Edward; Rebecca, who died single, aged 70 years; Mary, wife of Gideon Andreas; Caroline, wife of Peter Bortz; and Hannah, wife of Nathan Ritter.

Nathan Dry Fritch, the father of Mrs. Lillie A. Ritter, was born Sept. 2, 1850, in Longswamp, Berks county, and was reared on a farm and learned the trade of a miller. He accompanied his older brother, Dr. David D. Fritch, to Macungie in 1878, where they have since been extensively engaged in manufacturing flour. Mr. Fritch married Miss Joanna, daughter of Joseph Warmkessel, of Longswamp. Mrs. Fritch was born March 23, 1853, and died Jan. 2, 1910. They had five children, the first three of whom died young, leaving two who grew to maturity: Lillie A., since deceased, who married Milton W. N. Ritter; and Alma, wife of Charles Appel, of Allentown.

Henry Ritter, grandson of Martin, was a veterinary surgeon in Allentown, where he died about 1850, aged 55 years. He married Anna, daughter of John and Elizabeth Kelly, who was born March 13, 1812, and died Nov. 22, 1838, and is buried on the old Allentown cemetery. Their son, William G. Ritter, was born in Allentown, Sept. 28, 1833. He was educated in the local schools and learned the trade of a tinsmith with Amos Ettinger. In 1858 he started in the tinware and stove business on the south side of Hamilton, between Eighth and Ninth streets, where he sold the first self-feeding stove, called the "Morning Glory." In 1867 he located at 831 Hamilton street. After a very successful business career, he retired in 1884. He served in Company H, Fifth Regiment, emergency troops of 1862, in the Civil War. He was active in securing new industries and assisted in securing the Adelaide Silk Mill and the Iowa Barb Wire Works. He was a member of the M. E. Church and a Republican in politics, but never held office. He resided, first, at Turner and Church, then at Eighth and Hickory streets, later at 831 Hamilton, and in 1869, bought from Stephen Rhoads the property at 113 North Seventh street, where he lived until his death, Feb. 6, 1885. He married Susan, daughter of Daniel and Hetty (Rohrbach) Pauley, and had seven children: Emma, married Dr. Jerome Lochman; Ida, died, aged 6 months; Agnes, married Eugene O. Lawall; Thos. E.; Jennie, married Wilbur A. Langdon; Katie, married Robert A. Rothenberger; and Wm. G., married Clara M. Darrohn.

THOMAS E. RITTER, son of Wm. G., was born in Allentown, Feb. 19, 1863. He was educated in the city schools and in the Allentown Business College, where he took a course in shorthand and graduated in 1881. He then became



bookkeeper in his father's store, where he remained until the retirement of his father, in 1884, when he engaged in the real estate business. In 1889 he became a member of the firm of Mager, Miller & Co. until 1897, when he again handled real estate. He became a director of the Second National Bank in 1897, and in 1907 became assistant cashier, becoming vice-president in 1908. On Sept. 16, 1913, he was elected president of the bank, succeeding the late Hon. Edward Harvey, of whose estate he is one of the executors.

Mr. Ritter represented the Fifth ward in common council in 1904 and 1905, and served on the finance committee. He has been active in securing industries in the city, notably the National Silk Dyeing Company, and built several hundred houses, individually, and as a member of syndicates. He is affiliated with various corporations, in which he occupies positions of trust and responsibility. He is a member of the Allentown Lodge of Elks, and the family are members of the Ebenezer Evangelical church. He married, in 1885, Mary L., daughter of Levi and Maria L. (Haines) Giering, of Macungie. They have three children: Lloyd E., supervising principal of the Belvidere High School; Wilmer J., at home; and Jeanette H., married to Clark W. Heller, of Wapwallopen, Pa.

Caspar Ritter, son of Henry, of Salisbury, and brother of Martin, born 1749, lived in Salisbury until about 1780, when he removed to the northern part of Whitehall township, now North Whitehall, where he purchased a 160-acre farm. He died in 1822. He married Ottilia Herz, and had these children: Elizabeth, born Feb. 24, 1766; John, born Feb. 11, 1768; Catharine; Magdalena, born Oct. 1, 1772, married John Saeger; Margaret, born Oct. 13, 1774, married Henry Frantz; Jacob, born May 18, 1777, had children: Daniel, William, and Mrs. Jacob Hensinger; Henry, born Feb. 22, 1780, and had children: Mrs. Reuben Saeger, Mrs. James Roth, Henry, Mrs. Tilghman Weber, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Stephen, and Charles; Anna Barbara, born Nov. 19, 1782. Elizabeth married George Ringer and another daughter married John Frantz.

John Ritter, son of Caspar, born Feb. 11, 1768, and his wife Maria, had 13 children: Mrs. Molly Semmel; William; Mrs. Jonas Moyer; Mrs. Chas. Seagreaves; Stephen, who had a son, John; Mrs. Maria Saeger, of Clinton county; Mrs. Paul Frantz; Mrs. Jacob Frantz; Jonas; Jeremiah; John; and Daniel.

Jonas Ritter, son of John, was born April 18, 1805. He was a farmer and a member of the Lutheran congregation at Egypt, where he was buried at his death in 1885. He married Catharine, daughter of Nicholas and Barbara

(Heintzelman) Wotring, who was a member of the Reformed Church. They had five children: Henry, died in 1905, who had children: Calvin, and Mrs. Wesley Woodring; Frank, whose daughter is Mrs. Wm. Reinhard; Israel; Catharine, died unmarried; and Sarah, married Wiloughby Heintzelman.

ISRAEL J. RITTER, son of Jonas, a resident of Allentown, was born at Balliettsville, March 8, 1851. His early education was obtained in the common schools and his time was spent on the farm until he was nineteen years old, when he accepted a position as clerk in a general store in Carbon county, continuing in this position for one year. The ensuing year he was engaged in the business of house painting, continuing in that for six years, when he again became a clerk in a store at Balliettsville.

In 1877 he married Miss Lydia E. Steckel, daughter of Reuben and Amelia (Leisenring) Steckel. Their children are: Martin, who married Ella Kistler, and has children: Charles and Ida; George, deceased, who married Lizzie Humphrey; Ida, who married Thomas Yates, and has children: Ethel, Ruth, and Russell; and Samuel, who married Edith Smith.

After his marriage he pursued farming and at the same time was employed in the ore mines during the panic. In 1879 he removed to Allentown, where he has since resided at 518 Liberty street. Since 1890 he fills a position as clerk in the employ of the Hersch Hardware Company, and prior to this time followed painting for some years.

Mr. Ritter and his family are members of Dubbs Memorial Reformed church, where he has served in the capacity of deacon, elder and trustee, and is active in church interests. For nine years he was active as superintendent of the Sunday school of his native town, Sheidys.

Mr. Ritter is the organizer of the Ritter family reunion, which held its first reunion in 1898, at Laury's Island. He has performed valuable services in the preservation of the family genealogy that it may not be forgotten by the descendants.

John Ritter, born 1802, son of John, had children: Alfred, Eli, Aaron, and Mrs. Wm. Frantz. Jeremiah married twice and had children: Owen, John, Mrs. Wm. Roth, Mrs. Samuel Roth, Mrs. Tilghman, Roth, Mrs. John Bertsch, Mrs. Alfred Bertsch, Mrs. Franklin Frantz, Edwin, Mantana, married Francis Wotring; and Catharine, married Rev. A. M. Masonheimer. William, son of John, married Hannah Rockel, and had a daughter, Alice, who married a Mr. Ludka.

Daniel Ritter, son of John and Maria, was born Sept. 5, 1795. He farmed a tract of land near Scheidy's, and was a member of the Lutheran congregation at Egypt, where he is buried. He

married Maria Moyer and had eight children: Daniel, who lived near the Iron Bridge, married Abigail Ringer, and had two children: James, and Adaline, wife of James Stuber; Charles, who married a Miss Laudenslager and had children, L. D., and Mrs. Adelina Rauch; William; Thomas; Elizabeth, married Joshua Laury; Mrs. Rebecca Semmel; Maria; and Mrs. Adelina Scheirer.

Thomas Ritter, son of Daniel, was born near Laury's in 1828. He was an engineer at ore mines for many years and later cultivated a farm near Ballietsville. He is a member of the Unionville Lutheran congregation, where he has been also an official of the church. He married Elizabeth Scheirer and had eight children, all sons: Charles A., a teacher, of Auburn, Pa.; Benjamin; Dr. Francis O.; Willoughby D.; Henry S., of Allentown; Orville J.; Edwin E., of Laury's; and Milton T., of Palmerton.

DR. FRANCIS O. RITTER, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Scheirer) Ritter, was born in North Whitehall township, Sept. 10, 1858. He was educated in the local schools and at the age of fifteen became a school teacher. While teaching, he took a normal school course at Kutztown during the spring and fall months and in 1878 entered the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, as a student of medicine, where he graduated in 1881. He then began practice at New Tripoli, where he remained until 1884. In 1883, he married Ellen, daughter of Levi Hunsicker, of Saegersville. She died in 1887, leaving one daughter, Carrie M., the wife of Rev. A. T. Michler, of Philadelphia. In 1884, Dr. Ritter located at Schnecksville, where he remained until 1887, when he removed to Philadelphia, where he specialized in diseases of the eye, ear and throat. On Sept. 9, 1889, he located at Slatington, where he remained seven years, with a large practice. He married, in 1890, at Slatington, Irene A., daughter of Henry Kuntz. In 1898, he retired from active practice and removed to Allentown, where he built a home at Franklin and Hamilton streets. He became a director of the Merchants' National Bank and on Sept. 6, 1911, was elected its cashier, which position he still holds and where he is recognized as a conservative official and one of sound judgment. Dr. Ritter was a charter member of Christ Lutheran church, in which he is active, and is a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. & A. M.

WILLOUGHBY D. RITTER, a merchant and slate operator at Slatington, Pa., was born April 8, 1861, at Ballietsville, Pa. Here, at an early age, he accepted a position as clerk in a general store. In the year 1895 he came to Slatington, where he entered the employ of the Slatington Slate

Company as a clerk, and was connected with this firm for about six years. In 1898, he became a member of Rice & Company, dealers in general merchandise and while a member of this firm he served as manager and purchasing agent.

In 1909, Mr. Ritter and others organized the Blue Vein Slate Company, of which organization he was elected vice-president and is still serving this office.

Mr. Ritter and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran church at Slatington, in which church he has served as a deacon.

He was married to Rosa A. Deibert, a daughter of Edwin and Sallie (Frantz) Deibert, of Ballietsville. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have one son, Clarence E., who is a clerk in his father's store.

HENRY S. RITTER was born Oct. 30, 1864, near Ballietsville, the son of Thomas, and grandson of Daniel Ritter. He was educated in the public schools, the Keystone State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1888; and Muhlenberg College. After leaving school, he taught in Lehigh county eleven terms, in Northampton and Slatington, and also was principal of the Cementon schools for two terms.

In 1894 he accepted the position of general foreman of a department of the Atlas Portland Cement Company, which he held for twelve years, following which he became traveling salesman for the Lehigh Car Wheel & Axle Works. He was stationed as a special man in Kansas, and while there he had full charge of cement manufacture for the Ashgrove Portland Cement Company, at Chanute, Kansas, for one year, but before the expiration of which, he accepted the general superintendency of the Great Western Cement Plant, at Mildred, Kansas, and had charge of 250 men. Owing to sickness of a member of his family, he returned East, and located in Allentown, in June, 1910, and again became connected with the Lehigh Car Wheel & Axle Works.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and also of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. & A. M.

He was married in 1889, to Miss Maggie J. Kuhns, daughter of Edwin Kuhns, of Ballietsville, whose full record is found elsewhere in this volume. To them were born eight children, viz: Marcus, Titus, Thomas, Harold, Robert, Anna, Dorothy, and Ruth. Mr. Ritter died in November, 1913.

ORVILLE J. RITTER, of Allentown, was born at Ballietsville, Aug. 6, 1872. He attended the public schools, Muhlenberg College, and was graduated from the scientific department of the Northern Indiana Normal School (now Valparaiso University), Indiana, in 1892. He followed the profession of teaching in Lehigh county for

ten years, and in 1898 he was appointed a railway mail clerk. He continued in that position for 18 months and then resigned to accept the position of teller of the Cementon National Bank, Siegfried, Pa. He resigned this office and was designated to the office of superintendent of the railway mail service. In 1902, he was transferred to road duty on the Philadelphia and Norfolk, and the Allentown and Philadelphia R. P. O. He is now a senior clerk on the Allentown and Philadelphia line. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and of the Mutual Benefit Association of Railway Mail Clerks.

In 1894 he was married to Ida E. Peters, daughter of Wilson and Mary (Hensinger) Peters. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have these children: Florence M., Beatrice E., Paul O., and Russell W.

Martin Ritter, the third of the four brothers, with his wife, Anna Margaret, lived some time in Lower Milford, where he had children born, as follows: Caspar, born June 20, 1744, sponsor, Caspar, son of Paul Ritter; Anna Barbara, born Nov. 10, 1749; and John Henry, born April 9, 1751. Martin Ritter appears to have removed to Berks county at an early date.

Caspar Ritter, the fourth of the brothers, lived some time in Lower Milford, but about 1758 removed to the "Drylands," in Bethlehem township. He was constable of the township and a member of the church at Hecktown. He died in 1792. Caspar Ritter and his wife, Anna Maria, had eight children: Caspar, born July 24, 1747; Michael; Susanna, who married Jacob Beisel; Elizabeth, born July 6, 1753, married a Mr. Gilbert; Anna Catharine, born May 26, 1757, died Dec. 14, 1785, married, June 9, 1772, John Nicholas Kloekner; Daniel, born Aug. 1, 1758, died Aug. 29, 1836; Barbara, who married Jacob Balliet; and John Ritter, born Dec. 27, 1764. Michael Ritter, the founder of Rittersville, was a descendant of this branch of the family.

Caspar Ritter, Jr., born July 24, 1747, died May 2, 1824, married, first, Anna Margaret Germantown, born July 20, 1746, died March 30, 1790, and second, Catharine Ihrich, born Oct. 12, 1752, died March 12, 1797.

Michael Ritter, a descendant of this branch of the family, was born April 18, 1782, and died March 17, 1854. He married, in 1805, Margaret Arner, who was born Feb. 11, 1787, and died Feb. 11, 1859. He was the founder of Rittersville and built the first hotel there, in connection with which he kept a store, and farmed several hundred acres of land. He was a member of the Assembly and as justice of the peace of Hanover township. Among his brothers were Daniel, Peter, Benjamin, and Jonas. He had four

sons: Thomas, Charles, William and Frank. Frank was an accomplished musician and formerly lived in Chicago. Thomas had three children: Sarah, Amelia, and Asher. Charles had three children: Mary, Fietta, and Oliver.

WILLIAM RITTER, son of Michael, was born July 24, 1822, and died Oct. 30, 1874. He farmed a truck farm of five acres at Rittersville, now owned by his widow. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Sabina, the daughter of Jesse and Christiana (Brader) Buss, was born Oct. 3, 1833, in Lower Nazareth township. Their children are: Marilla, wife of Peter Gross, of West Bethlehem; and Charles J., who married Ida S., daughter of James W. and Caroline (Gruver) Fretz, and has three children: Elizabeth N., Charles W. H., and Sabina C. Mr. Ritter is a painter and carpenter and resides with his mother in the old Michael Ritter homestead, which was one of three houses in 1850. Mr. Ritter and family are members of the Lutheran Church.

William F. Ritter, chief engineer for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, is a son of Daniel Ritter, and a grandson of Christian Ritter, of Hanover township. Daniel was born in Hanover township, Feb. 16, 1817, in which township he spent his entire life tilling the soil. He was married to Catherine Newhard, a daughter of Daniel and Elisabeth (Fogelman) Newhard. She was born near Kreidersville, Northampton county, Oct. 6, 1827, and died Sept. 13, 1896, in her 80th year. Both she and her husband are buried at Shoenersville. Mr. Ritter served as school director in his native township, also both as deacon and elder in the Shoenersville Lutheran congregation, of which he was a member. He helped in erection of the present church edifice. In politics he was a Democrat. To them were born seven children: Camilla, married to Asher Smith; Lenia, married to Jeremiah Fenstermacher; Wilson F.; Preston H.; Addison, who lived and died in New York City; Aquila J., married to Carrie Nonnemaker; Harvey, a letter carrier in Philadelphia; and Cora, married to Howard Newmoyer, of Bethlehem.

WILSON F. RITTER was born in Hanover township, May 30, 1854. He spent his early years on the farm and received his education in the schools of the township. About 1876, he became an engineer and has followed this trade ever since. He was in the employ of the Catsauqua Manufacturing Company for a period of twenty years, and of the Atlas Cement Company for two years. In 1904 he accepted the position of chief engineer for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, in which capacity he is still employed. On Dec. 26, 1874, he was married to Elizabeth

Bartholomew, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Laub) Bartholomew. This union was blessed with five children: Harry W., married to Ida Hepner, resides at Reading; Cora, married to William Hook, of Catasauqua, and has three children: Earl, Norene, and Esther; Bertha, married to William McQuinter, of Hokendauqua and has three children: Flora, William, and Mathew; Mabel M., married to James Loch, of Catasauqua, who has one son, George; and George H., of Reading. Mr. Ritter is an adherent of the Lutheran faith and in politics is a Democrat. He resides in Catasauqua since 1881.

Peter Ritter is said to have emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century, settling in what is now Springfield, Bucks county, Pa., but some years prior to his death, he removed with his son, Job, to Durham Furnace, where his death occurred, and he is buried in Durham Furnace Church graveyard. He was a farmer. Among his children were: John and Philip, of further mention; Catherine, married to Mr. Smith, of Lehigh county, whose death preceded her own; Rev. Job, who lived about Flourtown, Montgomery county, and wrote the Ritter history.

John, son of Peter Ritter, was born in Bucks county, and died in Allentown, while on a visit to his son, Joseph, when he was more than eighty years old. He was buried at Gruver Mills, in the graveyard of an Evangelical church, of which he was a member. In early life he was a farmer, later becoming a shoemaker, employing a number of men and disposing of his wares in Philadelphia. He was an exhorter in the church and his home was open to all ministers. During the summer months his large orchard was used for religious meetings, conducted by such men as Bishop Seibert, and others of equal standing in the church. Mr. Ritter married Christiana Smith, born near Coopersburg, and they had: Jacob, who died in Philadelphia; Kate, married to Peter Hoffman, of Allentown; Polly, married to John Gruver; John, who lived and died near the homestead; Samuel, a resident of Philadelphia, where he died; Joseph, whose history follows:

Joseph, son of John and Christiana (Smith) Ritter, was born in Bucks county about 1800, and died at Allentown, in 1874. Until 1847 he was a farmer on the homestead, then removed to Allentown, where he farmed town lots and drove a team. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Barbara Muffy, born in 1800, died in 1867. Children: Susanna, married to Jacob Weaver, of Allentown; Christiana, married to Ephraim Heff, of Allentown; Eliza-

beth, married to Jesse Lucas, and lives at Worcester, Ohio; Henry, of Bethlehem; James M., of further mention; and Mrs. Philip Diley; Hannah, married (first) to a Waltman; (second) Daniel Roth; Libby, married to Jacob Stauffer, and lived in Philadelphia.

James M., son of Joseph and Barbara (Muffy) Ritter, was born on the Ritter homestead, Sept. 6, 1835. In 1847 he came to Allentown with his parents and there attended the public schools until the age of seventeen years. Having then learned the carpenter's trade he followed this all his life, later establishing himself as a contractor and builder. He owned and operated his own planing mill, generally employing from twenty-five to fifty men. Among the buildings he erected are: A large part of the Muhlenberg College, Allentown Thread Mill, Schankweiler & Lehr Building, Second National Bank, Methodist Episcopal Church, at Mauch Chunk, Methodist Episcopal Church of Allentown, First Evangelical Chapel, on Turner street, and many other important buildings in Allentown and its vicinity. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he has been president of the board of trustees for more than half a century, and a teacher in the Sunday school since 1857. In political matters he is a Republican, and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for President of the United States. Mr. Ritter married, April 11, 1858, Maria, a daughter of Adam and Mary (Newhard) Kuntz, and they have had: Allen, who died at the age of three years; Elmer E., of further mention; John W., deceased; Mary B., married to George Charman, of Bethlehem; Edgar J., of Allentown; Hattie O., married to Rev. Archibald Schenk, a Lutheran minister of Philadelphia; Minnie L., married to George B. Santee, of Allentown; Charles H., of Allentown; Alfred G., deceased; and Gertrude M.

Elmer E., son of James M. and Maria Ritter, was born in Allentown, April 17, 1861. He learned the carpenter's trade and the work of a planing mill under the supervision of his father, and held the position of superintendent in the mill for some years. In association with A. A. Smith he organized the well-established firm of Ritter & Smith, in 1892, and this has been doing a successful business since that time. He is a Republican, has served as a member of the school board from the Eleventh ward, a member of the section board eleven years and on the board of control six years. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity of Allentown and Lehigh county, and was one of the original twenty members, who organized Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., in 1913. Mr. Ritter married, Nov. 21, 1881, Eleanor M., a

daughter of Simon and Mary (Jacoby) Scherer, of Allentown. Children: Ray J. G., a musician and piano salesman of Allentown, is married to Helen L., daughter of George and Alice (Scholl) Philips, of Allentown, and has: Marjorie E. Ira L., a registered plumber of Allentown, is married to Blanche Wolf, and has: Beatrice E. and May.

Philip, son of Peter Ritter, the immigrant ancestor, lived on a farm adjoining the homestead. He had children: Philip; John; Samuel; Jacob; Lewis; Henry; Mrs. Bliem, of Bucks county; married (first) Benjamin Landis, (second) Daniel Roth, of Allentown; Mrs. Schelly, of Bucks county; and Mrs. Bliem, of Allentown.

Jacob H., son of Philip Ritter, was born in Springfield township, Bucks county, Pa., Jan. 30, 1804, and died July 20, 1891. With the exception of a few years spent on the farm at Weatherly, he lived in Allentown from 1827 until his death. He conducted a cedar cooperage business for ten years, when he sold his interests to Charles Saeger, then took charge of the Cross Keys Hotel, and was proprietor of this six years. He then again engaged in the coopering trade, which he carried on intermittently until 1881. For a time he was a boatman on the Lehigh canal. Mr. Ritter married, April 12, 1829, Hannah Marsteller, who died in 1883. Children: Mary E., married Rev. S. K. Brobst, now a widow in Allentown; Sarah C., died in November, 1913, was the wife of Benneville Frederick; Lewis, a cooper of Allentown, was formerly a merchant at Mauch Chunk; Charles, of further mention; Matilda, married Rev. Reuben Ritter; Andrew, was a machinist at Weatherly; the wife of Rev. Reuben Kistler, of Cherryville; Franklin S., a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was killed at Antietam.

Charles, son of Jacob H. and Hannah (Marsteller) Ritter, was born in Allentown, where he also died. He was the proprietor of a soap factory at Mauch Chunk, and later of a confectionery store, in Allentown. He married Sarah Wuchter, and had: Ellen, married Charles Stewart, of Philadelphia; Franklin S., of further mention.

FRANKLIN S., son of Charles and Sarah (Wuchter) Ritter, was born at East Mauch Chunk, Pa., May 18, 1863. In 1872 he removed to Philadelphia with his parents, and there attended the public schools three years. In 1876, the year of the centennial celebration, he drove a two-horse cab about the city, then followed various callings until 1879, when he came to Newtown, Bucks county. The following year he

came to Allentown, where he learned the confectionery business, and was employed at it two years. His father having opened the old Kern Brewery and the People's Ice Company, he remained as his assistant until 1895 when, in association with John C. Schwartz, he organized the Allentown Ice Company and located it at No. 1006 Hamilton street, where it still continues to be the largest and most successful business of its kind in the city. They have eight teams and eighteen men employed during the summer months. Mr. Ritter is a man of many-sided executive ability, and is also the proprietor of an extensive coal business. He is connected with the following organizations: Keystone Athletic Association; Loyal Order of the Moose, No. 129; Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 110; Leslie Tribe, No. 185, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Ritter married, Dec. 25, 1881, Maggie E., who died in 1888, a daughter of Sarah Jacoby, who married (second) John Campbell. One daughter blessed this union: Lucy, who married Lester Walbridge, a capitalist, of Brooklyn, New York.

John Frederick Ritter, a native of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Beidelsbach, Ober Amt Schöndorf, Germany, was born Feb. 13, 1790. He emigrated to these United States, Nov. 2, 1816, locating in Pennsylvania, in Maxatawny township, Berks county. There he made his home for three years with Jacob Grim, a farmer, receiving as compensation for the three years, the sum of one hundred dollars and clothing. His next employer was Jacob Stein, the noted distiller, of Greenwich township, Berks county. There he learned the distilling and coopering trades; was paid the sum of forty dollars and remained in his employ six weeks. Afterward he was given charge of a distillery by Conrad Strausser, in Windsor township. Several years later he was given to marriage, Sarah Strausser, a daughter of his employer. Later on he bought a farm situated near Virginville and after living there some years and had accumulated a sufficient competency, he moved with his family to Center county, Ohio. There the wife became homesick, and they removed to Pennsylvania, locating in Greenwich township, where he bought a farm from Jacob Stein, situated one and one-half miles southwest of Klinesville. There he lived until he was 72 years old, when he divided the farm between his sons, John and George, and he moved to Hamburg, until he finally decided to sell his real and personal property and spent some time in visiting among his children, and intending to make his home with his son, Dr. N. Ritter, at Breinigsville. While he was on his



journey to his future home he was stopping with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Adam, who occupied the same farm which was previously owned by Mr. Ritter, he contracted *senile pneumonia*, and died on the fourth day of his illness, Oct. 16, 1875, aged 85 years, 9 months, and 3 days. He was buried on the family plot at Dunkels (New Jerusalem) church in Greenwich township. A large monument marks his last resting place. He was a student of the Bible and a firm believer in the religion of Jesus Christ. He chose his own funeral text from 1 Kings, 19th chapter, 4th verse. He was survived by his widow, 9 children, 36 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. The following were his children: George; Anna, married to Joseph Miller, of Steinsville; Sarah, married to John Fisher; Mary, married to William Balthaser; John, of Leesport; David, of Middleport, Schuylkill county; Dr. Nathaniel; Jonas; Lydia, married to Charles Adam; and Simon, of Philadelphia. George, Sarah, and John are deceased.

DR. NATHANAEL RITTER, physician and surgeon, of Allentown, was born Jan. 29, 1839, in Berks county. He attended the common schools, Freeland Seminary, and Hamburg Preparatory high school. In the fall of 1857 he took an examination in Chester county, and was licensed to teach in the public schools. On the day of the examination he was offered a position at \$40 per month and the term there was eight months; but he had previously promised to accept a school at Lenhartsville, in Berks county, at a salary of only \$22 per month for four months. He taught the latter school and at the same time read medicine with Dr. E. Hottenstein, at Monterey. In 1859 he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating March 9, 1861. He located at Breinigsville, Lehigh county, and continued to reside there until 1898, then came to Allentown and since resides at No. 1010 Hamilton street.

He and family are Lutherans and he has served the church as elder. He married, first, Dec. 6, 1861, Anna Louise Bean, of Norristown. She died, Nov. 25, 1900, aged 64 years, 2 months, and 22 days. Their children follow: Ada, married to B. Weaver, of Allentown; Effie, married to P. D. Folk, of Maxatawny township; Rev. I. B., whose history follows; Bertha, married to A. I. Schmoyer, of Allentown; and Rev. Horace B., a Lutheran minister of Hellertown, Pa. He married, second, on Oct. 31, 1904, Sallie E. Kleppinger.

REV. IRWIN B. RITTER was born in Breinigsville, Lehigh county, Pa., July 30, 1867, being the oldest son of Dr. Nathanael and Anna Louisa (Bean) Ritter. He was a confirmed member of Zion's (Lehigh) Lutheran congregation,

of near Alburtis, Pa., and was the first member of the same to enter the Christian ministry. Attended public school and later entered the academic department of Muhlenberg College, where, after a year's preparatory work, he entered the freshman class, graduating at college with honors in 1890. Rev. Ritter is proud of his alma mater and has been active in raising substantial amounts from his own people for the support of the college and also assisted other pastors in raising creditable amounts. Entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., in the fall of the same year and graduated in the spring of 1893. He was ordained in St. John's (German) Lutheran church, Philadelphia, Pa., and immediately took charge of the large Pine Valley parish, Hegins, Schuylkill county, Pa. At the time he resigned the seven congregations belonging to the parish, he could point to four new churches erected during his brief pastorate. On Aug. 20, 1894, he accepted a call to the Zionsville (Lehigh county) parish, consisting of four congregations. Later, the Zion Hill church was detached from his parish and St. Paul's, Trexlertown, Pa., added. His home church, Zion, Lehigh, near Alburtis, Pa., was also supplied by him from October, 1901, to October, 1903.

On Aug. 12 and 19, 1906, he preached trial sermons in the Shoenersville-Rittersville parish, was elected its pastor and installed Dec. 16, 1906. His labors have resulted in producing a steady growth of the congregations and its auxiliaries, which he assisted in organizing. A summary of his work appears annually in the form of a parish record published for distribution amongst his members.

Late during 1912 the two congregations at Rittersville amicably severed their relations, the Reformed congregation retaining the original church. The Lutherans, under the leadership of their pastor, early in the spring of 1913, began to build the fine church edifice upon a lot they had previously acquired on the main street of the town. The timely completion of the church and the fact that it is nearly paid, are evidence of the ability and popularity of Pastor Ritter among his parishoners.

Rev. Ritter was married to Martha M. Leopold, daughter of Rev. O. Leopold, a former school teacher, also organist of Christ church, Shoenersville and St. Peter's, Rittersville, June 22, 1893. Unto them was born but one daughter, Miriam, married to Prof. James H. Bossard. They reside at Allentown.

JOHN R. ROBERTS.

John R. Roberts, former postmaster at Slatington for nine years, was born July 9, 1844, at

Llanllechid, in Caernarvonshire, North Wales, where he received his education and worked in the slate mines until when he emigrated to the United States. He located at Slatington and worked as a slate-splitter for the Carbon Slate Co. from that time to 1889, part of the time acting as a foreman.

In 1889 Mr. Roberts received the appointment of postmaster at Slatington from President Harrison and served a term of four years; and in 1897 he was given the appointment a second time in appreciation of his previous reliable and successful management of the office from 1889 to 1893, and he continued to fill the office in a most faithful and acceptable manner until his death. He died June 2, 1902. During the interim from 1893 to 1897, Mr. Roberts filled the position of traveling salesman for the Carbon Slate Co., which then carried on the most extensive operations for the production of school-slate in the region of Slatington. In politics he was a zealous and influential Republican for thirty years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Roberts was married to Ellen T. Morris, a daughter of William T. Morris, of New Tripoli, and they had nine children: Margaret (who has been a teacher of Indian schools for twenty years, now at Cherokee, N. C.); Robert (m. Anna Roberts); William (m. Salina Sandbrook); Nellie; Allen (Dean at Lafayette College since 1909); Annie (who died Sept. 1, 1902); Grace (engaged in the millinery business at Slatington since 1910); Stanley (at Norristown); and Lloyd (attending Lafayette College).

The father of Mr. Roberts was Robert R. Roberts, a slate worker, remained in Wales and died in 1900, aged 85 years. He had seven children: John R., William, Richard, Mary, Margaret, Ann and Robert; the first and last two having died. John R. was the only child who emigrated.

Mr. Morris, the father of Mrs. Roberts, was born March 14, 1809, at Waen Wen, in Wales; emigrated to the United States and went to California in 1849. After remaining there about a year he returned to Slatington, where he became engaged in the slate business and continued at it until some years before his death. He died Feb. 1, 1885. His wife was Elinor Roberts, born in 1820 at Cefu Coed, Llandegi, Wales, emigrated with her parents, and died at Slatington in 1852. They had three children: Robert T., William T., and Elinor.

#### OWEN H. ROBERTS.

Howell Roberts, a native of Merionethshire, in North Wales, was born March 29, 1844, and

brought up in the slate region, where he was engaged in slate operations until he emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1882. He located at Slatington and there continued in the same employment for twenty years, until he died Sept. 22, 1902. He was married to Jane Edwards, a native of the same place, daughter of Griffith Edwards. She was born May 23, 1839, and died Jan. 24, 1901. When Mr. Roberts emigrated he took only one son, Owen H., with him. Six months afterward, in September, 1882, the wife and six children followed, who were: Evan H.; Lizzie, J. married John R. Davis; Griffith H.; Robert E.; Howell J., and Maggie A., married Abraham W. Reidy, of Allentown. Evan H. became a distinguished singer and choir leader. In 1901, he led the Slatington male chorus of forty voices at the Buffalo Exposition in competition with the Utica chorus and won the first prize. He resides at Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Roberts and family were members of the Welsh Congregational church, which he served as a deacon for many years.

Owen H. Roberts, the second son, was born at the place mentioned, April 23, 1866. He attended the public schools until he was eleven years old; then he was placed in a slate quarry, where he was employed for five years. In 1882 he accompanied his father to Slatington and continued working in slate operations there for nearly thirty years, until 1910, when he united with Robert J. Roberts, Robert R. Hughes and Wm. R. Jones in forming the partnership of Roberts & Co., to conduct the roofing slate business, and they have traded under this name until the present time. They are now operating the Heimbach quarry. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and in politics is a Republican.

In 1889, Mr. Roberts was married to Hannah Griffith, a daughter of Evan and Gaihnor (Ellis) Griffith from Caernarvonshire, in North Wales; and they had two children. They are also members of the same church, of which he was the choir leader of twelve years.

#### WM. E. ROBERTS.

William E. Roberts, a member of the firm trading under the name of M. J. Roberts Slate Company, at Slatington, was born in Caernarvonshire, Wales, July 5, 1855. He worked in slate operations there until he was eighteen years old, then he emigrated to America and located at Slatington, where he followed the same employment until 1894, when he united with M. J. Roberts, and Hugh J. Roberts in organizing the M. J. Roberts Slate Company, and he has

continued with this company until the present time. In politics, Mr. Roberts is a Republican. He served in the borough council for three years. He is a member of the K. G. E.

Mr Roberts was married to Jane E. Roberts and they had two children: Ellen, wife of Frederick B. Steckel, and John W., publisher of the *Slatington Herald*. Upon the decease of his wife, he was married to Kate O. Jones. They are members of the Welsh Presbyterian church, in which he has taken an active part, serving as deacon and trustee.

In 1904, Mr. Roberts visited his native place in Wales. His parents, William E. and Ellen (Williams) Roberts, lie buried at Llanbarries.

#### ROCKEL FAMILY.

This family was founded in Eastern Pennsylvania by Balser Rockel, who settled in the vicinity of Shoenersville, Northampton county. He and his wife are buried on the old graveyard at Shoenersville, where the inscription upon their tombstones is clearly legible and follows:

Balser Rockel  
Born Nov. 10, 1707  
Died July 9, 1800  
Aged 91 yrs. 8 mos.

Elizabeth Kehler  
(Wife of Balser Rockel)  
Born June 24, 1719  
Died Oct. 16, 1794  
Aged 75 years.

They were the parents of 4 sons and 6 daughters.

John Rockel obtained a warrant Feb. 10, 1755, for 112 acres of land near the river in what is now Washington township. How long before he had settled in the township is not known. Adam Rockel was also in the township in 1755. Casper Peter, Jr., was married to Elizabeth Rockel, his sister.

Among the list of taxables in 1781, was John Ruckel. In 1790, the name John Rockel, heads a family in Heidelberg township and had two sons under sixteen years of age.

In 1812, the following Rockels lived in Heidelberg township and were taxables: Peter; Adam; William and Widow Rockel.

John George Rockel, son of Melchoir and Anna Maria Rockel, was born Feb. 7, 1807.

Henry Rockel, born Aug. 20, 1806, died March 28, 1877. He married Julia McHose. They are buried on Union cemetery at Allentown.

The Rockel homestead is situated near Hoffmans in Washington township. It has been in the Rockel family from a time prior to 1755 until

1886, when it passed to William H. Smith, the present owner. The farm is 114 acres. The main part of the present dwelling house is a log structure, and it is a relic of colonial days. Adam Rockel built a barn on this property in 1809.

Menno Rockel, son of Henry, was married to Polly Schneck and they had these children: El-amanda (Mrs. Calvin Fillman), William H. R., Franklin J., Achilles, Jeremiah A., Oscar B., Anna M. (Mrs. Fred Kocher), and Minnie C. (Mrs. Robert Diehl).

ACHILLES ROCKEL, son of Menno, was born in Fogelsville, Aug. 22, 1872. He received his education in the common schools; he learned the tailoring trade and followed that occupation for seven years. He then engaged in the store business at Rittersville, where he conducted a general store seven years. He then purchased the store at No. 343 North Ninth street, Allentown, where he dealt in green groceries six years, after which he sold the store and fixtures to Mr. Knecht. In 1907 he purchased the store property and fixtures of the Worley estate on Main street, Emaus. There he is enjoying a fine trade in general merchandise.

He married Lillie V., a daughter of John and Catharine (Weiss) Roth, they are members of St. Andrew's Reformed church, at Allentown. John Roth, above-named, son of Conrad and Mary Roth, was born in Upper Saucon township, June 11, 1845, is a miller by trade and followed this business for 35 years, he married Catharine Zellner, and they have two children: Lillie V., (above-named), and Laura (Mrs. John Mebus), their children are: Stanley L.; Florence M., and Carl J. S.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roth live with their son-in-law at Emaus.

Adam Rockel, was a farmer who lived and died in Washington township, Lehigh county. He was married to Catharine Sensinger, and they had three children: Henry, who lived at Schnecksville; John, who lived on the homestead; and George. They were members of the Reformed Church.

George Rockel, the youngest son of Adam, was born July 28, 1809 in North Whitehall township. He owned and operated a farm of 136 acres near Schnecksville. In 1833 he was married to Catharine Remaly, and they had three children: Sallie married David Paff; John E.; and Elizabeth, married William Lodge. They were members of the Unionville church. He died in 1862, aged 53 years. She died at the age of 84 years.

John E. Rockel, son of George, was born Feb.

14, 1841. He was reared on a farm, and carried on a small farm at Laurel Hill, in Whitehall township, from 1866 to 1880; then he moved to Cementon, and followed laboring in that vicinity for many years. In 1865, he was married to Catharine A. Yellis, born Aug. 26, 1839, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Trumbauer) Yellis, of Whitehall township, and they have three children: Martha C., married John Hummel; Emma E., married Harry Strohl; and George T. They are members of the Reformed church at Cementon.

GEORGE T. ROCKEL, son of John E., and a jeweler at Cementon, was born June 14, 1866, at Kreidersville. After receiving his education in the public schools, he learned telegraphy and was in the employ of the L. V. R. R. Co., at Coplay station from 1887 to 1891. Then he went to Texas and after remaining there a year he removed to Denver, Col., when he enlisted as a musician in the band connected with the 7th Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and served 3 years, 3 months. Upon receiving his discharge, he returned to Cementon and engaged in the jewelry business, which he has carried on until the present time. In connection with this business, he has acted as manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office at Cementon since 1909. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1902, he was married to Tillie C., daughter of Aaron and Caroline (Lazarus) Diefenderfer.

#### FRANK C. ROEDER.

Frank C. Roeder, of Allentown, traces his family history to George and Christina (Mensch) Roeder, who were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, Rebecca, Aaron, Catharine, Theresa, George, Abraham, Charles, Edward, William, Franklin, Sally Ann and Maria.

George Roeder married Margaret Freeman. They were the parents of the following children: John A., Henry, Caroline, Rosetta, Phaon F., Samuel T., Joseph A., James B. and Thomas J.

James B. Roeder, son of George, was born in Macungie. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and in Wyoming, Pa. He learned the trade of carriagemaking, which he followed for some time, and subsequently followed teaching in the public schools. For a while he was employed in a store. He was appointed teller of the Second National Bank, of Allentown, which position he filled at the time of his death, June 3, 1897. He was a prominent member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations of Allentown and was also a member of the Livingston Club.

He was married to Mary A. Craig, daughter of Benjamin M. and Matilda (Brobst) Craig. Mrs. Roeder's great-grandfather was General Thomas Craig. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Roeder are: Frank C. and Annie, wife of H. T. Craig, of Lehigh Gap.

Frank C. Roeder, son of James B. and Mary A. (Craig) Roeder, was born at 534 Hamilton street, Allentown, July 27, 1871. He graduated from the Allentown high school in 1887, and from the Allentown Business College in 1888, after which he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the American Steel and Wire Company at Allentown, in whose employ he remained until 1900. The following four years he was bookkeeper for Johnston and Swartz, and from 1905 to 1910 he was again bookkeeper for the American Steel and Wire Company, after which he again became bookkeeper for Johnston and Swartz Company, in which company he has a financial interest and is a director. On Feb. 20, 1902, he was married to Carolina Hellwig, a daughter of Albert and Catharine (Brann) Hellwig, who are natives of the Rheinpfalz, in Bavaria, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Roeder have one child, Augusta A.

#### DR. C. C. ROGER.

Clarence C. Roger, M.D., of 400 East Hamilton street, East Allentown, was born at Hellertown, Pa., March 19, 1887. He was educated in the public schools at Northampton Heights; graduated from the Bethlehem Preparatory School in 1906; later studied in the Medico-Chirurgical College Philadelphia, for two years, then entered the medical department of the Temple University, at Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1910.

Dr. Roger became the physician at Willow Grove Pa., under the supervision of the Rapid Transit Company, Philadelphia, with offices in the Administration Building, at that place. On May 1, 1911, he located at Rittersville, Lehigh county, and on July 1, 1912, established his office at his present address. He is the first physician to move into the Fourteenth Ward, Allentown. He is a member of the Saxon Therapeutic Society, Philadelphia, and the Lehigh County Medical Society. On June 1, 1912, he married Jennie M. Roth, a daughter of William and Mary J. (Serfass) Roth, of Rittersville.

Henry Roger, the father of Dr. C. C. Roger, is a retired merchant, residing at 526 North Main street, Bethlehem, Pa. For twenty years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Northampton Heights. He was one of the incorporators of that borough and served as a

councilman for six years. He and family are Lutherans and he served in the church consistory many years. He married Emma Rentzheimer, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Achey) Rentzheimer. They have these children: Dr. Clarence C., Robert R., Frank F., Bertha M., Martha C., Elmer H. and Chester D.

Jacob Roger, the grandfather of Dr. Roger, was a millwright in East Allen township, and is buried in Snyder's Cemetery in that township. His wife was Caroline Kreiss and they had the following children: Levi, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Carolina, Belinda, Lucy, Henry, Harry, Francis, Tillie (married Isaac Kuntzman), and Oliver, who lives in Ohio. Thomas and Belinda (who was the wife of John Stein) are deceased.

#### ROGERS FAMILY.

The Rogers family is one of the ancient and numerous ones, but many bearers of the name came here since the early settlers. John Rogers, who suffered martyrdom at Smithfield in 1555, left numerous descendants, but owing to the destruction of early records it is a matter of great difficulty to establish connection with generations of the present day. The family under discussion here commences in this country with Patrick Rogers.

Patrick Rogers, who was born in County Mead, Ireland, came to this country with his parents when he was eight years of age. The parents arrived at New York City, and there young Rogers received his education in the public schools. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted from New Jersey, served in the Regular Army for a period of five years. He was a member of J. K. Taylor Post, No. 527, Grand Army of the Republic, and died July 15, 1909. He was a landscape gardener by occupation and laid out the grounds of the Lehigh University. He was also the owner of a fine farm, which he cultivated for market garden purposes. His home for many years was at South Bethlehem. Mr. Rogers married Mary Brady, born in Ireland, and came to this country at the age of six years. They had children: James, a stone mason, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, married Louis P. Vooz; Mary A., died in infancy; Marcella, married Thomas McGovern, an undertaker of South Bethlehem; Eugene, deceased; Mary, died unmarried; John, died at the age of seventeen years; Thomas, died in infancy; Everett J.; William, an undertaker at Phillipsburg, N. J.

EVERETT J. ROGERS, son of Patrick and Mary (Brady) Rogers, was born in South Bethlehem, March 13, 1878. He acquired substantial educational advantages in the public schools which

he left at the age of sixteen years, and was then apprenticed to learn the trade of molding with the Bethlehem Steel Company, with whom he remained ten years. In connection with this work he traveled considerably, spending some time in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Youngstown, altogether a period of fifteen years. He then established himself in the undertaking business with his brother William, an association which lasted two years, then two years with his brother-in-law, Thomas McGovern. With this object in view he located at Catasauqua, where he opened an undertaking establishment at No. 747 Second street, June 15, 1912, and also has a branch office at No. 1330 Newport avenue, Northampton.

Mr. Rogers is an independent voter and is a member of the St. Lawrence Roman Catholic church. He is a treasurer of the Order of Moose, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Columbus and a temperance society. He married, November 4, 1896, Eliza A., a daughter of Patrick and Johanna (Dougherty) Doyle, and they have had children: Eugene, Mary, Thomas, Marcella, Madeline, Elizabeth, Cecelia and Mercedes.

#### ROLLMAN FAMILY.

This family had settled in Cumru township, Berks county, prior to the organization of that county. In the tax list of 1752 appears the name of George Roleman, the pioneer, whose descendants are many, in the different sections of Pennsylvania and throughout the West. The pioneer is probably buried at Sinking Springs. Among his children was a son John George Rollman, born December 16th, 1756; died, June 20th, 1814. His wife, Magdalena, was born November 5th, 1763; died December 1st, 1821. They were blessed with two (2) sons, Peter and Jacob.

Peter Rollman was born May 23rd, 1791. He was a drover and farmer near Wernersville, and later in Tulphehocken township, Berks county. He died near Rehersburg on March 22d, 1859. He had been married to Rebecca Margaretha Fisher, who was born in the year 1795 and died in the year 1869. Their children were, viz.: Elizabeth, Daniel, Samuel, Peter, Benjamin, Pauline, Mary, Catharine, Caroline, Ellen and Rebecca.

Jacob Rollman, son of John George Rollman, was born August 5th, 1795; died May 10th, 1834. His wife, Susanna, *nee* Hill, was born October 14th, 1799; died May 8th, 1832. They had four sons and one daughter, viz.: John, William, Isaac, Darius and Hannah. He was married to a second wife, Susanna, *nee* Weitzel.



William Rollman, the second son of Jacob and Susanna, was a farmer and landowner in Cumru township, and was married to Hettie Buck from the vicinity of Krumsville, and had five children, viz.: Joshua, a farmer and butcher, who lived near the Five Mile House; Henry who succeeded his father on the farm; William and Sallie who both died unmarried; and Molly.

Darius Rollman, the fourth son of Jacob, was born in Spring township, Berks county, September 11th, 1826; died in his native district on his own homestead, on June 3d, 1901. He was a carpenter by trade. He served 9 months as a private of Captain William H. Kintzle's Company A, 167th Regiment of Pennsylvania, Drafted Militia. He was enrolled on the 27th day of October, 1862, and was honorably discharged, with no objection to any re-enlistment, on the 12th day of August, 1863. He had participated in quite a number of battles through the state of Virginia and quite a number of marches, being also engaged in the Battle of Gettysburg. He was wounded in battle and was drafted the second time; but as his services were not required he did not need to serve. He was 5 feet, 8 inches and had a brown complexion, gray eyes and sandy hair. He was married to Rebecca, *nee* Hiester, who was born June 30th, 1827, died March 4, 1896. Both are buried in Sinking Springs Cemetery. They were blessed with ten children, six boys and four girls, viz.: Isaac, Adam, Charles, Darius and Lewis still living and William, Susan, Mary and Evie deceased. Isaac is a miller at Fleetwood; Adam, a farmer and living five miles southeast of Sinking Spring; Charles, a trucker and butcher, living on his own home aside of the old homestead; Darius, a mill worker, living on the old homestead; Lewis, a foreman of Lawrence Portland Cement Co., is living in Cementon, Lehigh county.

Isaac Rollman, was born at Sinking Springs, Berks county, June 17th, 1854. Later his father moved with his family to the homestead two miles northwest of Sinking Spring and from here the children worked on the adjoining farms. At the age of 20 years, Isaac the oldest son went to learn the trade of miller at Wiley's mill in Ontelaunee township on the Ontelaunee Creek, place now known as Glen-Gehry. Later he worked at the milling trade at "Komp's Mill" at the Mill Creek in Maxatawny. Later he was in business for himself at "Kutz's Mill" on the Saucony Creek. Later he was farming on the farm of his father-in-law, Jacob L. Kohler, in Greenwich township. Since 1893 he is working at the milling trade at Fleetwood and is living with his family in Fleetwood since 1895. He married Anna D. Kohler, a daughter of Jacob L.,

and wife Cordelia (Deisher) of Greenwich. She was born, December 3d, 1860. They were blessed with five children, viz.: Cora Agnes, born January 23d, 1881; Alvin Arthur, born October 6th, 1882; Jennie Rebecca, born November 11th, 1883, died January 18th, 1885; Edward William, born July 13th, 1888; and Lizzie Cordelia, born November 21st, 1889.

Cora Agnes, married to Frank B. Carothers, September 15th, 1900; and at present lives in Ogdensburg, N. Y. They have four children, viz.: Lawrence William, born September 19th, 1900; LeRoy Isaac, born January 2d, 1902; Annie May, born December 31st, 1904, and Edward Frank, born November 8th, 1907.

Alvin Arthur, married to Lessie R. Hunley, June 28th, 1905. They are blessed with three children, viz.: Annie Louisa, born August 4th, 1906, and died March 21st, 1907; Raymond Tildon, born February 14th, 1908, and Earnest Weldon, born September 9th, 1911.

#### ROMIG FAMILY.

The Romigs of the Lehigh Valley come from an old Palatine family which originally spelled its name Roemisch, which was later changed into Romich, the way in which John Adam, the progenitor of the American line, wrote his name, but is now mostly spelled Romig. The name indicates Roman origin and it has been suggested that the family descends from a Roman soldier, who perhaps had accompanied Cæsar on one of his expeditions against the Germans or from a soldier stationed at one of the Roman garrisons, who fell in love with a fair Germanic maiden and cast his lot with her people. John Adam Romich, the immediate ancestor of the Romigs of Lehigh county, was born Feb. 3, 1689, at Ruedenstein in the Palatinate, when he was baptized by the local Lutheran pastor. His parents were George Wendel Romich and his wife, Marguerite, *nee* Herner, and were adherents of the Lutheran faith. In 1712, John Adam married Agnes Marguerite Bernhardt and resided in Ittlingen, near Heilbron. This union was blessed with five sons and four daughters, among whom were: Frederick; John Martin; John Henry; Anna Mary, born 1724; Anna Eve; and Margretha.

John Adam Romig and his family came to Pennsylvania in 1732. He and his eldest son, Frederick, took the oath of allegiance Sept. 30, 1732. Shortly after their arrival his wife died. He married the following year, June 19, 1733, Maria Ursula Warner, by Rev. Casper Stoeber. This union was blessed with two sons and three daughters, of whom the two sons and one daughter died in infancy. He died July 11, 1768, and

was buried at Allemangel, Berks county. He was survived at the time of his death by three sons and six daughters, sixty-six grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. He had been reared in the Lutheran faith and at one time had been a *vorsteher*, and was grieved when in 1758 through the influence of Bishop Spangenburg, his son, John Henry, became a member of the Moravian Church. He, however, soon learned to admire the Moravian brethren, attended the synod at Gnadenhütten on the Mahoney, and in 1762 was received by the church at Alleinängel through the influence of Bishop Peter Boehler. It is recorded of him, "that he was kind to those in his employ, was an honored and beloved father in the congregation, and was greatly respected in the neighboring townships."

John Martin Romig, son of John Adam, was born Feb. 23, 1719. He and his wife, Anna Elizabeth, who was born in 1725, were admitted on June 6, 1764, members of the Moravian congregation. They had issue, as follows: Catharine, born Oct. 12, 1752; Jacob, born Nov. 2, 1755; Anna Maria, born Nov. 25, 1757; Magdalena, born Feb. 5, 1760; Anna Elizabeth, born June 30, 1768; and Susanna, born June 22, 1770.

John Heinrich Romig, the third son of John Adam, of whom we have any definite knowledge, was born at Ittlingen, Feb. 15, 1729, and was baptized by the local Lutheran pastor. On Dec. 2, 1754, and he married Hannah Volk. He had the following issue: 1. Frederick, born Sept. 1, 1755; 2. Magdalena, born Jan. 24, 1758; 3. Joseph, born Sept. 5, 1759; Anna Maria, born March 7, 1763. His wife died Oct. 17, 1763, and on the 14th of May the following year, he was married again to the widow, Maria Elisabeth Xander, whose maiden name had been Kiechel. This union was blessed with seven children. He united with the Moravian congregation in Lynn in 1758, and was the first of the family to turn Moravian. When the congregation in Lynn disbanded in 1771, he united with the congregation at Emaus. He died June 29, 1786.

John Adam Romig had three daughters: (1) Anna Mary, born in Ittlingen in 1724. She married Joseph Siegfried, the son of Johannes Siegfried, of Maxatawny, and a brother to Catharine, the wife of her brother Frederick. They resided on the old Siegfried homestead, where she died on Dec. 10, 1806, aged 82 years, 5 months and 28 days. (2) Margaretha, born 1722, and was married in 1741 to Andreas Volck, Jr., who was born in 1721 and resided in Lynn township. (3) Anna Eve was married to George Nungesser. They had two sons: Martin and Peter.

Frederick, the eldest son of John Adam Romig,

was born at Ittlingen, near Heilbron, April 24, 1713, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith. On Christmas, 1737, he was married to Catharine Siegfried, a daughter of John Siegfried and his wife, Elisabeth, one of the first families to settle in the Maxatawny Valley. (See Siegfried Family). She was born in Oley, Berks county, Nov. 14, 1719, was baptized by the Moravian pastor in Lynn, Philip Wuster, March 31, 1755, and was admitted to the holy communion for the first time in 1764. Mr. Romig became a member of the Moravian congregation at Emaus in 1764 and was admitted to the communion for the first time in 1766. Frederick was a farmer and lived for a time in Lynn township but soon removed to Macungie township, where he had patented a tract, March 14, 1742, of over two hundred and fifty acres. This tract lay on both sides of a stream of water adjoining the church lands, that of Mathias Egner, Peter Walbert, and others. He added to this original tract other holdings and became one of Macungie's largest freeholders. He also erected a grist-mill on his property and became far famed as a miller, a trade which many of his descendants later followed. He was an influential man in his community and a faithful member of the Moravian congregation at Emaus. He was the confidential advisor for many of the early settlers and frequently acted as guardian for orphans, among whom was George Zeisloff, whose family had been massacred by the Indians. He died July 6, 1783, and together with his wife, who died Oct. 7, 1793, was buried in the old family burial ground on the old homestead. Mrs. Romig at the time of her death was survived by one hundred and five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. The children of Frederick and Catharine Romig were as follows: John Christian, born Sept. 5, 1738; Joseph, born March 27, 1740; Adam, born Nov. 26, 1741; Elisabeth, born March 17, 1744; Susanna, born July 12, 1745, married Henrich Egner; Frederick, July 22, 1747; Catherine, born Oct. 18, 1748, married to Johannes Knauss; Magdalena, born Sept. 10, 1750, married to Daniel Peter, of Oley; Heinrich, born April, 1752; Anna Maria, born May 31, 1754, married to Samuel Butz; Jacob, born April 15, 1756; Margaretha, born Feb. 25, 1759, married to Peter Butz.

Magdalena Romig, born Sept. 10, 1755, and died July 30, 1820, a daughter of Frederick and Catharine Siegfried Romig, was married in the year 1776 to Daniel Peter, of Oley township, Berks county. He was born Dec. 2, 1747, and died Nov. 25, 1816. He was a son of Abraham Peter and his good wife, Maria, a daughter of Samuel Hoch, of Oley. He had the fol-

lowing children: Marion (1777-1809); Abraham (1779-1824); Catharine (1781-1832), married to Dieder Bachtel; Esther (1782-1860) married to Solomon Breyfogel, and after his decease to his brother George Breyfogel; Susanna, born Nov. 29, 1783, died March 18, 1844, was married to Martin Yoder; and Solomon (1790-1843), resided on the old homestead. Daniel Peter served as a private in the American Revolution in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Reiff, of East Oley. Maria (Hoch) Peter was baptized and at the same time received into membership of the Oley Moravian congregation by Rev. Joseph Spangenberg, April 24, 1757.

Abraham Peter, the father of Daniel, was a son of Engel Peter and his wife, Catharina Har-topfin. They migrated from Soeligen in Germany to Pennsylvania in 1720. Catherine, a daughter of Engel Peter, was born in Soeligen, April 4, 1706, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor there. She was married (1727) to Jacob Börstler, a son of Dewald Börstler and his wife, Maria Catherine. He was born in the township of Fussgenmen in the Upper Palatinate, and came with his parents to Pennsylvania in 1724. They united with the Moravians in 1742.

John Christian Romig, eldest son of Frederick and Catharine (Siegfried) Romig, was born Sept. 5, 1738. He was a farmer in Macungie township, where he died, Nov. 8, 1803. He married, first, Dec. 13, 1763, Benigna Wetzel, who was born Oct. 25, 1743, and died April 15, 1766. They had two children: John, born April 21, died April 25, 1765, aged four days; and Adam, born April 7, 1766. He married, the second time, Feb. 23, 1768, Mary, daughter of Leonard Rothermel. She was born Nov. 2, 1747, and died Aug. 18, 1817. They had twelve children:

1. Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 1768.
2. Frederick, born Feb. 28, 1770, died Aug. 27, 1800, married Catharine Egner.
3. Abraham, born April 1, 1772.
4. Isaac, born June 11, 1774.
5. Jacob, born May 3, 1776, died July 27, 1848, married Judith Egner.
6. John, born Feb. 22, 1779.
7. Leonhard, born April 12, 1782.
8. Magdalena, born April 28, 1784.
9. Maria Catharine, born Dec. 22, 1786, died Dec. 28, 1786.
10. Anna Maria, born April 11, 1788.
11. Philip, born July 6, 1792.
12. Benjamin, born Aug. 29, 1795.

ISAAC ROMIG, the fourth son of John Christian Romig, was born at 3 o'clock, p. m., June 11, 1774, in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He was married to Mary Catharine Schubert, a daughter of George Schubert, who was brought to America by his parents when two years old,

and with them settled in Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, where he died at about the age of eighty years. He was married to Christina Nungesser, who was born in Weisenberg township.

Isaac Romig first lived in Lynn township, in said county, but in the year 1826 moved to near Sparta and Dansville, New York. Some of his children were born in both places of residence, it would seem from different accounts, but it is more than likely all were born in Lehigh county, Pa. His wife, Mary Catharine, and son, John, died October 5th, and himself, Oct. 6, 1840, of typhoid fever, in Springwater township, Livingston county, New York. His sons, Benjamin and Isaac, Jr., being administrators of their estates. As far as known to the writer, Isaac Romig and wife, Mary Catharine, had children, as follows:

(1) Helena, married John Keihle, and had children: Viana, who died unmarried; Lydia, married Joe Sussong, had five children; Joseph, married Alzina O'Neal, had one child; Elizabeth, married James Blake, had children; Jonas, married Mollie Greek.

(2) Elizabeth, married Nathan Fritzinger, had children; Matilda, married Augustus Kane, had children; Frances, married Mary (Bear) Mehler, a widow with three children by her first husband, namely: George, Esther, and Mary, and by last husband one son, Bert; Jonas, married Mary Thatcher, in Buchanan county, Iowa, had three girls and two boys; Daniel, married Eliza Krebs, has two children; Lucinda, married Albert Pletcher, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., where they now live, were married at Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, has three children, two girls and one boy.

(3) Benjamin, wife's name unknown. His baptismal certificate says: "Benjamin Romig, born Oct. 19, 1803, in Macungie township, Lehigh county, Pa. Baptised by Rev. Mr. Helfrich. The witnesses thereto requested were the grandparents, George Schubert and his wife, Christina, and gave him the name as stated. The father is Isaac Romig and his wife Catharine." Benjamin Romig and wife had children: John, born Jan. 12, 1834; Abraham, born April 14, 1836; Maria, born May 25, 1838, and died April 25, 1841; Benjamin, born Jan. 21, 1840; Clarissa, born Nov. 7, 1844; William Henry, born Dec. 28, 1846; Samuel, born Feb. 10, 1842.

Benjamin Romig moved with his family from Livingston county, N. Y., to a farm near Ann Arbor, Michigan, where all lived for some years, and Samuel attended the University of Michigan, and graduated in medicine, and practiced in Iona, Mich., and is now located in Chicago, Ill.

Clarissa, married a man by name of Campbell, and lives about three miles from Ann Arbor, has several children, sons and daughters. Two of the sons of Benjamin Romig were in the Federal army, in the "War Between the States," in 1861-1865.

(4) Daniel, married Elizabeth Cooter, had children: Laura, married; Aaron, unmarried; Malvina, married in Buchanan county, Iowa.

(5) Jonas, was twice married. First wife, Rebecca Cooter, a sister of his brother Daniel's wife, who deceased, and then he married, second, Catharine (Naylor) Steinbrook, a widow. Had children by first wife: Samuel, married and lives in West; Maria, married John Jackson; Ellen, married Frederick Reiterman, had children; Joseph, married in Oregon. By his second wife had children, sons: Ollie and Dally.

(6) Isaac Romig, Jr., the son of Isaac Romig, the 4th son of John Christian Romig and his second wife, Maria (Rothermel) Romig, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., on March 26, 1814. Moved with his parents to Springwater township, Livingston county, New York, and lived in that county until after marriage. He learned the carpenter trade, built him a home in Dansville, N. Y., and here he was married to Elizabeth Young, on March 13, 1842. Elizabeth Young was born in Northumberland county, Pa., Aug. 8, 1823. She was a daughter of Jacob (possibly Henry, or Jacob Henry) Young, and Catharine Strong (Williamson) Young, who was a daughter of Sarah (Richey) Williamson, and Jacob Williamson, her husband.

Isaac Romig, Jr., and wife, with a baby son, Henry H., moved from Livingston county, N. Y., about the year 1843, and settled in Richfield, Washington county, Wisconsin territory. Here he purchased land and began the work of making him a home. He proved the fore-runner for many more of his relatives and friends, for soon he was joined by his brothers, Daniel and Jonas, and sister Elizabeth and husband, Nathan Fritzing, as well as cousins, and later his wife's only sister, Sarah Ann. Here all his children were born, and some time afterwards with his wife and family moved to Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, where he farmed for a while, then engaged in the mercantile business until age and infirmity compelled his retirement from its activities. He associated with him the last few years his son, James, who later purchased all interest in the store stock, and later sold it to Edwards & McDonald, of Independence, Iowa. He deceased in May, 1889, at Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, a highly respected Christian gentleman, leaving his wife and five children.

There were born to Isaac Romig, Jr., and his

wife, Elizabeth, in addition to the son, Henry H., before mentioned, Harriet, who was born July 11, 1845, in Richfield township, Washington county, Wisconsin territory. On Dec. 24, 1863, she was married to Hiram Smith Van Buren, a native of New York, but had taken up his residence in Waterloo, Iowa, where he was engaged in the grocery business. To this union were born: Mary E., born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1866, who married George H. Mehler, Sept. 5, 1888. One child was born to her, Hazel Mehler, who with her father lives in Galesburg, Ill. The mother, Mary E. (Van Buren) Mehler, deceased at Galesburg, Ill., in 1912.

Two sons were also born to Harriet E.: Charles, unmarried, and living with his mother near Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa; Clinton, married, and living in Iowa, married to Dillie Daubagh.

Mary Ann, born in Wisconsin on April 14, 1847, and was married to Henry Fouts, in Jefferson township, Buchanan county, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1867. To this union were born two children: Merritt O., who is cashier of the Commercial State Bank, of Independence, Iowa. He married Miss May Chapman, in that county, and have children: son, John; daughter, Mildred. Clara, married John Elliott, at Brandon, Iowa, and now lives on a farm near that village. She has children, sons: Elzy, Robert and Merritt.

James M., born in Wisconsin, May, 29, 1849. Married Sarah L. Newcomb at Independence, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1870. To this union were born Myron LaMont, who married Miss Grace Curtis, at Independence, Iowa, and have a son, Ronald, and now live in Moscow, Idaho; Frank G., married, and now lives in Seattle, Wash.; Lyman N., unmarried, living in Independence, Iowa; Etta M., married Rev. T. H. Hall, and lives in Des Moines, Iowa, has child, Rob Roy, married and lives in Moscow, Idaho, has child.

Pearl; daughter, deceased when nine years old.

James M. Romig, engaged with his father in the mercantile business, in Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, and after building up a large general store, purchased the entire stock, and after some years sold it to Edwards & McDonald, of Independence, Iowa, a firm that had a large store in Independence, and other branch stores, the junior member of which, Alexander T. McDonald, afterwards married James's sister, Clara M., who now lives in Independence, Iowa.

James M. Romig, deceased at Independence, Iowa, July 7, 1912.

Malinda, born in Wisconsin, Nov. 12, 1853, married to Wiley M. Kear, at Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, June 17, 1879. To this union were born seven children, the youngest,

Thomas W., deceased when a few hours old. Carleton Romig Kear, when in his sixteenth year, entered the United States Naval Academy in June, 1896, and while taking his course, served on the converted yacht Hawk, during the Spanish-American War. He graduated with his class, standing fifth, and has continued in the service since, and went with the battleship fleet around the world. He is now a lieut. commander and stationed at present on the United States Naval Station, Cavite, P. I. On March 21, 1910, at Annapolis, Md., while holding a position in the Academy, married Miss Eleanor Dent Pettit, a daughter of the late Colonel James S. Pettit, U. S. A., and a granddaughter of the late Major Alexander Sharp, U. S. A., her mother being a niece of Mrs. U. S. Grant, wife of the ex-president of the United States.

Helen L., a daughter, a graduate of O. W. U., Delaware, Ohio, and late head of the Powhattan Institute, Belona, Va., a school for girls. Roy Donald, in business with his father, Washington, D. C. Paul Winfred, who graduated in high school of Van Wert, Ohio, took one term in Michigan University, and graduated from the University of Virginia, taking the law course, and is practicing law with the law firm of Jeffreys, Wolcott, Wolcott and Lankford, Norfolk, Va., married to Gertrude Myers, no children. Harry Alexander, unmarried, and in business with his father, Washington, D. C.

WILEY M. KEAR, husband of Malinda (Romig) Kear, is a son of Thomas Reed Kear and wife, Catharine (Frisinger) Kear. Was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on April 22, 1851, lived in that city over fifty-five years of his life. While visiting a sister in Iowa, met his wife and was married six years after in Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa. For more than forty years has been to some extent engaged in the real estate and loaning business, having for his mother laid out and had plotted "Kear's Addition to the Town of Van Wert," and after selling off the lots, afterwards on the first day of January, 1879, entered the recorder's office of that county as deputy recorder for his brother-in-law, William P. Wolcott, who took the office at that time as recorder. He filled this position for four years at the same time giving his attention to the real estate and loaning business. In 1884, he entered the office of Saltzgabber & Glenn, a prominent law firm, and took over their real estate business, and remained in said office for more than twenty-five years, continuously, with Hon. H. C. Glenn, and other members of the firm, taken in from time to time. The first several years, with Hon. G. M. Saltzgabber, a former state senator, and most able lawyer, and at this time Commissioner

of Pensions, by appointment of President Wilson. In 1909, moved to Washington, D. C., and began purchasing and selling real estate, and still continues in same.

Thomas Reed Kear, father of Wiley M. Kear, was born in Ann Arundel county, Maryland, April 27, 1806. He was a son of John Kear and Mary (Reed) Kear, his ancestry being English and Scotch. His father, John Kear, was a private in Captain William Holt's Company, Eighth Regt., Virginia Militia, War 1812-1815. His mother, Mary (Reed) Kear, was a native of Maryland, and had two brothers that built one of the first brick blocks in the city of Baltimore and at the time known as "Reed Block." The Reed family were among the early settlers in that city, and were engaged in shipbuilding and merchants with their own ships carrying merchandise to and from different countries and from Baltimore to New Orleans and return.

On April 29, 1829, in Champaign county, Ohio, Thomas Reed Kear was married to Catharine Frisinger (See Marriage Record "B" on page 223, Probate Judge's Office). She was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, April 12, 1912. She was a daughter of Peter Frisinger and Catharine (Aker-German, Eker) Frisinger. Peter Frisinger, her father, served as a private in Captain Christopher Morris' company of light infantry, Fourth Regt., of Virginia Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Wooding and Lieut. Col. Huston, War 1812-1815. He died in the service on Jan. 4, 1815. Her mother was Catharine Aker (German, Eker) a daughter of John Aker, who, by his descendants is called both John and Henry, from which fact it may be inferred that his name was John Henry Aker. He descended from an old family in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia, many of whom served in many capacities in the Revolutionary War, and some of them living in Berks, Lancaster and York counties, Pennsylvania.

For a more extended history of the Kear family, see "The History of Van Wert and Mercer Counties, Ohio," and "Gilliland's History and Biography of Van Wert County, Ohio," printed and published by Richmond & Arnold, Chicago, Ill.

Clara Marilla, born in Wisconsin, Nov. 13, 1856. Married at Van Wert, Ohio, while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Kear, to Alexander T. McDonald, a resident of Independence, Iowa, where they still reside, he being a retired merchant. No children blessed this union.

Henry H., the eldest child of Isaac, Jr., and Elizabeth (Young) Romig, was a private in Co. C, 27th Regt., Iowa Volunteers. He died from



a gun-shot wound on May 21, 1864, at Memphis, Tenn.

Elizabeth (Young) Romig, wife of Isaac Romig, Jr., was born in Northumberland county, Penna., Aug. 8, 1824, and when a child but two years old, lost both her parents, the father's death preceding the mother, who left a second child, a daughter, of three months old. These two children, Elizabeth and Sarah Ann Young, had a guardian appointed for them, who was Joseph Copler, as near as can be made out from an old court order, which reads as follows:

"In Surrogate Court, Nov. 4, 1826. Supposed to be in Livingston county, N. Y. Ordered and Decreed, that Jas. H. McNain and Charles W. Rosebaugh, pay to Joseph Copler, Guardian of Elizabeth Young and Sarah Ann Young, One Hundred and Forty-one Dollars."

Some of the records give the birthplace of these children as Dansville, N. Y. A family of five sisters, two married, Polly Knetrouer and Catharine Hartman, took these children and brought them up to womanhood, Polly Knetrouer taking Elizabeth, and Catharine Hartman Sarah Ann. The families that took these girls lived in Pennsylvania, they with other friends and relatives went by water from Buffalo, N. Y., to Wilwaukee, Wis., and later to Richfield, about the years 1839 or 1840. If the girls accompanied them, they must have returned to New York state, for here Elizabeth was married to Isaac Romig, Jr., on March 13, 1832, and old letters from relatives show that Sarah Ann was in Sparta, N. Y., in 1844. However, in 1847, Sarah Ann was married to Thomas Pilgrim, presumably at Menominee Falls, Wis., where they resided until the death of the husband in 1848, leaving the widow and a baby boy three months old, named Thomas J., who grew to manhood and is still living in that city, though out of it for some length of time as a child. Sarah Ann married a second husband, Lewis Knebus, and moved to Richfield township, just across the road from where her sister and husband had moved. Later she and her husband moved to Batavia, Sheboygan county, Wis., in 1859. Here she lived until her decease, May 10, 1887, leaving her husband, son by first husband, and two sons and three daughters by the second marriage. In the old Bible of Jacob Young is found the following data:

"Sarah Richey was born Oct. 19, 1774.

"Jacob Williamson was born the 6th day of February, 1772.

"Jacob Williamson and Sarah Richey was married Dec. 11, 1796.

"James Williamson was born Oct. 5, 1797.

"William Williamson was born Sept. 26, 1799.

"Mary Anderson Williamson was born Nov. 1, 1802.

"Catharine Strong Williamson was born Jan. 30, 1805.

"Rebecca Williamson was born the 4th of May, 1807.

"John Richey Williamson was born July 6, 1811.

"Nancy Ann Williamson was born June 1, 1814."

John Romig, sixth son of John Christian, was born Feb. 22, 1779. He was confirmed by Rev. Dechant and became a farmer in Lower Macungie, where he died May 12, 1862. He married, Nov. 22, 1810, Maria Larash, who was born Jan. 21, 1792, and died March 3, 1872. They had eight children:

1. Amos, born Aug. 14, died Oct. 22, 1811.

2. Marietta, born June 4, 1813, married Charles Erb.

3. Philip, born June 29, 1816.

4. Aaron, born Sept. 2, 1818, married Margaret Stopp.

5. Augustus, born April 27, 1821.

6. Susanna, born Feb. 4, 1828, died April 14, 1858, married, 1849, George Neitz.

7. Anna Maria, born May 13, 1833, married Henry Mill.

8. John Frederick, born May 13, 1833, married Susan Bear.

Augustus Romig, son of John, was born in Lower Macungie in 1821, where he was a tailor. He was a member of the Reformed congregation at Lehigh church and when in later years living in Allentown, of Zion Reformed church.

He married Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Snyder) Bear. They had eight children:

1. Mary E., born 1847, died 1848; 2. Anna Maria Catharine, born July 4, 1849, died in 1911, married Charles Ziegenfus; 3. George G., born and died in 1852; 4. Franklin R., born and died in 1856; 5. Aaron J., born Feb. 1, 1858, died Dec. 26, 1885, married Josephine Seip and had a daughter, Beulah, married George Schuler; 6. John Harvey; 7. Oscar J., born and died in 1866; 8. Eda Tabitha, born April 7, 1871, died Nov. 23, 1887.

J. HARVEY ROMIG, senior member of the firm of Romig & Bear, tombstone cutters of Allentown, Pa., was born in Lower Macungie, June 17, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at the age of 15 years learned the trade of stone cutting, continuing in that profession as journeyman in Macungie for one year. In 1880, he came to Allentown and entered the employ of Romig Brothers, tombstone cutters, located at Ninth and Linden streets, continuing with them in the position of journey-

man for thirteen years. The firm of Romig Bros. was succeeded by R. H. Kram, and J. Harvey Romig continued in his service until 1897, when he engaged in business with William F. Romig, a member of the firm of Romig Bros., under the firm name of Romig & Romig, and locating at 225 North Tenth street, where the business was conducted until 1906, when the present firm was organized and continues to the present time. Mr. Romig is a widely experienced marble and granite worker and erected thousands of tombstones in the course of his experience. The firm of Romig & Bear are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Romig is a member of Constantine Lodge, No. 1113, I. O. O. F., of Allentown; Camp No. 406, P. O. S. of A.; Knights of the Mystic Chain, No. 149; and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.

Mr. Romig and his family are members of Zion Reformed church of Allentown, and for nine years Mr. Romig served as a member of the consistory, having been a teacher and active worker in the Sunday school for many years.

On Nov. 11, 1882, he was married to Ida Butz, daughter of Manasses and Eliza (Wenner) Butz. Their children are: William H., who married Margaret Hayd; Eliza L., who married Stanley Ziegenfus, of Palmerton; Harry E., who died at an early age; Edgar F., a graduate of Allentown high school, a student of Muhlenberg College for three years, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1911, and a member of A. T. O. Fraternity; Stanley B., who died in his 7th year; Harold J.; Edith, who died in her 4th year; and Iva B. Edgar F. Romig attended Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University and is now a teacher at the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, Syria.

Joseph Romig, second son of Frederick and Catharine (Siegfried) Romig, was born March 27, 1740. He resided in Macungie township upon his father's land until about 1778. He and his wife, Anna, had several children, among them Joseph, born Feb. 10, 1771; and Maria Catharine, born 1774. The following document, found among the Romig family papers, shows Joseph Romig's situation in the Revolutionary period:

#### MEMORANDUM.

##### *Concerning the Case of Joseph Romig.*

Joseph Romig, before and at the Beginning of the late War, lived reputably with his Family upon a Tract of Land in Macungie Township in the County of Northampton, which Land belonged to his Father Frederick Romig, who had permitted him to live upon and cultivate the same, in the same Manner as he had given other Parts of his Lands to other of his sons, but the Property always remained

in him the father, which he never conveyed or alienated or intended to convey during his life.

In the years of 1778 and 1779 Joseph Romig having many Enemies in his Neighborhood, was accused of being inimical to the War against Britain, and charged with Sundry Crimes, and although his Innocence was clearly proved, John Wetzel, then Lieutenant of the County of Northampton persecuted him with unrelenting Perseverance, so that he was obliged to leave home and retire behind the Blue mountains, where he led a miserable Life for some time, but returning home and it being known, Mr. Wetzel sent a Guard to bring him dead or alive, which order has been proved before Magistrates. Joseph hearing of it and wishing to retire, had the Misfortune to meet with his Pursuers and to wound one of the Guards so sent after him (who was afterwards cured) and this made it necessary for him to abscond. In going towards the Army he was with some others taken Prisoner by a Party of the English near the Billet and brought to Philadelphia. There he was frequently importuned to enlist in a Volunteer or other Corps but constantly refused, declaring it as his Resolution not to fight for either Party.

This stay in Philadelphia, as the only time, he was with the British was six weeks, after which time he returned homeward, but knowing that his death was determined upon he was obliged to lead a very wretched life in the Woods, only seeing his wife and children now and then in the night time and during two Years following earned a precarious subsistence among his Acquaintances in Bucks, Berks, and Philadelphia Counties, by making plows, etc. In the following Years lived openly and unmolested with his Brother Adam Romig, and finding no other Possibility of Subsisting his Family, in the Spring of 1788 removed to Niagara, from whence he returned in December, 1789.

During his stay in Philadelphia in 1779, Joseph Romig was informed that his Property would be confiscated which was done accordingly. But when Stephen Balliet, then Commissioner of the confiscated Estates proceeded to sell the Plantation whereon Joseph had lived, he was forewarned that it was not the property of Joseph, but the absolute Property of Frederick the Father, and was never alienated nor intended to be so, and that the said Frederick then lived in the county, upon his other Lands, unimpeached and as a peaceable citizen; yet by the order, Suggestion and Oath of John Wetzel, (as Joseph has been told) the Land was sold to one Patterson and others and the wife and Family of Joseph were driven out and took refuge by his Brother John Romig, where they remained two years and afterward removed to Adam Romig as aforesaid.

(1) After the Decease of the Said Frederick Romig the Father, it appeared by his Last will and Testament dated April 19, 1783, that the same Lands which were so confiscated as the Property of Joseph were by the Father devised, as his Property, to his said Son Joseph Romig his Heirs and Assigns for ever. This will has been proved in the Register's Office and letters of Administration granted to the Executor, who finding the Land so devised to Joseph to be only Warranted Land, applied for Patents for the same for and in the name of the said Joseph Romig.

(2) The Executors did not get the patents, but they paid for the Land and have since paid the Taxes.

(3) It appears that the Executors have commenced a Suit in the Supreme Court of Philadelphia for the Recovery of the Property and to obtain possession of it, and have employed Mr. Lewis as their attorney, but it seems that is yet pending.

(4) Joseph Romig wishes to be advised in what manner he may proceed with Probability of Success. Macungie, July 15, 1790.

John Adam Romig, third son of Frederick and Catharina (Siegfried) Romig, was born Nov. 27, 1741. He was a miller and farmer and removed from Macungie township to Upper Saucon about 1770. He died Sept. 27, 1798, and is buried at Friedensville church. In his will, dated April 17, 1797, he bequeathed his wife the interest of £300, the eldest son  $1\frac{1}{4}$  shares, each of the other sons,  $1\frac{1}{8}$  shares, and each daughter, one share, of his estate. The mill in Upper Saucon, with 53 acres of land, was to be offered to his son, John, another tract to his son, Samuel, the tan-yard, dwelling house and one-half of the Kneppley place to his son, John Adam, the other half to Daniel and the mill and tract in Whitehall to his son, Peter. The Upper Saucon mill was located at what is now Centre Valley. John Adam Romig married, first, Catharine, daughter of Peter and Barbara Butz. She died about 1779. They had six children:

1. John, born Dec. 23, 1768. 2. Peter, born June 28, 1770. 3. Jacob, born March 5, 1776, died April 16, 1773. 4. Catharine, born March 19, 1774, died May 15, 1856, married Jacob Erdman. 5. John Adam, born Feb. 27, 1776. 6. Barbara, born March 25, 1778, died December, 1854, married Anthony Eschbach.

John Adam Romig married, second, Elizabeth Barbara, daughter of Frederick Newhard, of Whitehall township. She was born April 3, 1753, and died July 24, 1838. They had nine children: 1. Elizabeth, born Nov. 6, 1781, died Sept. 12, 1861, married John Henry Wint. 2. Jacob, born Nov. 17, 1782, died Aug. 29, 1801. 3. Susanna, born March 16, 1784, died Oct. 29, 1869, married John J. Mory. 4. Magdalena. 5. Anna Eva, born May 15, 1787, died Oct. 14, 1822, married, April 21, 1822, Jacob Newhard. 6. Daniel, born July 27, 1789. 7. Sarah, born May 21, 1791, died Dec. 3, 1876, married Hon. Peter Newhard, congressman from Lehigh county. 8. Samuel, who died at Lockport, N. Y. 9. Thomas.

John Romig, eldest son of John Adam, was born Dec. 23, 1768, and died at Allentown, July 28, 1850. He was a farmer and miller and removed from Upper Saucon to Allentown in 1819 and there operated a grist-mill with Christian Pretz. He was a director of the old Northampton Bank and a member of the Reformed Church. He married, first, Hannah Koehler,

who was born Feb. 18, 1780, and died Aug. 26, 1826. They had seven children. He married, second, Christina, widow of Solomon Gutekunst. She was born Dec. 5, 1782, and died July 25, 1832. He married, third, Susanna, widow of John Rieb, a daughter of George Jacob Newhard. She was born Oct. 20, 1779, and died Aug. 24, 1854. John Romig's children were: Peter, who died in 1824; Dr. John; Rebecca, married William Craig; Judith, died young; Mary A., married Thomas Barber; Charles, died aged 16 years; and Dr. William J., born 1821, died 1883, who had sons: Albert and Alfred.

Dr. John Romig was born in Upper Saucon in 1804, attended a Mennonite school, read medicine with Dr. William Baum, of Reading, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1825. He located at Fogelsville for four years, when he married Eliza Fogel, who died in 1829. He removed to Allentown in 1830 and married Matilda, daughter of Dr. Charles H. Martin. In 1834 he became one of the faculty of the Homeopathic College at Allentown, serving until 1838, when he removed to Baltimore, Md., where he remained until 1840, when he returned to Allentown and continued in active practice at 533 Hamilton street until his death, Feb. 5, 1885. He was active in the militia and rose to the rank of colonel and was an elder of the Presbyterian Church. He had nineteen children, a number of whom died in childhood. The children surviving were: Eliza R., married Edmond J. More, Esq., and had a daughter, Matilda R.; Prof. John I., a noted musician, educated at the Pennsylvania Institute of the Blind; Hannah L., married (first) Cyrus B. May, died 1876, and had a daughter, Edith R., born 1867, died 1900, and (second) Joshua Hunt, died 1886; Dr. William H., born 1846, died 1884, graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1867, married Mary L., daughter of Jesse Line, and had two daughters: Jessie L., married Thomas Foley; and Christine L.; Dr. George M., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1868; Matilda; and Anna J., married Joseph Hunt.

Peter Romig, second son of John Adam, was born June 28, 1770, in Upper Saucon, and died Aug. 9, 1844, in North Whitehall. He was a miller and blacksmith and in 1790 removed to North Whitehall, where his father had purchased a tract of land along the Coplay creek and erected a grist-mill of stone. This was torn down in 1826 and a stone mill still standing, but no longer operated, was erected. Peter Romig also built a saw-mill here, which he bequeathed to his son, John, with a larger portion of the land, and the

grist-mill and 17 acres to his son, Peter. Peter Romig was a man of wonderful strength and it is said he was able to lift an anvil with his little finger. He married Johanna Jacob, who was born May 17, 1773, and died Aug. 4, 1847. They are buried at Unionville. They had two sons: Peter and John. John was born Aug. 17, 1811, and died Jan. 21, 1887. He married Abigail Miller, born Aug. 17, 1813, died Sept. 20, 1893.

Peter Romig, son of Peter, was born in North Whitehall, Aug. 7, 1797, and died June 27, 1868. He conducted the grist-mill for many years, and about 1842 purchased a Neumoyer mill and 80 acres in Lower Macungie along the Little Lehigh, which he operated some years, but returned to North Whitehall and lived retired in a brick house he built near Romig's Mill. He was elected county commissioner as a Democrat in 1843, re-elected in 1846, elected poor director in 1853, and was also school director. He married, first, Oct. 25, 1818, Salome, daughter of George Wenner. She was born Dec. 17, 1799, died Aug. 4, 1847, and is buried at Salisbury church. They had 13 children. He married, second, Anna Hausman, widow of John Xander, born Feb. 10, 1808, died April 2, 1893. They had no children. Peter Romig's children were: 1. Owen, born Sept. 3, 1819. 2. Mary A., born Jan. 12, 1821, married (first) Jacob Koons, and (second) Major Thomas Ruch. 3. Hannah, born Sept. 25, 1822. 4. Serena, born Sept. 18, 1824. 5. Reuben, born Aug. 24, 1826, died April 7, 1901, in Lower Macungie. 6. Charles, born Oct. 2, 1828, who lived in Lower Macungie. 7. Catharine, born Oct. 20, 1830, died May 22, 1870, married Owen Laudenslager. 8. Fianna S., born Oct. 29, 1829, married Tilghman Reinsmith. 9. Alfred P. L., born Feb. 5, 1835, died Dec. 9, 1885, in Indiana. 10. Edmund H., born March 13, 1837, died April 30, 1903, a miller in Lower Macungie, who had children: Morris, and Mrs. John Bieber. 11. Samuel W. E., born July 13, 1839, who died in Macungie. 12. James F. W., born March 31, 1841, now in a soldier's home. 13. Amanda L., born Aug. 3, 1843, married Thomas F. Good, formerly of North Whitehall, later of Allentown.

Owen Romich, eldest son of Peter, Jr., was born Sept. 3, 1819. He attended school until the age of ten, when he began working in his father's mill, which he was capable of managing four years later. In 1844 he leased the mill and conducted it for himself, as well as the farm, both of which he operated until 1863, when he removed to Catasauqua and engaged in the general store business. He died at Catasauqua, Oct. 4, 1894. He was a member and elder of the Reformed

Church and in politics a Democrat. He married, April 19, 1840, Magdalena, daughter of Joseph Kern. She was born Feb. 14, 1819, and died Oct. 6, 1897.

HENRY P. K. ROMICH, a farmer and resident of Egypt, son of Owen Romich, was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 25, 1840. He was educated in the schools of North Whitehall and of Pottsville and spent his youth on the Romig farm. He learned the milling business at the age of seventeen and operated the Romig mill in partnership with his father from 1863 to 1896, when he removed to Egypt, where he owns a farm along the Coplay creek. He was elected a member of the school board of North Whitehall as a Democrat and re-elected for two terms, when he was elected township auditor. After serving this office three years, he was re-elected to the school board for six consecutive years and served six years as secretary. He is a member of the Reformed Church. He married, Feb. 25, 1865, Ellen J., daughter of Aaron and Clarissa (Tice) Kachline. They had two children: Clara P.; and Mabel E., who died, unmarried, Aug. 8, 1907, aged 24 years.

Frederick Romig, son of Frederick, and grandson of John Adam, was born July 22, 1747, and was married to Catherine Dreher, a German Moravian lady. Among their children was a son, Peter, who was married twice and had eleven children: By first wife: Joseph, a farmer, who died in Maple Grove, Berks county, Pa.; Hettie, who married William Lattimore, a Yankee, who sold the old kind of wooden clocks, travelling from house to house, and who was buried in the Egypt cemetery; Reuben, was born Oct. 3, 1809, in Lower Macungie township, at Romig's Gass, married Anna Hiskey, daughter of John Hiskey, was a tailor, and died Oct. 9, 1876, and was buried in the U. B. cemetery at East Texas; Hannah, married Jacob Schankweiler, died and was buried in Seneca county, Ohio; Jacob, married Mary Ann Stahl, a sister of Charles Stahl, who fifty years ago was a well-known crock manufacturer at Powder Valley, Pa. Jacob Romig was buried in Cedarville Evangelical cemetery; Peter, Jr., was a carpenter, married Julia Stephen, and was buried at Trexlertown; Nathan, married Hettie Sassaman, was a carpenter, a member of the U. B. Church, and was buried at East Texas. By his second wife Peter Romig had: Annetta, who married Daniel Ritter, and was buried at Salisbury church; Amelia, married Joseph Schaeffer, and was buried at Cedarville Reformed church cemetery; Priscilla, married William Yeager, the founder of the furniture factory in the Twelfth ward of Allentown, and was buried in Fairview ceme-

tery, at Allentown; Clementina, married Abraham Diefenderfer and was buried at Trexler-town.

Joseph Romig, son of Peter Romig, Sr., was married twice and had five children: Joseph L., James, Charles, William, and Mary. She died in Iowa.

Joseph L. Romig was first married to Elizabeth Gehman, their issue being four sons: the first two died in infancy, the other two were: Henry Horace and J. Oscar, and both became ministers. Their mother died Aug. 31, 1866, and their father Jan. 12, 1869. Both are buried in the cemetery of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church, Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, Pa. Joseph L. Romig's second wife had been Anna Gottschalk, who survives, no issue. He was a carpenter, also taught school, and was one of the first preachers of the afore-named church, with a few others, assisting Rev. William Gehman, the founder, in the organization of the denomination.

HENRY HORACE ROMIG, son of Joseph L. Romig, was born March 22, 1864, near Vera Cruz, Lehigh county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Upper Milford township; also, when a boy, attended a summer school at Dillingersville, in Lower Milford township, taught by John Bitting. This school was sustained through the bequest of a public spirited citizen and friend of education. When six years of age, Henry Horace Romig was adopted by Alfred D. Romig and wife, Amanda, who had no children and in whose home he received a good Christian training. In his youth he worked on the farm mostly. The guardian appointed for him was the late Rev. Abraham Kauffman, of Upper Milford township, who furnished money for the education of his ward from funds on interest until his majority. From January, 1881, till the fall of the same year he attended the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., while Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, now state superintendent, was the principal. That fall he obtained his first provisional teacher's certificate from Prof. David S. Keck, county superintendent of the Berks county public schools. He successfully taught his first term at Seisholtzville, Pa. Afterwards he continued his education at Schuylkill Seminary, Reading, Pa., graduating as valedictorian of his class in 1883, in the English scientific course. Then he taught in one of the First ward school buildings, Allentown, Pa., and during the same term also teaching in the night school of the Sixth ward. Later re-entering Schuylkill Seminary but staying only a short time, he went to Philadelphia and graduated, Jan. 9, 1885, in Haven's College of Practical Phonography and Typewriting. For a time he was

stenographer for R. W. Davenport, superintendent of the Midvale Steel Works, Nicetown, Philadelphia. He was married to Miss Alavesta Musselman, of Coopersburg, Pa., who died Nov. 19, 1886, a little less than a year after marriage, leaving a child (Alavesta) only a day old. For several years he was stenographer and bookkeeper for J. S. Harley, harness manufacturer at Quakertown, Pa. During a vacation he took his second trip to Michigan and Kansas. Eight months after his return, he married, May 26, 1888, Miss Rosie E. Jacobs, of Temple, Berks county, Pa. On their wedding day they started house-keeping in a new home at Allentown. While here Mr. Romig taught these schools: Vera Cruz secondary; Ortt's, in Upper Milford township; Ritters and Fairview, in Salisbury township. In 1891, he entered the ministry of the Evangelical Association, serving at the following places: Orwigsburg, Trappe, Phoenixville, Williamstown, Shenandoah, Brush Valley, New Columbia, and Jarrettsville, Md. Later he was pastor of Manor circuit while living at Millersville, Pa. Returning to Allentown, he taught school again at Yost's and Wilbur's, Salisbury township, and in Cementon, Whitehall township. For two years he was pastor of Bethany United Evangelical church, Bethlehem, Pa., and then taught school again, for the second time Yost's, and then Keiper's grammar school in Hanover township, where he is now teaching his third term. He holds a professional teacher's certificate, obtaining same after taking a Saturday course at Muhlenberg College. He frequently preaches for pastors of various denominations, has written for periodicals, and is the author of a book entitled, "Another Bob." The issue by second marriage are these: Joseph V., born Feb. 14, 1899, a machinist; Paul C., born Nov. 28, 1890, a bookkeeper in the Philadelphia navy yard; Earl J., born April 25, 1893, a clerk in the office of the American Steel & Wire Company, at Allentown; Ruth E., born Jan. 22, 1895; Raymond A., a stenographer in the office of the Yeager Furniture Company; Ellen Naomi, born Sept. 11, 1899; and Walter W., born Feb. 1, 1903.

Edwin H. Romig, son of Joseph Romig, was born Nov. 26, 1842, died Jan. 30, 1912. He lived at Cedarville and was by trade a miller. He was a member of the Evangelical church at Wescoesville, which he served in the various offices. He was buried in the church cemetery. He married, March 19, 1864, Lydia Ann Dorney. Issue: Augustus W.; Charles W.; Edwin J.; and Mary, who married James Dorney.

Augustus W. Romig, eldest son of Edwin H. and Lydia A. (Dorney) Romig, was born Aug. 22, 1862, at Dorneysville, South Whitehall town-



ship. He was educated in the public schools and at the Allentown Business College. In his young manhood he learned the baker's trade at Allentown, and subsequently the distillery business. In 1885, he joined his father and learned the milling business. A partnership was then formed with his father and brother, Edwin J., under the name of E. H. Romig & Sons, so continuing about five years, when his father and brother retired from the firm. Mr. Romig continued the business alone for about ten years. He then was engaged for about five years in duck raising at Wescoesville, then for the succeeding five years he followed agriculture at Eckert's. He then again operated the mill for one year and at the end of this period, his brother, Edwin J., entered into partnership with him and the business has continued down to the present time (1913). They manufacture the Maple Leaf and Ideal brands of flour. He is a member of the Wescoesville Evangelical church. He married, in 1886, Ella Wenner, daughter of George and Susanna (Schmoyer) Wenner. No issue.

#### WILLIAM A. RONEY.

The founder of this family, who came to America at an early day, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He settled in Bucks county, where members of the family have resided for successive generations. Daniel Roney was a farmer in Bucks county, and he married Rebecca Abeason. Issue: Seven children, the fourth of whom was James Roney.

James Roney, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Abeason) was born in Newtown, Pa., Feb. 15, 1808, and his boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm, his time divided between the farm work and the acquirement of an education. At an early age he learned the trade of shoemaking at Trenton, N. J., and after becoming of age, he went to Caracas, Venezuela, where he had charge of a copper mine. He afterward was superintendent of a smelting plant in Arizona, where at the end of six months, he returned to Penna. and worked at various places, in shoe manufactories. His energies were directed to the manufacture of boots and shoes for persons employed in the coal industries, and in April, 1843, he removed to Allentown where he worked at the bench for a short time. He next began the manufacture of boots and shoes—the pioneer of the business in this borough, and the founder of one of Allentown's present leading industries.

Mr. Roney developed his business along modern lines, adding from time to time all the latest improvements and his factory became a profitable industry. He was a valued factor in the development of the city. He was at the time

of his demise the oldest member of the Presbyterian church at Allentown and he took an active part in forwarding its influence. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican; was a member of the town council in 1862, and president of that body during his second term. He became in early life a member of the I. O. O. F. He was an honorable and upright citizen, and left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He retired from business in 1870, with a comfortable competence and made his home in Allentown until his death, Jan., 1899.

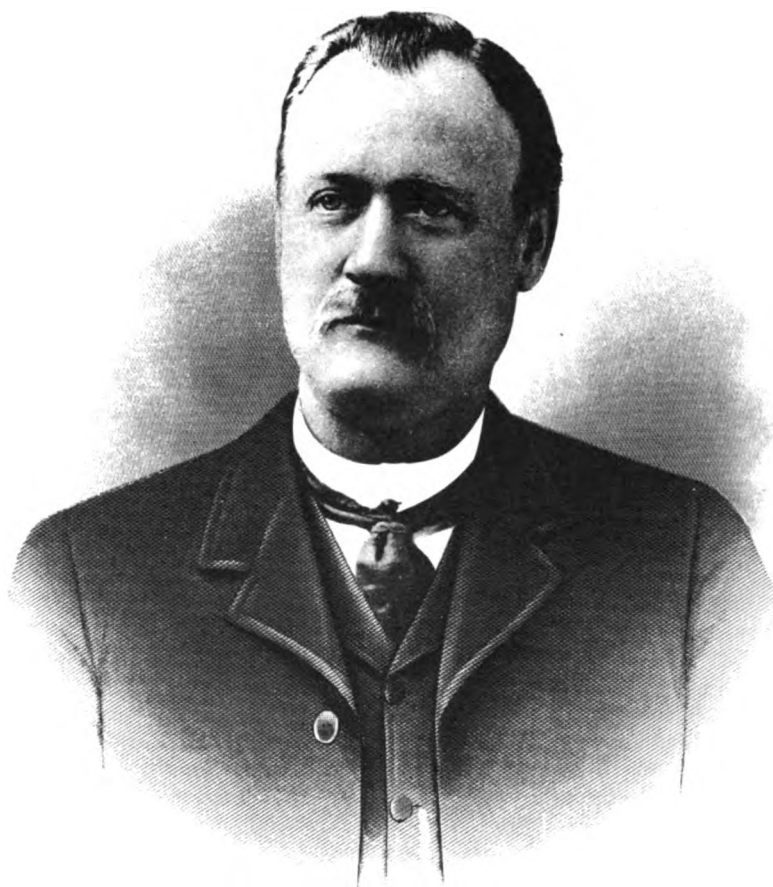
James Roney married Miss Tryphena Levan, daughter of Daniel Levan, of Minersville, Pa. She died in 1875. Issue: William A., (history follows); Mary; James R., who married Amanda Balliet; Elizabeth; Lewis L.; S. Kate, the widow of Rev. John Urich, and Charles H. (one of the three brothers who served in the Civil War), who was killed while on picket duty.

WILLIAM A. RONEY, son of James and Tryphena (Levan) Roney, was born Oct. 19, 1834, at Minersville, Pa. He attended the public schools, and at an early age learned the trade of shoemaking in his father's factory, in which he worked until 1860. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. E, 5th Penna. Volunteers, and served two months. He then enlisted in Co. D, 41st Penna. Volunteers, and served six weeks. He then became a traveling salesman and buyer for his father and upon his father's retirement, he succeeded to the business, taking as a partner, E. D. Hawk, and after a few years Mr. Roney purchased Mr. Hawk's interest in the concern. He then took as a partner Paul Levan, and did business for three or four years as Roney & Levan, then conducted the business alone for about ten years, up to 1880, when his brother, Lewis L. Roney, succeeded him.

Mr. Roney was the first to introduce electric light in Allentown, commencing with 10 arcs, which were operated with power from his factory. He later increased the capacity, eventually organizing a company to light Hamilton street from Sixth to Ninth, the plant being built at Penn and Maple streets. Mr. Roney retired from business in 1888. In politics he is a Republican; was a school director for two terms; is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and unmarried.

#### HON. DAVID D. ROPER.

Hon. David D. Roper, prominent lawyer and slate operator at Slatington, for many years, was born Oct. 15, 1838, in County Monaghan, Ireland. In boyhood he attended the public schools of his native place, and when seventeen years old, emigrated to the United States with



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his brother, John Roper. After landing at New York City, he proceeded directly to Clinton, New Jersey, and shortly afterward was apprenticed to Hon. Eli Bosenberry, an extensive building contractor, for the purpose of learning the trade of carpenter. While pursuing his apprenticeship he devoted his evenings to study so as to improve his mind and prepare himself for a business career; and a Lyceum having then been conducted at the place with much encouragement, he became a member and took great interest in its proceedings to develop his knowledge and literary accomplishments.

While employed at Clinton, Mr. Roper enlisted in the Civil War, on Sept. 5, 1862, for nine months as a private in Co. E., of the 31st Regt. N. J. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged on June 24, 1863. While in the service he was shot in the leg, and the bullet having become encysted it remained where it had lodged until his death.

In the Fall of 1863, the demand for carpenters and builders at Oil City, Pa., was so great that they were paid \$10 a day. Mr. Roper took advantage of this opportunity and he, being an expert mechanic, earned a sufficient sum to pay for his further education; and in this behalf he attended the Allentown Collegiate Academy from 1864 to 1866. During this time he was connected with a cadet company at Allentown, which was commanded by Major Eckendorf, and served as the fifer.

In 1866, he entered the law offices of Edwin Albright, Esq., of Allentown (afterward President Judge of Lehigh county), and prosecuted a study of law under his instructions for two years—having also in this time become an active member of the Lehigh Lyceum and encouraged its literary endeavors; and he was admitted to practice on April 13, 1868. Shortly afterward, he settled at Slatington and established quarters for himself in the offices of Henry Kuntz, a Justice of the Peace, and he continued in the active practice of his profession at Slatington, and at Allentown, before the several Courts of Lehigh county, until 1902, when he was obliged to relinquish it in order to devote his entire time to his business affairs in connection with operations in the slate industry. In his legal practice he had become a member of the Bar of Northampton county. During the years from 1870 to 1873, in the early stage of his practice, he was identified with the local newspaper, the *Slatington News*, and he filled the position of editor in an able manner. It was then a most trying time for the people were calling in a loud manner for retrenchment, reconstruction and reform in our National pol-

itics, and the acrimonious discussions in the newspapers brought on a great upheaval in the presidential election.

In 1875, Mr. Roper was one of the organizers in establishing the National Bank of Slatington and he served as a director from the beginning until his death, besides acting as solicitor for the Bank. He officiated as a school director of the local schools from 1876 to 1879. He was enlisted in the National Guard of Pennsylvania from 1876 to 1880, having been commissioned as Quartermaster of the 4th Regiment with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. And he represented the county of Lehigh in the Legislature for three terms, from 1887 to 1892. In 1892, he became a member of the Scotch-Irish Society of America and retained his membership until he died. In the establishment of the Slatington water works, Mr. Roper took a very active part, and though a great opportunity was afforded to make a large amount of money in this public enterprise by taking the grant of an abundant flow of superior, running water for himself and his associates, he nevertheless secured it for the borough with the express provision as one of the conditions of the sale that it could never be sold, which displayed the integrity and true public spirit of Mr. Roper to such a high degree that the community have ever since commended his unselfish action for the general welfare.

As an experienced builder, Mr. Roper superintended the erection of the Presbyterian Church, with its beautiful, elevated spire; and he was one of the leading men in establishing the rolling-mill as an additional industry in Slatington.

In 1893, Mr. Roper associated with A. L. Rice and Samuel M. Rice (brothers), of Slatington, for the purpose of manufacturing roofing slate and they organized the Hazel-Dell Slate Co., of which he became the superintendent. The property had a superior locality in a low, marshy dale with an abundance of hazel bushes, and this led the partners to form the word "Hazel-Dell" and select it very appropriately as a popular name for their slate. The business experience which Mr. Roper had acquired in the practice of the law until that time, a period of twenty-five years, enabled him, as the superintendent, to direct the management of the company's operations and to present the superior character of its roofing slate in such a manner as to develop a large and profitable trade which reached out to all parts of the United States and even to foreign countries, and for twenty years the "Hazel-Dell" roofing slate has been recognized as the most popular for its dur-

able composition and attractive, glistening dark-blue color. Innumerable roofs of dwelling-houses and churches in that section of Pennsylvania for many miles are evidence of the excellence and popularity of the "Hazel-Dell" slate. Notwithstanding Mr. Roper's death in 1904, this slate operation is still carried on by the estate for the benefit of his heirs under the executors of his last will.

In 1876, Mr. Roper was married to Amy C. Kernahan, daughter of Thomas C. Kernahan, a prominent and successful merchant at Allentown for many years, and they had five children: Vida A., Jennie B., Winfield H., Minnie M., and Mayme Alice; all born at Slatington. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died June 27, 1904.

Vida Amy Roper was born Feb. 1, 1877. Her preliminary education was acquired in the public schools, and upon her graduation from the high school in 1891, with first honor as the valedictorian, she subsequently attended the Female College and American Business College, at Allentown, and also the College of Music at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Conservatory of Music, at Philadelphia, Pa., having received at this last institution in 1902 a certificate as a Supervisor of public school music. She then embarked in the profession of teaching music at Slatington, and has since followed it successfully; and in June, 1911, the School Board selected her as the supervisor of music in the public schools of Slatington in which she is recognized for her proficiency.

Jennie Belle Roper was born Oct. 5, 1878. She received her education in the local schools and also in the West Chester Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1896, then she taught public school at Slatington for six years. She married Alfred S. Morgan and they have two children, Evelyn A., and May Roper.

Winfield Hancock Roper was born Sept. 6, 1880. He received his education in the local school, also in Lafayette College, Easton, but illness prevented his graduation though he had nearly completed his course of four years. He was first engaged as a road and bridge surveyor then entered the employ of the Hazel-Dell Slate Co., where he continued until he became the superintendent of the Slatington Gas Co., in January, 1911. He was married to Viola Roberts, and they have three children, Donald D., Dorothy E., and Winfield E.

Minnie May Roper was born June 30, 1882. She received her education in the schools of Slatington; also in West Chester State Normal School from which she was graduated in 1901. She then taught school at Green Lane

for two terms and at Slatington for five terms. She married Dr. Charles H. Muschlitz, of Slatington, and they have a son named, Robert Roper.

Mayme Alice Roper was born April 17, 1887, and educated in the schools of Slatington and the Wilson College at Chambersburg; then she directed her attention to the study of music in the Conservatory of Music, at Philadelphia, from which she was graduated in 1906, and since then she has followed the profession of music as a teacher at Slatington, and filled the position of organist of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Amy C. Roper was born in Monterey, July 14, 1850. She received her education in the Allentown Public Schools. In 1865-66, at the Pennsylvania Collegiate. At the Allentown Academy in 1866-67. A music course at College Hall at Collegeville, in 1867-68. Teacher of music in Allentown in 1869-70-71.

Taught school at Spring Creek in 1873-74. Taught school at Slatington, 1874-75. Married in 1876.

Received a diploma in the Chicago School of Advertising 1899.

In 1900, A Short-Story Course at the National Institute at Washington. A course in journalism under Murat Halstead, 1901-02, and received diploma. Contributed trade articles to a trade paper of Ohio "The Business Age." Received from *The Designer* a prize for a business article entitled: "What Women are Doing." Contributed poems to the *Simmons Magazine*, of New York.

January, 1911, was published the poem entitled "Cupid's Bank." March, 1911, poem "Woman Suffrage." Short Stories contributed to *Author's Magazine* of Detroit, Michigan.

Became a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, February 3, 1903. In the local chapter of the Liberty Bell Chapter, at Allentown. Served as Vice-Regent and Chairman of Year-Book Committee for 1910-11. Also a member of the National Society Patriotic Women of American, of New York. Later became a member of the Lehigh County Historical Society; finally in 1904 was appointed one of the Executors of the D. D. Roper Estate.

Thomas Christie Kernahan, her father, was born May 24, 1822, in Belfast, Ireland, emigrated to the United States in April, 1843, and located at Philadelphia where he filled for some years a position as mechanical draftsman. In 1857, he removed to Allentown and followed a mercantile life for nearly twenty years in a very successful manner. He opened the first store at Allentown exclusively for glass-ware



and queensware opposite the Court-House, afterward acquiring and occupying the site of the Zollinger-Harned & Co. Store. He then returned to Philadelphia and directed his attention to the purchase and sale of real estate until 1888, when ill-health obliged him to go to Los Angeles, Cal., and later to Pomona, where he engaged in the cultivation of olive and orange groves, and established a sanitarium. He died April 18, 1898. He was married to Mary E. Shafer and they had nine children, one son and eight daughters, of whom Mrs. Roper was the eldest.

#### ROSS FAMILY.

The ancestor, Charles Ross, took out warrant No. 38, in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, for a tract of 103 acres of land, on Oct. 6, 1755. The federal census report of 1790, records Charles Ross, a resident of Heidelberg township and as having two sons under sixteen years of age, a wife and one daughter. One of his sons was John, the great-grandfather of George J. Ross.

John Ross, son of John., was reared in Lynn township, above Mossersville, along the Blue mountains. He had a tract of forty acres of land and was a tailor and farmer. The major part of his life was spent in Weisenberg, having resided there about sixty years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was buried on Weisenberg cemetery. He married Hannah Bachman, daughter of Nicholas Bachman. Issue: Phaon and Violet, who died unmarried at the age of sixty.

Phaon J. Ross, son of John and Hannah (Bachman) Ross, was born Sept. 15, 1840, in Weisenberg township. He acquired his education in the common schools, and at an early age learned the trade of tailor with his father, which vocation he followed all his life. He succeeded to his father's homestead upon which he built a house in 1888, which replaced a log dwelling which was destroyed by fire March 5, 1888. The barn was built by John Ross in his early life. In politics Mr. Ross is a Democrat; was school director for three terms, serving very efficiently. He was a deacon and elder in the Weisenberg Lutheran church, and there he was buried. He died Feb. 14, 1913.

He married Mary Snyder, daughter of John Snyder. Issue: George J.; Emma; Ella; James, of Allentown; and William, who died in infancy.

GEORGE J. ROSS, the eldest son of Phaon J., was born in Weisenberg township, Feb. 14, 1875. He was reared on the homestead farm and obtained his early education in local schools and at

the Keystone State Normal School. He was licensed to teach in 1890 by Prof. J. O. Knauss, and has taught almost continuously since that time. He taught three terms in Lynn and seventeen in Weisenberg. The old homestead passed to Mr. Ross in 1913 upon his father's death. In politics he is a Democrat and has been active in party affairs since he became of age. He was a committeeman many years and is an influential man in county politics. He was justice of the peace by election for five years; is a member of the Weisenberg Lutheran church, and its present treasurer. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Americans, at New Smithville.

He was married, Dec. 25, 1898, to Emma Bitter, daughter of Joel and Messina (Fink) Bitter. They had one daughter, Edna, who died in infancy.

#### R. F. Ross.

H. William Ross, one of Allentown's most aged residents, was born in Neukirchen, Hesse Nassau, Germany, July 22, 1822. His father, Conrad Ross "the first citizen" of Neukirchen, was a merchant and brewer. He was a man of large holdings and great influence and resided in the most imposing residence of his native town. When he died he was upwards of 80 years old. His wife, Eliza Stumpf, a relative of Henry Stumpf, of Hesse, Nassau, who was the father of Jacob Stumpf, the millionaire tanner, of Newark, N. J., died, aged 50 years. To Conrad Ross and his wife, Eliza, were born nine children: Jacob, Henry, William, Valentine, Elizabeth, Catharine, Maria, Minnie, and Rosa. All of whom are deceased, except William. Jacob, the eldest son of Conrad Ross, was, like his father, a large real estate holder in and about his native town of Neukirchen and served as its burgomaster. Henry was also rich and prominent but died quite young. H. William learned the art of dyeing in his native land. In October 1853, he came to New York City and proceeded to Paterson, N. J., where he was employed by a large manufacturer as a dyer for a period of eleven years. In 1857 he resolved to locate in St. Paul, Minn., where a former friend of his had settled and had apprised him of the excellent opportunities of St. Paul. Upon reaching St. Paul a serious business depression had set in, his friend had removed from the city. After experiencing various hardships, among which was a boat wreck on the Mississippi river, he returned again to Paterson, where he remained until in 1864, when he came to Allentown and engaged in the dyeing business. His place of business was located at 345 North Seventh street, until in

1888, when he removed it to 417 Summer avenue, and continued until in 1895, when the plant was absorbed by the Allentown Silk Dyeing Works. Mr. Ross is physically well preserved, has clear faculties, and is full of entertaining experiences and anecdotes. In 1852 he was married to Rosa Schmidt, a farmer's daughter. She died Aug. 27, 1897, aged 64 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were members of the Reformed faith. They had children: Sophia, Henry, died 1910, aged 54 years; William, a mine prospector, in the northwest; Jacob, who died single in Nevada in 1909, aged 42 years; Rosa; Richard F.; and Wendell. Wendell was married to a Miss Campbell, who died some time ago. They had three children: William, Ellwood, and Marjorie. Sophia, Rosa, Richard F., and Wendell reside with their aged father at 1639 Turner street. Richard F. Ross, the proprietor of the Allentown Silk Dyeing Works, was born Jan. 27, 1873, in Allentown. He learned the art of dyeing in his father's plant and subsequently worked as a silk dyer in Philadelphia and in Paterson, N. J. Having gained a complete knowledge of silk dyeing and seeing a business opening at Allentown, which was becoming quite a silk center, he, in 1895, came to his native city and established the Allentown Silk Dyeing Works, whose excellent work has given it a wide reputation. His plant is located on a lot that has a frontage on Summer avenue, of 400 feet, and extends back to Jordan creek.

He is a member of the Order of Red Men, and the Lehigh Sangerbund.

#### DANIEL ROTH FAMILY, OF WHITEHALL.

This family, one of the first to settle in Whitehall township, is of Swiss origin. The family resided for hundreds of years in the city of Basel, where in 1372, Hartman Roth was Burgomeister and in 1444, Johannes Roth, also Burgomeister, both Knights, rescued the citizens of Basel from a dangerous position in the battle of St. Jacob, and in 1446 was the envoy of Count Ludwig of the Palatinate to the city of Constance. Peter Roth, Burgomeister of Basel in 1456 was a knight of Jerusalem and was captain in command of 800 citizens of Basel in the battle of Grandson, and over 2,000 foot soldiers and 100 horsemen at the battle of Murten in 1746. In the same year he was envoy to the meeting between the Count of Savoy and the citizens of Genff. Jacob Roth, born in 1638, and died in 1703, was a famous physician and author of Basel and was rector of the high school in 1691.

Daniel Roth, of this family, born in 1703, sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, in the ship Hope, with his wife and two children and his

sister, Anna Magdalene, and her husband, John Jacob Schreiber, having left Niederbronn on May 4, 1773, where his sister had been married on April 28th. The ship carried 389 passengers and arrived at Philadelphia on Aug. 28, 1773, where all male passengers over sixteen took the oath of allegiance to the King of England.

The Roth and Schreiber families lived for some time in Skippack township, Montgomery county, but in 1737 removed to Whitehall township, where Daniel Roth applied for a warrant for a tract of 150 acres of land, on which he had located, situated on the Jordan creek, where the village of Shersersville is now located. Before the warrant was granted to him he was taken sick and died in April, 1737, in the same hour in which his son, Peter, was born. The warrant, dated May 25th, 1737, was then granted to his widow, who did not remain long upon the land but with her youngest son removed further south and resided among the Quakers. She died Feb. 25, 1757, aged about fifty-four years. The land warranted to Daniel Roth was subsequently granted to John Reinhard Benny, on Aug. 10, 1748, who died in September, 1758. His widow, Regina Louisa Benny, married Gottfried Knauss, who received the land and on June 25, 1761, Daniel Roth and Peter Rhoads, only surviving issue of Daniel Roth, released to Gottfried Knauss, all their right, title and interest in the above tract of land.

Daniel Roth and his wife, Anna Margaret, had three children: Daniel; Jacob, confirmed at Egypt in 1753, and died prior to 1761; and Peter, who, having been educated among the Quakers, spelled his name Rhoads, became a prominent Revolutionary patriot and judge and died at Allentown in 1814. A descendant of this line, Chas. R. Roberts, is the writer of the several Roth family histories. Daniel Roth, eldest son of Daniel Roth, was born in Switzerland in 1724. After the death of his father he resided with Peter Troxell and subsequently secured by warrants of June 12, 1750 and Aug. 5, 1757, 237 acres of land adjoining his father's former tract on the west. He was naturalized April 10, 1761, and became an active citizen of the township. In 1762 he was taxed £8; in 1768 he owned thirty acres of cultivated and seventy acres of uncultivated land, two horses and two cows and in 1785 owned 170 acres of land. He was a farmer and was noted as an expert well and cistern digger. On April 25, 1789, he purchased a tract of ninety-two acres from the estate of John Miller, situated in the vicinity of what is now Thirteenth and Washington streets. He built a log house on his land and in 1793 built

a stone house, which still stands, near where the Jordan makes a sharp bend in its course east. He removed to the tract of land near Allentown, which he purchased and died Feb. 22, 1817, in his ninety-third year. He was a member of Zion Reformed congregation at Allentown and was buried in Allentown. He married Catharine Margaret Miller, who was born in 1739, and died in August, 1813. They had eleven children:

1. Daniel Roth, was induced as a boy of seventeen, during his father's absence from home to become a soldier and was killed in the battle of Germantown.

2. Peter Roth, born Oct. 21, 1760, died May 24, 1834. He was a farmer and lived in the small stone house standing on the right hand side of the Mauch Chunk road, at Seiple's Station. He married, Oct. 14, 1786, Juliana Margaret Musgenung, who was born Feb. 1, 1758, and died Sept. 17, 1841. He was a large man, physically, possessed of considerable strength and served in the War of 1812. He had only one son, who attained maturity; his second son, John Jacob Roth, born March 28, 1788, died in his youth.

John Roth, only son of Peter Roth, was born Feb. 23, 1787, and died Feb. 28, 1826, at the age of thirty-nine years. He married Catharine Siegfried, daughter of Andrew, born Jan. 25, 1786, died Aug. 15, 1876. They had five children: John, born Sept. 17, 1818, died young; Paul, born Sept. 28, 1820, died Nov. 8, 1846, who married Anna Paul, who later married Henry Steinberger, and had one son, John Roth, born Sept. 10, 1845, who resided on North Seventh street and is now deceased; Magdalena, born Oct. 4, 1822, died Jan. 6, 1874, married Jonathan Semmel and had two children; Maria, born Oct. 8, 1823, died March 18, 1876, married Abraham Worman and had nine children and Salome, who died in infancy.

3. Catharine Roth, eldest daughter of Daniel Roth, married George Jacob Roth and had children: Catharine, Eva, Hanna, Elizabeth and Sarah.

4. John Jacob Roth, third son of Daniel, was born March 26, 1765. He purchased March 10, 1813, the greater part of the Michael Kolb farm, lying between the Jordan creek and Mickley's, which he farmed. He was a member of Zion Reformed church, Allentown. He died Dec. 20, 1833, and was buried in the old Allentown cemetery. He married, Nov. 23, 1790, Eve Catharine, daughter of Michael Kolb. She was born April 13, 1767, and died May 5, 1833.

They had eight children: John, Peter, John Jacob, Daniel, Jeremiah, John Henry, Magdalena and Catharine.

John Roth, born Feb. 23, 1791, died March 2, 1856. He married Elizabeth Resh, born Nov. 1, 1806, died March 30, 1835, and had one daughter, Adeline, born Nov. 14, 1831, died July 8, 1898, who married Charles Henninger. Their children were: Frank P., Oscar E. and Edgar Henninger; Rebecca A., widow of R. Peter Steckel; Mrs. J. J. Kemmerer and Mrs. W. J. Knerr.

Peter Roth, born Nov. 15, 1792, died Feb. 28, 1864. He purchased portions of the Kolb and Blank farms, where he resided some years and later bought the hotel and mill property at Clapboardtown. He married, first, Lydia Helfrich, who was born in 1800, and died July 24, 1835, and, second, Magdalena Strauss, born April, 1813, died March 29, 1904. He was one of the founders and first elders of Mickley's church, to which he contributed \$150.00 at its organization in 1849.

He had children: Christina, born 1820, died 1905, married Charles Ringer; Maria, married (1) Henry Bankhart; (2) Abraham Worman; Sarah, married Jacob Long; Eva Catharine, born 1826, married David Wisser; William, born 1828, died 1855; Lydia, married Solomon Roth; Edmund D., born 1839, died 1888; Justina, married Israel Frey; Tilera, born 1844, died 1859; Mary P., married Hiram Sell; Henry A., born 1851; Amanda J., born 1853, and Alfred J. P., born 1858.

John Jacob Roth, son of John Jacob, was born May 8, 1795, and died Sept. 29, 1875. He was a farmer and resided near Mickley's church. He married, Jan. 5, 1823, Anna, daughter of Jacob Schreiber. She was born Jan. 24, 1804, and died July 16, 1883. They had ten children: Josiah Roth, born Nov. 21, 1825, died Jan. 31, 1899, married Salome Leisenring and had two sons, Jacob P., born 1858, died Feb. 16, 1899, and Alfred; Eliza Malvina, born May 17, 1828, married, first, a Mr. Frankenfield, and, second, George Weitzel. Charlotte Maria, born Jan. 15, 1831, died Oct. 3, 1859, married Jacob Young. Jane married, first, Lewis Biery, and second, Mathias Kolb; Anna Maria, born March 28, 1835; Catharine, married Thomas Kessler and had two sons, Frank and Harvey W., of Bethlehem; Celia, married Reuben Snyder; Sarah, married James Beers; and Franklin and Edward J., died young.

Daniel Roth, fourth son of John Jacob, was born Jan. 14, 1797, and died Feb. 23, 1864. He was a farmer near Mickley's and donated a part of the land on which the church is built, of which he was a member and where he was buried. He married Regina Helfrich, who was born March 15, 1798, and died March 10, 1874.

They had seven children: Edwin; Catharine, born July 10, 1833, died April 7, 1876, married Walter F. Biery; Caroline, born Jan. 11, 1835, died Aug. 11, 1883, married Joel Laudenslager; Thomas, born June 14, 1836, died July 11, 1905, married Anna Rebecca Albright; David, married Sarah A. Albright; Esrom, married Ella Scheetz and Lucinda, married Edwin Minnich.

Edwin Roth, son of Daniel and Regina Roth, was born in Whitehall township, April 3, 1831, and died Sept. 4, 1888. He became the owner of his father's homestead and lived near Mickley's church. He married, April 8, 1856, Mary Eberhard, born July 12, 1829, died July 6, 1904, and they had an only son, Thomas N.

THOMAS N. ROTH, a contractor and builder of Allentown, was born on the homestead of his grandfather, David Eberhard, Aug. 3, 1856. At the age of fourteen years he engaged in the carriage building trade and later engaged in business for himself at Emaus. Later he removed to Wilkes-Barre and was there employed as a journeyman for four years and then returned to Allentown and became a member of the firm of Christ, Peter & Co. He continued as a member of this firm for about six years and in 1896 engaged in the general contracting and building business, erecting a number of dwellings in different sections of the city. Mr. Roth is a member of the Independent Order of Americans, Order of Maccabees and Order of Moose.

He was married three times. His first wife was Sarah Knecht and they had two children: Anna L., wife of James Larosh and Mark E., deceased. His second wife was Amanda Koch, and by this wife he had a son, Edwin H., who married Jennie V. Schaffer. His third wife is Clara, *nee* Seip, Fehr, widow of Anthony Fehr. The two former wives of Mr. Roth and his son, Mark E., are buried at Mickleys.

David Roth, son of Daniel, was born Sept. 10, 1839, and died April 15, 1892. He farmed a twenty-two-acre tract near Mickley's and was a member and deacon of the Reformed congregation there. He married, in 1861, Sarah Ann, daughter of John and Lucinda (Henninger) Albright. She was born Aug. 16, 1841. They had five children: Edwin D.; Rev. John W.; Alfred P., of Allentown, married Ida V. Trexler; Anna, married Abner Roth and Clinton, married Stella Shuman.

EDWIN D. ROTH, son of David and Sarah (Albright) Roth, and grandson of Daniel and Regina (Helffrich) Roth, was born in South Whitehall township, Dec. 20, 1861. He was educated in the public schools, and the Muhlenberg Preparatory School. At the age of eighteen years

he began teaching school in Whitehall township, where he taught for two terms. He was elected as a Democrat to the office of assessor of Whitehall township for four consecutive terms of three years each was elected registration assessor for three years was elected school director for three years was elected clerk to the township commissioners for three years and was road foreman and police officer for nine years. The term of his office expired in April, 1914. On April, 1914, he became the proprietor of the Fountain House, at 1249 Laurence street, Allentown.

Mr. Roth owns an 18-acre farm located along the Mickley pike, in Whitehall township. This property he occupied from 1881, until his removal to Allentown. It was the John Rinker homestead. He and family are members of the Reformed congregation of Mickley's church, which Mr. Roth has served as a deacon.

On Dec. 10, 1881, he married Annie Rinker, daughter of John and Sarah (Schwander) Rinker. They had seven children, four of whom died while young. The living are: D. Minnie, married to Charles A. Heckler, former police sergeant of Allentown; Harry J., history follows; Laura E. M.

REV. JOHN W. ROTH, a minister of the Evangelical Association and residing at Emerald, is a native of Whitehall township, and was born Aug. 11, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of Lehigh county and then through application and perseverance he succeeded in becoming ordained to the ministry of the church. His first charge was at Shamokin, where he was stationed three years, and he served one year at Coplay, three years as assistant pastor at Slatington and later took charge of the Parryville Circuit, which consisted of a number of churches, among which was the Bowmanstown church, where he conducted a successful revival, converting upward of twenty. He resides at Emerald since 1896, where he is actively identified with the Evangelical Church and Sunday school.

Being reared to the pursuit of an agriculturist, he began farming at Emerald in Washington township, at the age of twenty-one years and was employed with his father-in-law for three years, after which he engaged in the grocery business at Slatington about one year. It was at this time that he accepted the call at Shamokin. Since 1896, Reverend Roth followed farming uninterruptedly on the old Kern homestead. The stone dwelling situated on this farm was erected by Nicholas Kern in 1786 and the present barn was built by Kern in 1845. Both buildings are in excellent state of preservation.

Reverend Roth married in 1885, Ida J. Kern and had seven children: Morton M., who mar-

1 Minnie Andrews, resides at Brooklyn and has two children; William A. and Douglas A.; Sylvia J., who married Thomas Lewis; Robert D., who died in his third year; Ralph W., who married Sylvia Reppert and resides at Emerald and has children: Robert C. and Emily M.; Elizabeth H.; Beatrice O., and Arline G.

HARRY J. ROTH, son of Edwin D. Roth and grandson of David Roth, was born Jan. 21, 1887, in Whitehall township. As a lad, he was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. When only sixteen years of age, he became engaged in the dairy business and for six years he made daily trips into Fullerton, never missing a day for two years of this period. He sold on an average about 160 quarts of milk daily. On April 1, 1911, Mr. Roth became the proprietor of Hotel Jordan, on Hamilton street, Allentown. He is a member of the Allen Fire Company and the Order of Lions. The family is affiliated with Mickley's Reformed church.

He married, in 1906, Helen Graffin, daughter of James and Sarah (Diefenderfer) Graffin, of Fullerton. Issue: (1) Milton, (2) Evelyn, (3) Charles and (4) Mabel Roth.

The other children of John Jacob and Eva Catharine (Kolb) Roth were: Jeremiah, born Dec. 19, 1798, died March 22, 1828; John Henry, born March 2, 1801, died young; Magdalena, born Jan. 16, 1803, died Dec. 17, 1842, married Solomon Kemmerer and Catharine, born March 15, 1805, died in 1884, who married, in 1825, Jonathan Marks and had sons, Reuben, deceased, who was many years an invalid, and Francis J., who had a son, Milton H.

5. Maria Magdalena, born April 23, 1767, died young.

6. Maria Elizabeth, born April 1, 1769, died young.

7. Anna Barbara, born Aug. 16, 1771, died June 8, 1850, in Towamensing township, Carbon county. She married Abraham Hartman, who died in 1822. They had children: Abraham, Daniel, Joseph, Samuel, Catharine, Hannah, Eva and Elizabeth.

8. John Roth, fourth son of Daniel, was born Dec. 13, 1773, and died suddenly after a day's labor, near Lockport, in 1845. He was a farmer and married, July 4, 1797, Elizabeth Welder. They had ten children: Salome, born Jan. 25, 1798, died single; John; Elizabeth, married Peter Fisher; Jonathan; Charles, born Dec. 23, 1805, married Elizabeth Eisenhard; Hannah; Rebecca; Magdalena; Aaron, born July 21, 1814, died Oct. 5, 1849, and James, born Aug. 30, 1821, died May 24, 1895.

John Roth, Jr., son of John and Elizabeth (Welder) Roth, was born Sept. 23, 1799, in

Salisbury township. He was reared upon the farm and when he had arrived at manhood, became a farmer on the tract of land upon which the coal chutes are now located, along the East Penn R. R., which cut his land in twain. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He died Jan. 12, 1863, and both he and his wife were buried in Union cemetery, Allentown.

John Roth, Jr., married Elizabeth Yundt, daughter of John Yundt, born Sept. 12, 1803, died June 22, 1883. Issue: (1) Charles, born Dec. 5, 1824. He lived and died at Waterloo, N. Y. (2) William Roth.

William Roth, youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Yundt) Roth, was born July 12, 1829, in Salisbury township. He was reared upon the farm and at an early age he became a blacksmith, following this vocation in the Allentown and Jordan Rolling Mills. He was subsequently in the employ of W. F. Mosser & Co. for twenty-five years. He was a member of Zion Reformed church. He died Aug. 11, 1907, and was interred in Union cemetery. He married Catherine Straub, daughter of John Straub, born June 20, 1833, died Feb. 20, 1904. Issue: (1) Alice, married Alexander J. Zellner; (2) Sarah, married Edward Remmel; (3) Henry H., of Iola, Kan.; (4) Annie, married Henry G. Smith; (5) Ellen, married James W. Guth; (6) George E., of Pennsburg, Pa.; Mary, Charles, John and Fred died in childhood; (11) Thomas J. Roth.

THOMAS J. ROTH, son of William and Catharine (Straub) Roth, was born April 1, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown and the American Business College. At the age of sixteen years he became an apprentice to the trade of wood turning following this vocation until 1899, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad as a freight brakeman, becoming later, a freight conductor. He was subsequently promoted to the passenger service, as trainman and baggage master. He remained with the company for over six years. In 1905 he resumed his trade of wood turning, which he has since followed. Mr. Roth resides in Allentown and is one of the nine school directors which comprise the board of education. He is deeply interested in educational matters in general and especially of his city. In 1911 he was elected to the school board for a term of four years, by the largest vote accorded to any candidate of the group at the primary and general election. In February, 1905, he was elected from the Second ward as a school director; three years later he was re-elected; in 1909 he was elected to the board of control. He was secretary of the school board of his section for five years. He



was the first chairman of the local grievance committee for the P. & R. R. R., and has been president of Just-in-Time Lodge, No. 346, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, since 1908.

Mr. Roth is actively identified with Democratic politics and is a well read and well posted man on current events. He married, Sept. 25, 1908, Ida S. A. Kern, daughter of Owen and Lydia (Zerfass) Kern, of Slatington, Pa.

Henry Roth, fifth son of Daniel, was born Jan. 22, 1776, and died May 19, 1830. He lived in South Whitehall and married, Feb. 27, 1798, Barbara Musick. They had children: Nathan, married Catharine Hauser; Jonas; Enoch; Thomas; Sophia, married Elias Heinrich; Moses; Drusilla and Ann. Moses Roth was the father of Joel Roth, born 1804, died 1859. Maria Eve Roth, daughter of Daniel, was born Oct. 23, 1778, and died Feb. 28, 1854. She married, April 22, 1798, Christopher Freyman, born Nov. 27, 1772, died Dec. 30, 1862. Their children were: Joseph, born March 19, 1802, died May 10, 1876, married Salome Brown; Maria, married, first, Cain Woodring, and, second, Frederick Bader; Charles, born Oct. 6, 1807, died April 4, 1884; Stephen, born Jan. 19, 1810, died June 9, 1905, married Catharine Stauffer; Catharine, married Joseph Miller; Lydia, born Jan. 11, 1817, died Dec. 13, 1884, married Hamilton Patterson and Tilghman, born July 7, 1819, died April 3, 1899, who lived at Seiple's Station. He had a remarkable memory and many of the facts in the Roth family history were supplied by him.

Abraham Roth, youngest son of Daniel, was born Oct. 14, 1780. He farmed in South Whitehall and Upper Macungie and was accidentally burned to death while boiling varnish. He married Barbara Kolb and had sons, Elias, born May 24, 1805, died Jan. 25, 1883, who married Anna Dutt and Daniel, born June 15, 1809, who died unmarried.

#### JOHN ROTH FAMILY, OF WHITEHALL.

John Roth, the ancestor of this family, lived in Whitehall township, as early as 1753, when his eldest daughter was born. The land he lived on he bought about this time from Daniel Troxel, who removed to York county. It was situated along the Jordan creek, in what is now South Whitehall township, between Shersville and the Iron Bridge. Here he built in 1775, a large stone house, which still stands. This land he patented on March 30, 1773, and on March 10, 1778, deeded sixty acres and fifty perches to his son, John. John Roth, Sr., was a farmer and member of the Jordan Lutheran church and later the Lutheran church at Allentown. In

1794 he was a trustee of the Lutheran congregation at Allentown and subscribed £2 to the new church building.

John Roth died in the year 1802, upward of seventy years of age. He was twice married. His first wife was named Sophia Dorothea, and his second wife, who survived him, Mary Eva. John and Sophia Dorothea Roth had six children. The eldest of these was Eva Catharine Roth. She was born Feb. 25, 1753, and married, June 8, 1773, Andreas Foller. Among their children were: Eva Catharine, born Oct. 25, 1778, and John Frederick, born Dec. 16, 1779. The second child of John Roth, Sr., was John Roth, Jr., who was born in Whitehall township in 1755 and died Feb. 7, 1822. He married Eve Catharine Heberly. He was a farmer and secured his father's land on which he resided all his life. He was a member of the jury in the famous John Fries trial.

He had eight children: I. Eva Catharine Roth, born Feb. 25, 1786, and died Dec. 24, 1858. She married John Shoenebruch, a prosperous farmer of South Whitehall, who owned the present Eckert farm. He was born June 12, 1772, and died Aug. 27, 1851. They had no children.

II. John Henry Roth, second child of John and Eva Catharine Roth, was born Oct. 25, 1783, and died June 27, 1863. He was a farmer and lived on the old homestead now owned by F. G. W. Runk. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and is buried at Mickley's. He married, Oct. 6, 1816, Maria Rhoads, daughter of John Rhoads, and his wife, Magdalena Graff. She was born July 21, 1796, and died March 2, 1874. Their children were: Lydia, wife of Simon Frederick, of near Freemansburg; Daniel H.; Reuben; Solomon and Owen T.

Daniel Roth was born in 1822 and died Nov. 19, 1898. He served in the Civil War, in Company B, of the 176th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. S. D. Lehr for seven months. He was a farmer and in 1874 sold the homestead and moved to North Whitehall township, near Rising Sun, where he bought a farm. He was a member and served several years as deacon of the Mickley's Lutheran congregation. He married Sarah A. Hopper, daughter of Charles Hopper. She died at Stiles, Pa., on Aug. 12, 1909, aged eighty years. They had four sons: Alexander R. and Jacob, of Stiles, Pa.; Hiram, of Kellogg, Ia., and Charles R., of Egypt, and one daughter, Emma, died March 3, 1902, the wife of David Stephen.

ALEXANDER R. ROTH, merchant and postmaster of Stiles, Whitehall township, was born Dec. 23, 1850. He spent his earlier years upon the farm and was later employed on the Cata-

sauqua and Fogelsville Railroad for fifteen years. He engaged in the general store business at Mechanicsville on Nov. 6, 1888, where he remained twelve years, and where he was instrumental in having a postoffice, called Minnich's, established in 1890. In 1900, he erected his present store building and residence at Stiles, where he conducts a general merchandise business. On the establishment of a postoffice, May 16, 1901, he was made postmaster. Mr. Roth is a member of the Mickley's Lutheran congregation and has been active in Sunday school work, having assisted in establishing a Sunday school at Jordan Bridge in 1874, and also the Stiles Union School and served both as superintendent, president and treasurer. He was commissioner of Whitehall township in 1910 and 1911 as a Republican, and is a member of Washington Chamber, No. 18, Knights of Friendship. He married, in 1870, Elizabeth, daughter of Aaron Olewine and his wife, a daughter of Joseph Oberholtzer. They had eight children: Gertrude, married Osville Raber; Sarah, married Asa Stopp; Elmira, died aged eight years; Maggie, married Warren Ward; Harvey H., who assists his father; Lillian, married Joseph Steckel, Jr.; Mamie, married Robert Steckel; Hattie L., married Edward Steckel.

CHARLES R. ROTH, of North Whitehall township, was born Feb. 10, 1865. He was educated in the common schools of the county and in the Slatington high school, after which he taught for five terms in Lehigh county. Later he engaged in farming upon the Samuel Leh farm and there he has continued to the present time.

He is married to Laura, a daughter of Samuel and Flora (Peter) Leh. They have two children: Carrie E. and Ida E.

Mr. Roth is a Lutheran member of the Egypt church, which he served as a deacon and elder, and he has served as the superintendent of Scheidy's Union Sunday school for ten years. In politics he is a Republican and he was the committeeman of the district for seven years, and in 1910 was a census enumerator.

Reuben Roth, second son of John Henry, was born May 22, 1826. He served the Civil War and had a son, William Frazer, who was drowned near Shersersville, June 28, 1866, aged ten years.

Solomon Roth, third son of John Henry, was born July 16, 1829, and died Nov. 6, 1874. He married Lydia, daughter of Peter and Lydia Roth, and had five daughters. Among them were: Mrs. Sylvester Minnich, Mrs. Samuel Koehler and Caroline, born 1864, died 1891.

Owen T. Roth, born 1834, died Jan. 24, 1911,

the fourth son of John Henry, was for twenty-five years a section boss on the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railroad and tax collector of Whitehall township for ten years. He was a member of the Mickley's Lutheran congregation. He married Feyetta Minnich, born May 1, 1835, died Sept. 25, 1884. Their children were: C. F. Roth, Esq., of Catasauqua; Mrs. Charles Herman; Mrs. Milton Kerschner; Abner M., of Allentown; Mary, wife of Wm. N. Eberhard, of Allentown; Mrs. Frank Walker; Milton H. and Peter O. Roth.

III. Gottfried Roth, second son of John Roth, Jr., was born Dec. 26, 1785, and died July 8, 1862. He married Hanna Glick, born July 4, 1790, died April 2, 1852. Their children were: Hanna, born July 4, 1810, died Sept. 1, 1884, married Daniel Weiss, (1810-1886); Luciana, born May 27, 1815, married, June 14, 1840, Jesse Yohe, and George B. Roth, born Nov. 17, 1833, in South Whitehall township, died Feb. 20, 1900. He was a painter by occupation, and was a member of Allentown council and jury commissioner in 1896. Captain Roth enlisted as a corporal in Company C, Fifth Pennsylvania Militia, and was in the reserve force at the battle of Antietam. He was invalided home, but later enlisted in the emergency regiment. For eighteen years he was in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and was a lieutenant in Company D, Fourth Regiment, then the Allen Continentals, from 1869 to 1888, when he became captain, when Colonel Lehr was chosen colonel. He was a past grand of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F. and an active member of E. B. Young Post, No. 187, G. A. R. He married, first, Mary Saeger, and second, Louisa E. Issermoyer, born in 1838, died Nov. 11, 1902. His children were: Harvey C., letter carrier, of Allentown, married, first, Emma S. Hillegass, second, Annie E. Butz; Frank G., married Emma Hollenbach; Edwin L., married Ella Snyder; Lavina, married, Dec. 25, 1873, John A. Wieder, born Sept. 25, 1854, died June 6, 1900; Hattie, married C. H. Braden, and George B. Roth, Jr., who married Adelle S. Danner.

IV. Catharine Roth, second daughter of John, Jr., was born Jan. 13, 1788, and died Feb. 7, 1859. She married Henry Schwander, born Sept. 3, 1778, died May 3, 1848.

V. Anna Mary Roth, third daughter, born Feb. 1, 1793, died June 8, 1866, married George Kerschner. They had a son, George, and a daughter, Hanna, married a Mr. Faust. George Kerschner, Jr.'s, daughter, Ellen Kerschner, married Alfred J. Roth. Rev. Chas. A. Kerschner, of Allentown, and Rev. George Kerschner, of Sheppton, are descendants.

VI. Peter Roth, third son of John, Jr., was born Oct. 25, 1791. He was a farmer and teamster, called "Fuhrman Peter Roth," and lived east of Wenersville. He died June 27, 1862. He married Sarah Newhard, daughter of Frederick Newhard and wife, Eva Catharine Yund. She was born Oct. 25, 1798, and died Dec. 26, 1881. They had fourteen children, of whom five died young. The nine children who attained their maturity were:

1. Gideon Roth, of Limeport, born June 1, 1826, and died Sept. 26, 1904. He married, July 25, 1852, Matilda Ludwig, died in February, 1902. They had the following children: Isabella; Oscar, of Steinsburg; Milton; Wilson; Mantana, and Victoria, wife of Henry Hildebeitel, of Cedarville.

2. Tilghman Roth, born Sept. 4, 1831, and died Oct. 31, 1857, in Logan county, Ohio, unmarried.

3. Henry Roth, born 1834, died Nov. 23, 1901, married Hannah Sherer. One daughter, Clara V., married Wm. C. Weaver.

4. Sarah, married William Litzenberger, of Lower Macungie.

5. Peter Roth, of New Jersey, married Catharine Butz, and had a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Irwin.

6. George W. Roth, born July 5, 1835, died Aug. 1, 1890, married Sarah Herbster, born 1886. He had children: Theo. G. P., married, Sept. 11, 1886, Susan Diefenderfer, and had two children: Beulah, wife of Victor B. Schultz, and Harvey E.; Robert; Clement, deceased; John; Frank, and Alice, Rosa and Helen, deceased.

7. Paul Roth, of Cedarville, married Maria Greenawald and had three children: Anna, married Edwin Hartman, of Wittmans; Laura, married Morris Bitting, of Mountainville, and Mrs. Jennie Heimbach, of Emaus.

8. Mary, born Sept. 22, 1845, married Jonas Wertman, of North Whitehall.

9. Eliza, married John R. Eidell, of Allentown.

VII. Magdalena Roth, fourth daughter of John, Jr., married Abraham Moyer. They removed to Mercer county and had one son and four daughters.

VIII. Daniel Roth, youngest son of John, Jr., was born in 1803, and died June 12, 1850. He married, Jan. 1, 1825, Catharine Geisser and had children: Daniel, William, Ephraim, John, Mary and Emmeline.

Ephraim Roth was born Aug. 7, 1830, and died Oct. 2, 1900, at Mulberry, Ind. He married, April 10, 1859, Christianna M., daughter of Joseph and Louisa (Newhard) Lehr. She died July 31, 1889. His children were: Charles,

Walter, Rosa, Maggie, Jennie and Ida. Mary Roth married a Mr. Haring.

William Roth, son of Daniel, was born near Shersersville, where he conducted a farm and was interested in ore mines. He married Mary A., daughter of John and Catharine (Kemmerer) Scheirer. They had ten children: Wm. H., of Catasaqua; Sarah, of Seiple's Station; James P., deceased; Franklin L.; Mantana, died aged fourteen years; Alfred G., of Allentown, and Sabina, John, Elmer and Levi, died in infancy.

FRANKLIN L. ROTH, real estate dealer, of Allentown, was born in Whitehall township, April 17, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of the township, Prof. Jas. F. Guth's select school at Ruppsville and Prof. A. F. Krout's school at Coplay. He began farm work at the age of fifteen and later continued his studies while employed in iron ore mines and stone quarries. For two years he represented various publishing houses and the Smith Nursery Company, of Rochester, N. Y. In 1893, he was elected to a three-year term as county auditor. He was justice of the peace in the township, from 1894 to 1899, notary public for five years and assessor and tax collector of the township. In 1901, he opened a real estate and insurance business at Eagle Point and in 1913 enlarged his business by establishing the F. L. Roth Real Estate Company, at 816 Hamilton street, Allentown, where the main office is located. Mr. Roth acts as the manager and deals in real estate, life, fire, sick and accident insurance. Mr. Roth has taken an active interest in church and Sunday school work. He is a member of the Mickley's Lutheran congregation, where he was secretary of the Sunday school and a member of the church choir. He was also superintendent of the Mechanicsville Sunday school for three years.

Mr. Roth married, April 28, 1894, Maggie A., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Roth) Scheirer. Mrs. Roth died March 28, 1898. They had three children: Hilda M. A., saleswoman in H. Leh & Co.'s millinery department; Minnie M. M., a silk weaver, and William, died in infancy. Mr. Roth married, second, Lillie E., daughter of Hiram P. and Martha (Shankweiler) Roth, of Allentown, and had one daughter, Edna M. J.

Godfrey Roth, second son of John Roth, Sr., was born in 1759, and was baptized Sept. 24, 1759, at Jordan church. He married Mary Margaret Traxel and settled on a farm along the Jordan, near Guth's Station, later the Kocher place. In 1792, he removed to Heidelberg township, where he operated a large farm and was also a weaver and a distiller. He kept a tavern for a time, and in 1803 was overseer of the poor in

Heidelberg township. He died in Heidelberg, Jan. 10, 1829. He had nine children.

John Peter Roth, the eldest son of Godfrey, was born Oct. 7, 1785, and died Feb. 17, 1861. He married Maria Eva Miller, born Jan. 22, 1787, died April 14, 1861. John Peter Roth lived in Washington township, where he owned four large farms, now owned by Thomas Rohr, Thomas Kern, Benjamin Krause and a Mr. Schaeffer. He was an overseer of the poor and held other local offices and was prominent in civil and political matters. He was a member of the Unionville Lutheran congregation, where he was buried. He had ten children: John; Joseph; Henry; Elizabeth, married Joseph Kistler, of West Penn, Schuylkill county; Margaret, married Daniel Dorward, of Millport; Susan, married Nicholas Peter; Hannah, married, first, a Mr. Smith, of Lowhill, and had sons, Levi and Augustus; and, second, Frank Fritzinger; Rebecca, married, first, Mr. Schreiber and had two sons, and, second, Dr. Jonas Saul, of Kutztown; Lydia, married Peter Strauss and Catharine, married Emanuel Krause.

John Roth, son of John Peter, became the owner of one of his father's farms, now owned by Thomas Rohr. He was a farmer and a cloth and carpet weaver. He married Catharine Deibert and had six children: Hettie, married Samuel Schaeffer; Sallie, married Thomas Casey, former county commissioner; Mary, married Herman Keiser; Edmund; William, of near Best's and Fianna, widow of Charles Newhard, of Allentown.

William Roth, son of John and Catharine (Deibert) Roth, was born in 1840, in Washington township. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. He became the owner of a 130-acre farm in his native township, now owned by his son, Lewis W. Roth. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Heidelberg church. He married Carolina Miller in 1867. Issue: (1) Lewis W.; (2) Clara, married Oscar J. Leibold; (3) Lillie, married Albert Benner.

LEWIS W. ROTH, son of William and Carolina (Miller) Roth, was born Jan. 20, 1870, in Washington township. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm, attending the public schools of the neighborhood. He has always been an agriculturist. He began as a tenant in 1891 upon a farm at Best Station, where he continued five years. He then operated the Joseph Hunsicker farm for six years, in Washington township. He then purchased his father's 130-acre farm, where he has since lived. In 1908 he bought another farm of 149 acres. Both these farms are in the potato belt. Mr. Roth plants

a large acreage of potatoes and has been very successful in this line. In politics he is a Republican; in religion a Lutheran and a deacon in the Heidelberg church.

Lewis W. Roth, married, Sept. 23, 1888, Aquilla Hoffman, daughter of Alfred Hoffman. Issue: (1) Elmer H., (2) Norman A., (3) Hattie M., (4) Bertha A., (5) Stella L., (6) Lulu M., and (7) Blasius L. Roth.

Joseph Roth, son of Peter and Maria E. (Miller) Roth, was born in Washington township, where he owned a farm now owned by Thomas Kern. He was a life-long farmer and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Caroline Fritzinger, daughter, of Martin Fritzinger. They had four children: (1) Jane A., married Peter Ford; (2) Josiah P.; (3) Caroline, married Alvin Butz; (4) Paul Frank Roth.

Paul Frank Roth, son of Joseph and Caroline (Fritzinger) Roth, was born June 4, 1856, at Newhards, Washington township. He was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the public schools. He followed farming from 1876 to 1879, then for fifteen years was engaged in brick laying and plastering. He subsequently became a hotelkeeper at various places. Since 1908 he has been a farmer on thirty-eight acres at Newhards, where in 1909, he built a home on his property. He and family are members of the Reformed congregation of Frieden's church.

Paul Frank Roth married, in 1876, Fianna Andrews, daughter of Stephen and Caroline (Jacobs) Andrews. Issue: Lizzie, George and Stanley, died young; (4) Lillie, married Preston Lentz, and has a son, Clarence Lentz. They live at Newhards.

Josiah P. Roth, son of Joseph and Caroline (Fritzinger) Roth, was born Oct. 9, 1851, in Washington township. He was reared upon the farm and was educated in the public schools. After attaining his majority he learned the trade of carpet weaving, which he followed for thirteen years. In 1887, he became a painter and paper-hanger, which he has since followed. He usually has quite a force of men employed. He has been a member of the United Evangelical Church since 1880; was a class leader, exhorter and trustee and active in church work.

Josiah P. Roth married, in 1873, Mary Kern, daughter of Nathan Kern. Issue: (1) William, died in infancy; (2) Minnie, married Orville Snyder; (3) Charles, of Slatington.

Henry Roth, son of John Peter, a native of Washington township, Lehigh county, located in Monroe county, in 1861 and there he followed farming and kept a hotel, but spent his last years

in retirement and died in October, 1897, aged seventy-eight years. His wife was Maria Hoates. She died in 1894, aged seventy-three years. Both are buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their children, Henry died in 1896; Sarah is now the widow of Lewis Dorward, and a resident of Walnutport, Pa.; Eliza Ann married William H. Barthold, of Chestnut Hill township, Monroe county, and now lives in Effort; Rebecca is the wife of Lewis Kunkel, who is living retired in West Pittston, Pa.; Peter is deceased; George is a resident of Walnutport, Pa.; John is a merchant of Little Gap, Pa.; William is next in the order of birth; and Alice died at the age of twenty-four years. Mr. Roth's parents, Henry and Maria (Hoats) Roth, came to Polk township, Monroe county, in 1861, and there made their home upon a farm throughout the remainder of their lives. After their death William purchased the old home, which he recently sold; he also bought his father-in-law's home, and also sold it again.

WILLIAM ROTH, late of Rittersville, was born in Washington township, Lehigh county, Oct. 4, 1857, and died in the fall of 1913. He was one of the enterprising citizens and proprietor of the Mansion House and a prominent musician at Kresgeville for many years until his removal to Allentown on April 1, 1907. After his removal to Allentown he engaged in the grocery business until in 1908, when on April 1, of that year, he retired to Rittersville, where he had previously bought a fine residence, but continued to serve as the instructor of the Sciota Band, at Sciota, Monroe county. The first twenty years of his life he spent upon the home farm of his parents. In February, 1878, at Pleasant Valley, Monroe county, he was married to Mary J. Serfass, by whom he had six children; Edith, married J. B. Kunkel; Della, married Prof. Warren Zeigenfus; Calvin, married Beulah Snyder; Mazie A., married Wallace Royer; Jennie M., married Dr. Clarence C. Rogers; Benjamin, a stenographer.

Mrs. Roth was born in Polk township, Monroe county, Aug. 21, 1859, a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Hawk) Serfass, who always made their home in that county, spending their last days with our subject. The father, who was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics, died in March, 1894, aged seventy-seven years, the mother in 1890, aged sixty-eight, and both were buried in Jerusalem church cemetery. In their family were six children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Joseph Smale, a farmer of Polk township; Catharine, who married, first, Edward Brotzman, and, second, William Frantz, of Polk township; Adam, a blacksmith of Brodheads-

ville; Peter, a farmer of Eldred township, Monroe county; Joseph, deceased, and Mary J., wife of our subject. Her grandfathers, Adam Serfass and Peter Hawk, were both life-long residents of Monroe county.

On leaving home Mr. Roth commenced teaching school in Polk township, where he followed that profession four terms. During the following eight years he was engaged in the huckstering business. In 1873 he commenced the study of instrumental music under the able direction of Prof. A. B. Bush, since when he had devoted considerable attention to that art, and had organized and taught fifteen different bands, making a specialty of band music. He instructed eight at one time. He was a talented musician, and as an instructor had few equals. At Kresgeville he had a full uniformed band—one of the best in this section of the state—of which he was at the head for a number of years. He did not confine his attention to music, however, but successfully conducted the Mansion House, at Kresgeville, the original one having been purchased by him in 1892, and converted into a modern first-class hotel, heated by steam throughout and supplied with water. On the night or early morning of Sept. 27, 1899, while Mr. Roth and his son, Calvin, were absent in Stroudsburg, the Mansion House was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss to Mr. Roth of \$2,500. On Nov. 21, 1899, the building of the new one was commenced, and it is equal, if not superior, to the old one in all respects. There is a fine bar and a good stable attached. It is only a short distance from the Pennforest brook trout hatchery, and is liberally patronized by a good class of people. Mr. Roth also bought the American House, at Kresgeville, which he rented, and in addition owned nine acres of good land. Politically, he was a Democrat; religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially was identified with the Jr. O. U. A. M., holding membership with the lodge at Slatington, and the Farmers' Alliance.

The second son of Gottfried Roth was John Roth, of near Howertown, born Feb. 10, 1787, and died Dec. 14, 1870. He and his wife, Margaret, had the following children: John, Polly, Wallace and Susanna. Catharine Roth, born July 1, 1788, married Casper Peter, of Weisenberg township, and had children: Jonas; David; Solomon; Caspar; Joel, and Elizabeth, wife of Sol. Mohr.

Henry Roth, the third son, was born Oct. 31, 1789. He married Rebecca Ebert. His children were: Morgan and Allen Roth, of Slatington.

Abraham Roth, the fourth son of Gottfried Roth, was born May 23, 1791, in Whitehall



township. He married a Miss Hausman and removed to Lebanon county, and died at Jonestown. His children were: Nathan, died at Summit Hill; William, a farmer, of Sharon Centre, O.; Julia A., died in 1906, married Gideon Fritz; Henry Roth, of Jonestown, who married Sarah Miller, and had a son, Grant C. Roth, of Newark, N. J.

The other children of Gottfried were: George; Magdalena, who married Peter Shoemaker; Christian, who married a Miss Riedy, and died before his father, who had a son, William, of Washington, D. C., and Daniel Roth, of Luzerne county, the youngest son of Gottfried.

George Roth, the fifth son of Godfrey, was born in Heidelberg township, Feb. 24, 1793. He was educated in the schools of the township, and as a young man from about 1812 to 1816, at the Wilkes-Barre Academy, in a frame building that stood in the public square, when Rev. Wm. Woodbridge, a congregational clergyman, from Connecticut, was principal. In 1838 the school became the Wyoming Academy. He married Hannah Schoudt, daughter of John George Schoudt, and his wife, Eva Dorney. She was born March 7, 1795, and died March 9, 1890. He became the owner of the Schoudt farm, near Kernsville, of which the title runs back to May 16, 1766, when Frances Rissel sold for £15 to Matthias Rissel, fifty-nine acres, and which Matthias Rissel by deed April 4, 1775, sold to George Jacob Rissel, for £150. George Jacob Rissel's heirs, Mathias and Eliza Rissel and Christian Henry granted to Henry Dorney 119 acres, who by will dated Jan. 6, 1804, and proved June 2, 1806, granted the same to George Schoudt, his son-in-law.

George Roth farmed the homestead, along the Jordan, near Kernsville, and died there Feb. 8, 1863. He was a member of the Jordan Lutheran church, and a Whig in politics. He had three children: George, Cornelius and Eliza, born 1818, died 1886, unmarried.

George Roth, his eldest son, was born in North Whitehall, Aug. 30, 1820, and died Dec. 23, 1879. He was educated in the schools of the township and was a clerk in stores at Siegersville and Treichlers, until he took up farming. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years postmaster at Siegersville. He was a member of the Jordan Lutheran church. In October, 1858, he assisted in the workings of the underground railroad of ante bellum days, and was known as one of the most outspoken, anti-slavery men in this region. He married, in 1844, Sarah Ricker, daughter of Joseph Ricker and Mary Buck, of Maxatawny, Berks county. They had one child, a son, William F.

WILLIAM F. ROTH was born in North Whitehall, April 17, 1849. He was educated in the township schools, and at Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. From 1867 to 1897, he held clerical positions at, and did contract for, and was superintendent at the Crane Iron Works and the Bethlehem Iron Company. He superintended the construction of the Redington proving grounds, where the first armor made in America was tested, and assisted in the construction of the monster steam hammer, which was one of Mr. Fritz's greatest engineering feats. On account of his ability in handling bulky articles of great weight, Mr. Roth was selected to take to Chicago and install in place the Bethlehem Steel Company's famous exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, including some heavy armor, gun forgings and crank shafts.

In 1897 he removed to Allentown, and purchased an interest in the *Allentown Leader*, of which he became editor, and in 1912, he and his son, George R., became the sole owners. He was justice of the peace in Upper Macungie township a number of years, while living at Chapmans, and was a Republican in politics. He was a member of the Jordan Lutheran church and of the Lehigh County Historical Society.

He died at his home, 446 North Sixth street, Allentown, on Sept. 22, 1913, of Bright's disease, and complications that affected the heart. As a newspaper man he was an indefatigable worker, always fair-minded, and a believer in clean and honorable journalism. He was a lover of the out of doors, and an enthusiastic angler, and took great interest in the early history of his native township.

Mr. Roth married in 1872, Miss Annie R., daughter of Benjamin Rupp and his wife, Mary Rauch. They had four children: George R., of the *Leader*; William F., of Newark, N. J.; Miss Fannie R., and Leonard R. Roth.

George R. Roth, one of the proprietors of the *Leader*, served several terms as a select councilman from the Fifth ward and has been active in Republican politics. He married Annie I. Hartzell.

Leonard R. Roth, wholesale coal dealer and treasurer of the Allentown Flint Bottle Company, married Elizabeth M. Kuntz and has one son, George R. Roth.

Cornelius Roth, second son of George, Sr., was born Nov. 1, 1822, and died at his residence at Kernsville in 1910. He farmed sixty-nine acres of the old Roth tract and built the present house in 1854. He was never active in politics always refusing to be a candidate for office. He married, in 1853, Caroline, daughter of Israel and Catharine (Boyer) Wescoe, who was born

Feb. 20, 1833, and died Nov. 9, 1902. They had three children: Rev. Oliver C. Roth, a Lutheran minister, of Chambersburg, who owns the homestead built by his grandfather, George, and who married Grace Harper and has two daughters; Thomas P. Roth, and George F. Roth, who died young.

THOMAS P. ROTH, son of Cornelius, was born in North Whitehall township, Feb. 27, 1869. He was educated in the local schools and an academy at Taneytown, Md., and in 1897 began farming at his present location near Orefield. He makes a specialty of raising seed potatoes and does considerable truck farming, as well as representing several nursery companies. Quantities of mica have been found on his farm. In 1896 he was elected to a three-year term as auditor of the county. He married, in 1894, Sue H., daughter of Francis and Hettie (Yeager) Arnold, of Weisenberg township. They have two children: Caroline H. and Thomas A. Mr. Roth and family are members of the Lutheran church in Allentown.

John Henry Roth, third son of John Roth, Sr., was baptized Feb. 23, 1761, and died in childhood.

George Jacob Roth, youngest son of John Roth, Sr., married, first, Catharine Roth, daughter of Daniel Roth. They had a number of children: Catharine, Eva, Hanna, Eliza, and Sarah, married George Nonnemacher. He married second time, Christina Hubler.

Magdalena Roth, youngest daughter of John Roth, Sr., married Frederick Hausman, of Heidelberg township.

#### ROTH FAMILY, OF SAUCON.

Christian Roth, a son of Adam and Catharine Roth, was born Dec. 25, 1757, and died near Hellertown, Lower Saucon township, April 10, 1828, aged seventy years. He was buried in the old graveyard of Lower Saucon church. He was a soldier during the Revolutionary War in Capt. John Arndt's Company of Colonel Baxter's Battalion, of Northampton county, Pa., of the Flying Camp. Mr. Roth was taken prisoner at Fort Washington. He was a farmer and also a land speculator in partnership with Nicholas Kramer. He had a large tract of land, including a farm upon which Grim's Mill is now situated. The North Penn Railroad crossed his farm about one mile north of Hellertown. He was a prominent man and a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Catharine Michael, who was born June 20, 1761, and died Oct. 10, 1844, aged eighty-three years. They had children, as follows: (1) Christian, Jr., born Nov. 10, 1791, died Dec. 30, 1816; (2) George, who lived on the

homestead in Lower Saucon township; (3) Nicholas, who died in Mercer county, Pa.; (4) Daniel, mentioned later; (5) Joseph, who died on a farm in Hanover township; (6) a son who died at an early age; (7) Christiana, who married Reverend Hoffeditz; (8) a daughter who married a Mr. Rothrock; (9) a daughter who married George Kram, and (10) a daughter who married John Beil.

Daniel Roth was born on the homestead near Hellertown, March 20, 1804. He died June 12, 1850, and is buried in the Allentown cemetery. He lived at Easton until 1834, then located at Allentown, where he followed milling until his death. He was a member of the old Whig party and served as township supervisor. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church.

His wife was Susanna, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Riegel) Rinker, born Oct. 21, 1801, and died Oct. 10, 1861, aged sixty years. Mrs. Samuel Roth has in her possession a very old chest, brought from Germany by Catharine Riegel. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roth had these children:

1. Samuel, deceased.
2. Henry Quintus, a machinist, who lived in Clarion county, where he died.
3. William, who was a brick manufacturer and died in Allentown.
4. CAPT. BENJAMIN C. ROTH, an aged resident of Allentown, who was born in the First ward, June 10, 1837. He attended the common schools, the Allentown Academy and the Allentown Seminary. Later he learned the trade of a carpenter and pursued it for a quarter century. He was then engaged in the manufacture of bricks for ten years, and was employed with the Allentown Paving Brick Company at Guth Station. He retired in 1910.

On April 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, First Pennsylvania Regiment, for three months and was discharged July 26, 1861. He reenlisted, Aug. 13, 1862, as first sergeant in Company D, 128th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. J. P. Dillinger, for nine months. He participated in the battles of Antietam and South Mountain, served three days in Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg and was discharged May 19, 1863, at Harrisburg. He enlisted a third time, July 1, 1863, as first lieutenant in Company D, Forty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Militia and was discharged Aug. 4, 1863. He enlisted a fourth time, Aug. 10, 1864, in Company E, 202d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers to serve one year, or during the war. On Aug. 3, 1865, at Harrisburg, he was promoted to the captaincy of Company E, 202d

Regiment, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

After the close of the war he was placed on guard duty for three months, and was stationed at Tamaqua, Pa., and other places in the coal regions, during the reign of the Molly McGuires. From 1878 to 1888 he lived on the frontier, in Dakota Territory, at Clear Lake, where he had a claim.

Captain Roth is a Republican in politics and served in both branches of the city council from the First ward. On March 21, 1860, he married Mary J. Detweiler, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Lohrman) Detweiler, of Allentown. Their children were: (1) Ida, who died in childhood; (2) Daniel, who is married and resides in Allentown; (3) Minnie E., who married Harry Schaeffer, who died June 23, 1909, aged thirty-seven years, and had a son, Benjamin Clinton, and (4) Edgar, who died in Dakota, at the age of twelve years.

Samuel Roth was born in 1828, and died Nov. 2, 1894, aged sixty-six years. At the age of five years he came to Allentown. He was a miller by trade and was the founder of the S. & W. Roth Company, brick manufacturers of Allentown. They had three yards: One located at Third and Gordon streets; one in the West End, now conducted by the Mattern Bros., and the third was located in East Allentown. The firm was a prosperous one, employing 100 men, and were at one time the leading brick manufacturers in this section. Mr. Roth retired a number of years prior to his death.

Mr. Roth was a Republican in politics and a member of the Evangelical Church. He was a liberal contributor to Emanuel Evangelical church. He resided at 247 North Second street, Allentown. His wife was Cecelia, daughter of Jacob and Salome Geisinger. Their children were: (1) William, died in infancy; (2) Ida, married Samuel Graybill, of Newark, N. J.; (3) Agnes, married H. B. Mickley and resides at Moscow, Idaho; (4) Rev. Quintus B., of Kansas, an Evangelical minister; (5) Salome, married H. E. Bohner, of Allentown; (6) Daniel J.; (7) Lizzie, married Clayton Landis; (8) Tillie, married Vere Hallenback, of Oklahoma, and (9) Caleb, died in childhood.

DANIEL J. ROTH, a stove and tinware dealer of Allentown, was born in Allentown, Jan. 6, 1872, and attended the public schools of the city. At the age of seventeen years he learned the sheet metal and stove business and was employed as journeyman for seven years. In 1895 he engaged in his present business, located at 40 North Second street, and six years later he located at 212 Hamilton street, where he has since

conducted business, carrying a full line of stoves, heaters, ranges, cooking utensils, etc. He occupies a three-story building, twenty by ninety feet. He is prominently known in the city as a leading sheet metal worker, such as cornice, skylight work, etc. He employs three mechanics.

Mr. Roth is a Republican in politics and he and his family are members of Salem Evangelical church, in which Mr. Roth served officially.

On Jan. 6, 1900, he married Emma Everett, daughter of Francis and Maria Everett. They had children: Samuel F., and Mark E., born Jan. 5, 1902, and died Nov. 9, 1908, aged six years.

J. TAYLOR ROTH, son of William and Maria (Wasser) Roth, was born in Allentown, Nov. 14, 1868. He was educated in the common schools and at the age of twelve began working in a brick yard. He then was employed for two years at the Adelaide Silk Mills and as a machinist by Charles Spangler for three years and W. F. Mosser & Son, after which he was employed at the Allentown Spinning Company and the Pioneer Silk Mill. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of bricks with his father, but left this to become chief engineer of the Allentown Water Works. He then became a machinist at the Bethlehem Steel Company and again returned to brick manufacturing. In June, 1906, he became the sole agent in this vicinity for the Keystone National Powder Company.

Mr. Roth served eight years as a member of city councils as a Republican and is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. and A. M. He married Addie E., daughter of John L. and Amanda Moyer and they have one child, Dorothy M., who was educated in the city schools, high school and College for Women, and is an accomplished musician.

#### CLINTON N. J. ROTH.

Hon. Jeremiah Roth was born in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, May 20, 1833, the son of Jesse Roth, who died in 1876, and his wife, Catharine Gauff, who died in 1902. He was the eldest of four children, three sons and one daughter.

He was educated in the township schools and Bethlehem High School, after which he taught school for three years. About this time he first became interested in public affairs and was elected justice of the peace in 1864. In 1866 he moved to Allentown and engaged in farming and stock dealing. He became the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, located northwest of this city, where he erected commodious buildings and where he made a specialty of stock raising. He

was one of the first to introduce the use of electricity to operate farm machinery, (March 1894). He later disposed of most of his farm land to Joseph P. Gorman, which since has been sold as building lots. He subsequently purchased the Schreiber farm of eighty-six acres, in South Whitehall, just beyond the city limits.

As a cattle breeder he was known all over the country, making a specialty of registered Jersey and Holstein cattle. In the course of his career he made a European trip to purchase cattle, returning with fine blooded stock. One of his Jersey bulls, Black Prince, of Linden, was bought for \$15,000. He also had for many years flocks of Shropshire Down sheep. He was one of the first men to introduce western horses to eastern buyers, and for years exclusively supplied the Fire Department of New York City with horses, as well as many other eastern cities. He built and conducted the Allentown Horse Bazaar, where he handled many thousands of draft and farm horses.

Mr. Roth was elected president of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society in 1884, and served continuously in that capacity until his death. He gave all his time and attention to the development of the society, and the great success of the society is largely due to his energetic efforts. It was through him that the change from the old grounds at Sixth and Liberty streets to the new grounds was made in 1889.

Mr. Roth took a prominent part in public affairs, being active in local, state and national politics. In 1894 he was elected a member of city council, and in 1886 elected on the Democratic ticket to represent Lehigh county in the Legislature. He served on the agriculture, public institutions and coal and iron committees. He was re-elected in 1890, 1898, 1900 and 1902. While serving in the Legislature, he was one of the staunch supporters of George K. Jenks, the Democratic nominee for Senator during the memorable Quay fight. His strong personality made him many friends in the Legislature, irrespective of party. He was president of the National Live Stock Breeders and Exhibitors Association and member of the executive committee of the Mount Gretna Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial Exhibition. He was for many years a director of the Second National Bank. A staunch member of Salem Reformed church, he presented three memorial windows to that congregation, in memory of two sons, and a daughter, who died a number of years ago.

Mr. Roth died suddenly at his residence, 1103 Hamilton street, Jan. 22, 1907, and was buried at West End cemetery, Allentown. Mr. Roth

married, Aug. 24, 1868, Miss Angeline S. Mink, daughter of Nathan Mink. They had three children who reached maturity: Ida S. C., deceased, who married Josiah M. Werley; Oliver J., deceased, who married Cora Fenstermacher, and Clinton N. J.

CLINTON NATHAN JESSE ROTH was born in Allentown, May 6, 1876, and was educated in the common schools of this city. He was employed by his father in buying and selling horses until the age of nineteen years, when he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Traction Company, where he remained for four years. He then operated his father's farm in South Whitehall for two years, after which he was employed as a clerk by John Bowen, of Allentown. He then engaged in the grocery business for himself at Twelfth and Linden streets, where he remained for two years, when he sold out and entered the real estate business, in which he is still engaged.

In 1910 he bought the Henry Yundt farm at Shersersville, now called the Jordan poultry farm, where he raises chickens on a large scale, his stock carrying from three to five thousand. His incubators are capable of hatching eight or nine thousand eggs. He ships to New York ten cases of eggs weekly, and receives forty-five cents per dozen the year round. Mr. Roth is executor of his father's estate and still owns a considerable part of the old homestead as well as a farm of sixty acres near Bath. In 1908 he built his present beautiful home, at 1623 Highland street.

He is a member of Order of Eagles, Modern Woodmen of America and is a Democrat in politics.

He and his wife are members of Trinity Reformed church.

He married Miss Anna Furler, daughter of Fritz and Josephine (Zimmerman) Furler, of Allentown, formerly of Switzerland, and has two children: Arthur Jeremiah Fred and Florence Arner Josephine.

John Philip Roth came to America on the ship Phoenix and arrived at Philadelphia on Oct. 20, 1744. He settled in Lower Saucon township, near Hellertown, and married a Miss Lerch. His son, John Philip Roth, had children: John; Philip; William; Maria, wife of John Reinhard; Mrs. Margaret Biery, and Susanna, wife of Joseph Koch. Joseph and Susanna Koch had children: Caroline, married William Werner; Matilda, married Prof. J. O. Knauss; Catharine, married Michael Hauser, whose son is James J. Hauser; Susanna, married Edward Kunsman; Charles, married Amanda Gaumer, and John, married Maria Slough. John Roth

was born March 7, 1800, and died Oct. 17, 1873. He settled in Salisbury township and married Catharine Klein, who was born Nov. 15, 1802, and died May 1, 1880. Their children were: Owen, born July 7, 1826, died Sept. 26, 1905, married Rebecca Steinberger, and had children: Owen A. and Mrs. Alvin H. Kehn; Catharine, born Aug. 7, 1830, died Dec. 6, 1853; Matilda, born 1835, died 1836; Helena S., born Dec. 6, 1838; Philip, born Aug. 18, 1840; Benjamin, born 1842, died 1842; Eliza, married Henry Dorney; Adam; William, of Riverside, Cal.; Mrs. Amanda Gruver; Mrs. Samuel Derr and Mrs. Frank Strauss.

JEREMIAH G. ROTH.

Conrad Roth was a stone mason and lived in Saucon township between Center Valley and Bingen. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and is buried at Limeport. His wife was a Miss Wise. They had these children: Daniel; John, who lives at Emaus; Charles W., who was a school teacher; Joel, who lived in Kansas, and has a son, Wilson, employed in the Bethlehem Steel Company; Catharine, wife of Edward Schaffer, both deceased, and Mary, wife of Henry Hook, of Friedensville.

Daniel Roth, a son of Conrad, was born Nov. 20, 1829, and died March 27, 1873, aged forty-three years, four months, seven days. He is buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. He lived at Orefield and his trade was that of a carpenter. Mr. Roth was a member of Trexlertown Lodge No. 326, F. and A. M. In 1852 he was married to Mary Hauser, a daughter of John and Christiana (Semmel) Hauser. Mrs. Roth was born Oct. 2, 1826, and died May 25, 1906, aged seventy-nine years, seven months and twenty-three days. They had a son, Jeremiah G.

Jeremiah G. Roth was born at Kernsville, North Whitehall township, July 29, 1857, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years he commenced working in the ore mines at Orefield and continued for about five years, when he purchased the William Clauser homestead. He was actively engaged on the farm for four years, but lived on it for twenty-eight years. In 1906 he rented the farm to his son-in-law and entered the employ of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company as assistant machinist. During that year he erected his present residence at Levan's Junction, which has been his home ever since its completion. In politics Mr. Roth is a Democrat and he served his county as auditor and his district as registration assessor. He is connected with Jordan Lodge No. 192, I. O. O. F.; Livingstone Castle, No. 258, K. G. E.; and is a member of the Jordan Lutheran church.

On July 27, 1878, he was married to Amanda Clauser, daughter of William and Carolina (Kuhns) Clauser. They had three children:

1. Katie C., born in 1880, and died in 1890.
2. Florence M., wife of Robert M. Bear. They occupy the homestead of the late William Clauser, which consists of forty-nine acres and is located near Levans, North Whitehall township. They had six children: Alton R.; Harold R.; Esther M., who died in infancy; Earl H.; William A., and Luther J.
3. William D. Roth.

EDWIN C. ROTH.

Edwin C. Roth, son of Tilghman Roth, was born Feb. 25, 1884, in Egypt. He was educated in the public schools of the township and later learned the baker trade, and was employed by the Egypt Bakery Company up to 1909, when he accepted a position as moulder with the Dent Hardware Company, at Fullerton, where he is employed since.

Mr. Roth is a member of the Lutheran church at Egypt, which he serves as deacon. He is a member of Woodmen Lodge, of Cementon; and Allen Council Jr. Mechanics, No. 753, of Allentown. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1904 he was united in marriage to Eva A., daughter of Wallace and Millie (Haaf) Geiger. They have the following children: Harriet G. and Lucile G.

TILGHMAN ROTH.

Tilghman Roth was born in North Whitehall township, Sept. 14, 1855. He was educated in the public schools, and for a time worked on a farm. He later worked in the brick-yard at Catasauqua, and the Car Wheel and Axle Works in Fullerton. In 1884 he moved to Egypt, where he was employed in the cement mills. In 1897 he bought the Joshua Kohler homestead, which he occupies and farms at the present time. He is a Lutheran and a member of the Egypt church, which he serves as deacon. In politics he is a Republican, and a member of the Whitehall Beneficial Society.

He married Sarah, daughter of Joshua and Sarah Elizabeth (Knauss) Kohler. Issue: Beulah E., died small, and Edwin C.

Charles Roth was born in Berks county in 1820. He later moved to North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, where he resided during his life time. He was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed at his home, located between Rockdale and Rising Sun. Mr. Roth was a member of the Lutheran church at Unionville. He died May 25, 1863.



He was married to Clarissa Musselman, a daughter of Michael and wife, *nee* Miller, Musselman. They had the following children: Amanda, married Lewis Lindaman; Frank; Joel; Emma, married Al. Freeman; Lovina, married Lewis Newhard; Vienna; Ellen, married Jonas George; Tilghman; Hannah, married Frank Newhard, and Charles Roth.

Conrad Roth, great-grandfather of Oscar P. Roth, was born March 18, 1772, in Rockland township, Berks county. He removed to North Whitehall township, Lehigh county. He died May 7, 1848, and was buried at Unionville church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He married Elizabeth Hartranft, an aunt of Governor Hartranft. She was born Sept. 25, 1871, and died Dec. 9, 1846. They had twelve children: Mathias; Charles; Jacob; Aaron; Benneville; David, and six daughters, among whom were Mrs. Wm. Moyer and Mrs. Stein.

Mathias Roth, the oldest son, was born Sept. 30, 1800, and died April 1, 1860. He was reared at Moselem Springs, Berks county, and became a farmer. He lived near Rothrocksville. He was a member of Zion church, at Maxatawny, where he is buried. He was married to Eliza Roth. They had eight children: Jeremiah, who died at Breinigsville; Joshua; James, of Erie, Pa.; Alfred, Meadville, Crawford county; Daniel, at Meadville, where he died; Elizabeth, married David Acker, of Trexlertown; Emma, married Henry Bortz, and Sallie, married Tilghman Schaeffer.

Joshua Roth, second son of Mathias, was born at Moselem Springs, April 19, 1831, and died May 19, 1900. He was a carpenter by trade and followed it for many years. He lived near Rothrocksville, on the property now owned by Oscar P. Roth, of Allentown. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving for nine months as corporal in Company D, 167th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Colonel Shellhamer. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was buried at Zion church, in Maxatawny township. His wife was Annie Ziegler, daughter of Solomon Ziegler. She was born Oct. 5, 1830, and died April 18, 1889. Their children were: William, of Allentown; Henry J., of Rothrocksville; Oscar P.; Eliza, married Silas Stettler, of Allentown, and Mary, married Jeremiah Boyer, of Lyons, Pa.

OSCAR P. ROTH, the son of Joshua, a contractor and builder, was born Feb. 16, 1860. He was educated in the common schools and later attended the Normal School at Kutztown. He learned the carpenter trade from his father and in the spring of 1886 removed to Allentown.

For fourteen years he was employed in the planing mill of Butz & Frederick, at Allentown, and for four years in the planing mill of Ritter & Smith. Since 1904 Mr. Roth has been a contractor and builder, having built more than sixty houses in this time and employs a number of men.

Mr. Roth is a Democrat in politics and for seven years was assessor in the Eleventh ward; was city commissioner under Mayor C. D. Schaeffer and since the spring of 1910 is the water commissioner of the city, a position to which he was elected by council for three years.

On Nov. 29, 1884, Mr. Roth was married to Annie M. Levan, daughter of Willoughby and Leah (Smith) Levan, of Rothrocksville, and granddaughter of Daniel Levan. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are members of Salem's Reformed church. They had four children: (1) Ada V., who married Arthur H. Wright, of Allentown; (2) Jesse L.; (3) Leah E.; and (4) Earl O., who was born July 21, 1898, and died Sept. 16, 1898.

Mr. Roth is a member of Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen Chapter, R. A. M., No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; Constantine Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 1113, of Allentown; a charter member of No. 406, P. O. S. of A., and Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 258.

Mr. Roth purchased the ninety-acre farm at the east end of Rothrocksville, Maxatawny township, Berks county, along the Allentown and Reading Traction Company line, from the heirs of Chas. Bortz, deceased, which adjoined the Roth homestead.

Benneville Roth, the fifth son of Conrad, was born in July, 1826, and died in April, 1905. He was a carpenter and contractor and erected a number of buildings in North Whitehall and Slatington. He was a member and deacon of the Reformed congregation at the Unionville church, where he is buried. He married Mary Dodson, born in 1830, and died in 1895, and they had six children: Joseph, of Dayton, Ind.; Eliza, married John Schaffer, of Rossville, Ind.; Oliver, of Tiffin, O.; Robert A., and Marsby, of Hanover, Pa.

ROBERT A. ROTH, tax collector of South Whitehall, was born in North Whitehall, April 22, 1864. He was educated in the local schools and at the age of eighteen years learned the carpenter trade, which he followed until 1907. Since 1908 he has been tax collector of South Whitehall township. He is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1889 he married Idella C., daughter of John H. and Lucinda (Boyer) Beck and they

have one daughter, Esther I., married to Joseph E. Guth.

RUBRECHT FAMILY.

Henry Rubrecht, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, emigrated to Pennsylvania on the ship "Peggy," which landed at Philadelphia October 16, 1754, and then he took the oath of allegiance. On November 12, 1768 he took out a warrant for 70 acres of land in Lynn township Northampton (now Lehigh) county a locality in which he had settled prior to 1765. His name appears in the list of taxables for 1781. In 1790, the first Federal census records him as the head of a Lynn township family consisting of himself, two sons over sixteen years of age and two sons under sixteen, and three females. His name also appears in the tax list of 1812, besides the names of his sons John and George. In 1816-17 he purchased lots 83, 129 and 130 in New Tripoli, for which he was taxed as the owner.

Jonas Rubrecht, one of his older sons, moved across the Blue Mountain and settled in Schuylkill county, where he died and was buried at the Red Church, a historic place in Pine Dale. His descendants live in the vicinity of Hamburg and Shoemakersville, Berks county, but they spell their name Rubright.

Jacob Rubrecht, son of Henry, born January 17, 1789, and died January 20, 1856, was a millwright by trade and lived in Lehigh county, near Wessnersville, Berks county. His wife was Elizabeth Yenser, born August 14, 1795, and died August 24, 1870; and their children (now all deceased) were: Jacob (settled in Ohio), Daniel (killed in the Civil War), Levi (accidentally killed on the railroad at Schuylkill Haven), Ephraim, Mary (m. Henry Rauch), Lydia (1828-1895, m. Nathan Yenser), Polly (died unmarried), and Passie (m. Benjamin Gerber).

Ephraim Rubrecht, son of Jacob, born February 1, 1815, and died October 9, 1904, nearly 90 years of age, was a laborer and carpenter who lived in the Kistler Valley. His wife was Salie A. Greenawald. She was buried at Jacksonville but he at Wessnersville. They had eight children: Levi (buried at Schuylkill Haven) Samuel (killed in the Civil War), James (at Philadelphia), Jacob (in Texas), Daniel (at Lehigh Gap), John, Mary (m. Jacob Blickner), and Ellen (m. Amos Gruber).

JOHN RUBRECHT, son of Ephraim, a prosperous farmer in the Kistler Valley, was born May 26, 1852, and reared upon a farm. In 1892 he began farming where he still lives. The farm of 100 acres came into his possession in 1896, after it had been in the Kistler family for more

than one hundred years. The present dwelling was built in 1872 by Jacob Kistler, who also built the barn in 1875. Mr. Rubrecht is a Democrat. He and his family are Lutheran members of the New Jerusalem church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee; also as one of the building committee. In 1875 he was married to Luzettea, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Snyder) Kistler, and they had eight children: Samuel, Edwin, George, Allen and Ida (who are deceased), Charles, Anson, and Cora. Mrs. Kistler was born May 14, 1833, and has her home with her daughter, Mrs. Rubrecht. Her husband died a number of years ago.

RUDOLPH FAMILY.

This is an early settled Pennsylvania family and upon coming to America early in the eighteenth century settled in the counties immediately north of Philadelphia. The *Pennsylvania Archives* record that George, Jacob, John, Joseph, Thomas, and Michael Rudolph, at various times served their country in the Revolutionary War. George Rudolph, aged nineteen, bricklayer, on July 14, 1746, by the king's orders, enlisted under the Province of Pennsylvania, to be employed in concert with the regular forces in the immediate reduction of Canada. (*Pa. Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. I, pp. 5 and 8.*) Jacob Rudolph was the captain of the Second Company, of Chester county militia, on foot in the United States service, from May 14 to at least Oct. 12, 1777. Among the list of officers of First Penna. Battalion, by Assembly, Oct., 1775, among the second lieutenants, appears the name of John Rudolph. Joseph Rudolph was a soldier of the Sixth class, of Chester county, in 1782. "Letters of Marque," were granted Nov. 2, 1779, to Moses Griffith, that belonged to Rudolph & Co., and the name of the ship was Brigantine Argo.

Michael Rudolph, in 1783, was a soldier of the fourth class, of Capt. J. Roberts' Company, associators and militia from Northampton county. In 1790 the first federal census records the name of Michael Rudolph as the head of a family of five, who resided in Bucks county. Michael Rudolph, doubtless a son of the above Michael, was a weaver and farmer in the vicinity of Richlandtown, Bucks county, and there he died and is buried. He was actively identified with the Reformed church. He was a soldier in the war. He had two brothers was married to Elizabeth Wieand, and they had these children: Michael, Daniel, Henry, of Richlandtown; Hettie, married Aaron Hinkel; John, lived upon the homestead, and David. Daniel Rudolph was born in Bucks county, Dec. 16, 1831, and be-

fore his marriage was a miller by trade. In 1858 he purchased a 131-acre farm in Hanover township, this county. This he farmed until his retirement, dying on July 9, 1896, in his sixty-fifth year. His excellent farm was the homestead of William Daniel. The present house upon it was built by Mr. Rudolph in 1880. He served Hanover township on the school board twenty-one consecutive terms, and Christ's church, at Shoenersville, as deacon, elder, and trustee. He and his wife, Matilda Daniel, are buried at that church. She died Nov. 6, 1912, aged 81 years, 10 months, and 21 days. Her parents were William and Maria (Laubach) Daniel, and her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Margaret (Kreidler) Daniel. They had these children: Alfred, of West Bethlehem; Oliver W.; Amanda; Alice; Martha; and Elmer. The four youngest died small.

OLIVER W. RUDOLPH, of Hanover township, was born upon the farm on which he has always lived, Sept. 17, 1859. He had learned the trades of a coach-maker and machinist, but in the course of time he became the owner of the homestead and this he has farmed very successfully until in 1903, when he retired, but continues to reside on his fine farm. He was elected as a Democrat to the office of school director of the township and has served this office with marked ability for five years, when he resigned the position. He is one of the deacons of the Reformed congregation of the Shoenersville church. In 1886 Mr. Rudolph married Delia J. Ritter, a daughter of Simon and Belinda (Breinig) Ritter. They have an only daughter: Flora B. Rudolph.

#### RUCH FAMILY.

George Ruch, ancestor of this family, was born in Zinzendorf, Alsace, in 1664. He emigrated to America with his family in the ship "Samuel," and arrived at Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 1733, accompanied by the ancestors of the Troxell, Flickinger and Lichtenwalner families, who settled in this county. He secured several warrants for land in Whitehall township, the first of which was dated Aug. 19, 1737, for 100 acres. These tracts, however, he did not patent, and in 1764 he lived on a tract of 400 acres which he rented. He was naturalized about April 10, 1746. He was a member of the Lutheran faith, and attended the Jordan Lutheran church, where he was buried. He died in 1769, at the great age of 104 years and eleven months. A photograph of his tombstone is here shown. George Ruch's first wife having died, he married the second time, and had a number of children. His second wife, Susanna, was considerably younger than her husband. His children in the first mar-

riage were: George, Jacob, Michael and Mary Eva, and in the second marriage: Catharine, Conrad, Anna, Mary, John, Lorenz and Peter.

George Ruch settled in Lower Milford township, and is the ancestor of that branch of the family.

Michael Ruch is said to have removed to the western part of the state.

Christian Ruch, son of George, second, was born Jan. 7, 1748, and died Dec. 2, 1827. His sons were: Jonas, George, Christian and John.

George Ruch, son of George, second, was born Dec. 7, 1735, and died Aug. 2, 1821. He married Anna Mary Rabenold. His son, John, born Aug. 28, 1777, died Nov. 24, 1863, married Mrs. Elizabeth Albright, grandmother of Judge Edwin A. Albright.

John Ruch, son of George, Sr., was born Oct. 7, 1740. He married Nov. 5, 1765, Eva, daughter of George Fatzinger. His sons were: George, born 1776, John born 1772, and Jacob, born 1774.

Peter Ruch, son of George, Sr., was born Feb. 7, 1746.

Conrad Ruch removed to Indiana county.

Lorenz, Ruch, son of George Sr., was born Nov. 14, 1744. He married Nov. 5, 1769, Charlotta Barbara Knauss, born June 20, 1750, died March 28, 1810, daughter of George and Maria Charlotta Knauss, of Cedar Creek. Lorenz Ruch secured by warrant of April 22, 1773, a tract of ninety-two acres called "Westminster," where Ruchsville is now located, and added to this until he owned 212 acres. He died Oct. 27, 1825, and is buried at Egypt church. He was one of the strongest men in this entire section, and many stories of his deeds of strength are still related. At one time, it is said, he upset the wagon of a neighbor, loaded with produce for a trip to Philadelphia, with his hands, so that by the time it was reloaded, he was ready with his own load. He was a private in Captain Moritz's company of the Second Battalion of Northampton county militia, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Balliet, in the Revolutionary War. He had four sons and four daughters: Elizabeth, born June 27, 1772; Catharine, born Oct. 30, 1774, married May 5, 1799, Henry Biery; Mary Susanna, born March 11, 1777, died May 20, 1855, married Abraham Miller; Peter; Lorenz, born March 19, 1781; Hanna, born Oct. 12, 1783, died Dec. 5, 1839, married Michael Frack; Elizabeth, born May 21, 1786; George, who was tollkeeper at the bridge over the Susquehanna, at Berwick, and John Henry, born Oct. 1, 1791.

Peter Ruch, son of Lorenz, was born Feb. 28, 1779. He became the owner of his father's land

and kept a hotel for many years at Ruchsville. He became widely known in the community and in the War of 1812-14 raised a company of cavalry in North and South Whitehall, of which he became captain. On Aug. 1, 1814, he was commissioned by Gov. Simon Snyder, captain of the troop of dragoons in the Second Brigade of the Seventh Division. He was a leading spirit in militia organizations, and rose in rank to brig-

Elizabeth Ruch was born Oct. 14, 1804, and died Oct. 17, 1804.

Charles Ruch, who died in 1854, married Salome Burkhalter. Their children were: Henry; Solomon, born 1832, married Mary A. Schadt; Allen P., born April 18, 1836; Dr. Stephen W., born Dec. 26, 1838, died April 19, 1879, married Hannah Laury; Reuben; Sarah and Edwin.



TOMBSTONE OF GEORGE RUCH, AT JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

dier general, which he was commissioned by Governor Hiestor on Aug. 3, 1821, and again by Governor Shulze, on Aug. 3, 1828. He died Nov. 19, 1838. General Ruch married, March 13, 1801, Susanna, daughter of Philip Jacob Schreiber, and had seven children: Elizabeth, Charles, William, David, Peter, Mary M. and Thomas.

William Ruch was born Jan. 18, 1806.

David Ruch was born July 3, 1807, and died Jan. 13, 1890.

Peter Ruch, born April 12, 1809, died April 19, 1881, married, Dec. 5, 1830, Lucy Ann Troxell. He settled near Frankford, Ind., in 1853, where he died. He had four sons and two daughters: William, born 1832, died March 3,

1898, married (1), Sarah Miller; (2) Caroline Kohler, and (3) Sarah Beisel, and had four sons and three daughters: Joseph, Martin, George, Mrs. Henry Biery and Mrs. Samuel Kuhns. Mary M. Ruch was born Nov. 29, 1811, and died May 24, 1890. She married Stephen Graff, of Balliettsville.

Capt. Thomas Ruch was born April 29, 1815. He became active in militia circles and Aug. 3, 1842, was commissioned captain of the "Whitehall Cavalry." On March 8, 1853, he was commissioned major of the First Cavalry Battalion, and May 28, 1860, commissioned colonel. He died Aug. 4, 1890. He married, first, Lavinia, daughter of John and Salome Troxell. Their children were: Mrs. Joseph Lorash; Mrs. Stephen Brown; Mrs. P. Frank Brown; Susan; Jacob and Daniel L., born June 18, 1839, of Elsen, Ind. Captain Ruch married, second, Mrs. Mary A. (Romig) Koons, who was born Jan. 2, 1821, and died April 5, 1883.

William Ruch, son of Gen. Peter Ruch and his wife, Susanna Schreiber, was born Jan. 18, 1806, and died May 9, 1893, aged eighty-seven years, three months and twenty-one days. He is buried at Egypt church, where he was a member. He also served as trustee a number of years, and held other offices. He followed farming, and owned and tenanted the farm now owned by the estate of Hon. W. H. Sowden. In religion he was Lutheran and in politics a Republican. He also served as school director.

He married Lydia Troxell, daughter of Nicholas Troxell and his wife, Maria (Heller). They had the following children: Sallie, married Chas. Butz; Lewis; Frank; Louisa married Frank Scheirer; Polly married a Mr. Engelmoyer; Catharine, married Uriah Kurtz; James; Hiram; Rufus; Peter; William L. and two died small.

HIRAM RUCH, farmer, in Hanover township, near Shoenersville, was born Nov. 17, 1848. He was reared upon the farm, and at the age of twenty-four years learned the carpenter trade, following it until 1894. He was employed as foreman for Peter Laubach, his brother-in-law. In 1894 he bought the Wm. Wint homestead in Hanover, of twenty acres, where he since lives. He is a member of the Shoenersville Lutheran congregation. In 1875 he married Maria K. Berndt, daughter of Francis G. and Christina (Kline) Berndt. They have no children.

PETER RUCH was born April 3, 1855, on a farm near Siegersville. At the age of fourteen, he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed until 1891, when he began farming at Ruchsville. In 1902 he occupied his present farm

of ninety-one acres, the Geo. Xander homestead. He is also greatly interested in poultry.

In religion he is a Lutheran. He married Miss Agnes Guth, daughter of Evan Guth. They have five children: Miles, married Minnie Steckel; Herbert, married Annie Moyer; Nevada, married George Kuhns; Carrie, married Ray Schneck, and William.

David Ruch, third son of Gen. Peter Ruch, was born July 3, 1807. He owned and cultivated a farm at Ruchsville and was a member of the Egypt Lutheran congregation, where he was buried at his death on Jan. 13, 1890. He married Maria Xander and had nine children: David; Alfred; John, born 1847, died 1905; Calvin, of Coplay; Benjamin, died young; Helena, married Enoch Frankenfield; Elizabeth, married Tilghman Steckel; Amanda, married Alex Troxell and Mary, married John Koch.

David Ruch, Jr., was born Jan. 1, 1832, and died Sept. 30, 1908. He was a farmer in Whitehall and also hauled iron ore from the mines to Hokendauqua Catasaqua. He was a member of the Egypt Reformed congregation, where he was buried, and was a life-long Republican. He lived for some years in Maryland. He married Susanna, daughter of David Biery, and had nine children: Catharine, died aged six years, and is buried in Venango county; Sylvester M.; Walter, of Egypt; Mary A., born 1858, died 1902, married John E. Good, of Allentown; Agnes; Margaret, married O. J. Herman, of Kutztown; Asa, died aged four years; Sallie, married Chas. W. Long, of Princess Ann, Somerset county, Md., and Laura, married Allen Benner, of Allentown.

Sylvester M. Ruch, of Allentown, was born Dec. 31, 1854, near Hokendauqua, and was educated in the township schools. He operated an iron ore mine in North Whitehall for fifteen years and in the fall of 1884 removed to Somerset county, Maryland, where he farmed a 444-acre farm for three years, raising mainly wheat and corn. In 1889 he located in Allentown, where he has since resided. Since 1908, he has been the county tax collector for the Eighth ward. He is a Republican and with his family is a member of Dubbs' Memorial Reformed church. He married, in 1879, Rosa, daughter of Joel and Mary A. (Klotz) Peters. They had five children: Hattie, married Howard M. Hersh; Asa P., of Alton, Ill.; Effie, died aged four years; Homer J., an inspector on the Panama Canal since 1905, and Charles A., a machinist.

Edwin Ruch, son of Charles, married Tevillia Bitting and had a son, William A.

CAPT. WILLIAM A. RUCH, a real estate dealer and insurance broker of Allentown, Pa.,



was born in Upper Milford township, Nov. 5, 1868. At the age of sixteen years he was employed as a clerk in a store in Allentown and continued there for eleven years. In 1895 he became connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and continued in the service of the company until April, 1907, when he engaged in his present business, and located on the second floor of 461 Hamilton street. In 1914 he located on the second floor of the Allentown Trust Company building. Mr. Ruch also deals in farms and has negotiated some of the largest land deals in recent years in this section of the state. He employs two field men. Mr. Ruch is a successful real estate operator and his business has steadily increased until now it has reached large proportions.

Mr. Ruch is also the agent for a number of leading fire insurance companies. In February, 1911, he was elected president of the Leatherman's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and during 1910 he served this company efficiently as secretary and director.

On April 6, 1896, Captain Ruch entered the service of the National Guard of Pennsylvania as a private of Company B, Fourth Regiment, and was discharged May 8, 1898, by virtue of his desire to enter the service of the United States during the Spanish-American War. He entered the United States service as a private on May 9, 1898, and on July 5th of that year was made a corporal. On Nov. 16, 1898, he was mustered out of the volunteer service. He did active service in Porto Rico; was in the Gen. Nelson A. Miles campaign, and for ten days had charge of a detail of twelve men serving on special duty at the prison at Guayama. On March 11, 1899, he re-enlisted in Company B, N. G. P., at Allentown and on April 24, 1899, was made a sergeant. In October, 1900, he was promoted to the rank of first sergeant and on Feb. 1, 1901, was elected second lieutenant. On Jan. 20, 1902, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant; on Dec. 7, 1908, was appointed captain and regimental inspector of small arms practice, and assigned to the Fourth Regiment, Col. C. T. O'Neill commanding.

Captain Ruch was in active service in the guard at Drifton in 1897; at Shenandoah and Panther Creek Valley in 1900, and at Mt. Carmel and Plymouth in 1902.

Mr. Ruch is connected with a number of secret organizations and is now serving his fifth term as treasurer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 110. He and his family reside at 16 North Thirteenth street, and are members of the Evangelical Church.

On May 15, 1892, he was married to Mary

E. Oswald, daughter of Jonathan and Emma (Reinert) Oswald, of Allentown, Pa. They had five children: Mildred V.; Charles A.; Annie T.; Paul H.; Grace, who died in November, 1908, in her third year of age, and Richard C.

#### RUHE FAMILY.

John Frederick Ruhe, the ancestor of this family in America, was born Nov. 25, 1745, in Nordheim, in the Electorate of Hanover, and was the second son of John Christopher Ruhe. He was a physician and a druggist and in 1767 went to London, England, where he was assistant to the King's apothecary. He was married in St. George's church, Hanover Square, London, on Aug. 14, 1777, to Miss Catharine Maria Henrietta Mackenrot, daughter of John Henry Mackenrot, and his wife, Margaret Christina Werner. She was born in Laesfeld, Hanover, Aug. 30, 1754, and was baptized at Osterode, Sept. 7, 1754. In 1790 they came to America with their four children and lived several years in New York and Philadelphia. Their second son, Augustus, died of yellow fever in the epidemic of 1793, and in 1794 the family removed to Allentown, where Doctor Ruhe opened the first apothecary in the town. He lived to the great age of ninety-five years and was long remembered by residents of the city, as one of the last citizens who wore the old-fashioned "small clothes,"—knee breeches and silk hose. He died July 27, 1841, and is buried in the old Allentown cemetery. His wife died July 16, 1840.

They had seven children:

Elizabeth Harriet Ruhe, the eldest child, was born in London, May 19, 1778. She was confirmed by the Lutheran pastor at Allentown, Reverend Ellison, in 1795.

Maria Carolina, the second daughter, was born Jan. 17, 1780, and died April 11, 1780.

John Frederick Ruhe, the eldest son, was born April 6, 1781.

Augustus, the second son, was born Aug. 4, 1783. He died at Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 1793.

George Henry, the third son, was born Sept. 22, 1786, and died Sept. 20, 1788.

Johanna Louisa, the third daughter, was born May 30, 1789. She was confirmed by Reverend Yeager in 1804 and Nov. 1, 1818, married Henry Ebner, publisher of the *Friedensbote*.

Charles August, the fourth son, was born Dec. 10, 1794, in Allentown.

John Frederick Ruhe, eldest son of Doctor Ruhe, born in London, April 6, 1781, was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Allentown, by Reverend Ellison in 1795. On March 2, 1806, he married Catharine Keiper, daughter of John

and Catharine Keiper. She was born Feb. 12, 1783, and died July 30, 1818. He married the second time, Aug. 7, 1818, Elizabeth Kramer.

John F. Ruhe was captain of a local company called the "Northampton Blues," in the War of 1812, was the first high constable of the borough in 1811, and held the offices of town clerk, chairman of town council, and burgess. From 1817 to 1820, he was cashier of the Northampton Bank. He was many years justice of the peace and in 1838 was appointed associate judge of the county, which office he held several terms. He was the founder of the tobacco business later largely increased by his sons and grandsons. He died in 1861. He was the father of twenty-three children, of whom his first wife was the mother of twelve and his second of eleven. Those who attained maturity were by his first wife: Augustus L., William S., John F., Matilda, Louisa and Henrietta, and by his second wife, George L., Edward, Henry E., Thomas, Eliza, Mary, Clarissa, Amelia and Mrs. Engelman.

Augustus L. Ruhe was born Sept. 23, 1809. In 1823 he entered the employ of the Allentown *Friedensbote* as a printer's apprentice, where he served seven years. He then entered the employ of John Howe, of Philadelphia, in the first stereotype foundry in that city, where he remained a year. Returning to Allentown he entered business life and in 1840 was appointed postmaster. In 1844 he purchased the *Lecha Patriot*, which he later sold and in 1846 established the *Lehigh Register*. In 1855 he sold this paper, but in 1859 acquired an interest in the *Allentown Democrat*, which he sold in 1865, to his son, W. K. Ruhe. In 1860 he was appointed clerk in the office of internal revenue and in 1869 was elected clerk of the Orphans' Court and re-elected in 1872. He was one of the organizers of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, and was for some years its secretary. He was a member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., for nearly fifty years; of Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., Trexlertown, and of St. Michael's Lutheran church. He died May 5, 1892.

Mr. Ruhe was married three times, in 1832 to Deborah Gangewere, of Allentown; in 1835, to Adeline Knauss, of South Whitehall, and in 1865 to Mrs. Harriet Kleckner, of Bath. He had seven children, all with the second wife; Werner K., Frank A., and Henry M. Ruhe, Mrs. C. Frank Haines, Mrs. Levi Nickum, Mrs. J. H. Addis and Mrs. William Dutt.

William S. Ruhe, second son of Capt. John F., was born April 10, 1810. He was a printer by occupation and was a member of Captain Yeager's company, the Allen Guard, in 1861, one of the five first defender companies. He

served three enlistments in the Civil War, serving in the Twenty-first and 209th Regiments. He removed to Philadelphia, where he died Feb. 1, 1900. He was married in 1833 to Sarah Matchett, of Halifax, Cumberland county. She was born Jan. 27, 1810, and died Aug. 21, 1899. Their children were: Capt. Walter Ruhe, of Philadelphia, a veteran of the Civil War; Miss Louisa J. and Francis C., of Philadelphia, and Mary H., wife of Franklin J. Keck, of Allentown.

John F. Ruhe, third son of Capt. John F., was born April 6, 1814. In 1856 he became the owner and editor of the *Bureau County Republican*, at Princeton, Ill. He died at Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 3, 1904.

Matilda, daughter of Capt. John F., married a Mr. Heckman; Louisa, married Obediah Weaver, and Henrietta, born April 16, 1816, died Dec. 14, 1901, married Henry Ritter.

George L. Ruhe, born Aug. 29, 1822, was a tobacconist and died at Allentown, Aug. 22, 1901. He had four children: Harvey G., of Boston; Prof. E. Lehman Ruhe; Miss Loraine Ruhe and Mrs. Thomas Reed, of Allentown.

Henry Ebner Ruhe, son of Capt. John Frederick Ruhe, and grandson of the founder of the family in America, was born in the Germania Hotel, on South Seventh street, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 28, 1825. He attended the public schools of Allentown and the old academy and later a select school conducted by a Mr. Ryan. After completing his education he learned the trade of tobacco manufacturing with his father and was associated with him during the latter's active business life. He later formed a partnership with his brother, George, under the firm name of George L. Ruhe and Brother, manufacturers of cigars, smoking and chewing tobacco. Mr. Henry Ruhe superintended the manufacturing end of the business, his brother, George, acting as sales agent, making trips to the surrounding villages of the townships, with a wagon; trips lasting several days, delivering goods and getting orders. This partnership was subsequently dissolved. Mr. Henry Ruhe then formed a partnership with his brother, Thomas, under the name of Henry E. Ruhe and Brother, which association continued until 1862. Mr. Henry E. Ruhe then entered upon the liquor business on the square now situated in the center of Allentown's business activity and here for a period of thirty-one years he conducted a popular cafe business with success. He has for sixty-one years resided in his home on South Seventh street, which he purchased in 1852, when he enlarged and added improvements thereto. He is yet active both physically and mentally, in his 90th year. He is a

staunch Republican, casting his first vote for the Whig candidate for President, John Tyler. His first Republican vote was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856. In 1860 he voted for our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln; since then he has consistently supported the Republican nominations, terminating in his vote for William H. Taft in 1912. He is a member of the Lutheran Church; has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for sixty-one years, being the oldest living member.

He married, April 29, 1847, Mary Elizabeth Miller, born Oct. 14, 1827, daughter of John Miller, the Rev. Joseph Dubbs officiating. His wife died May 5, 1902, after a married life of fifty-two years. She was a member of the Reformed Church. Their issue was: Tilghman James, born Oct. 24, 1848, died Nov. 13, 1893, who married Emma Wieder; was ticket agent at East Penn Junction for the P. and R. R. Co.; John Miller, born Jan. 29, 1850, died July 9, 1851; Ellen Amelia, born June 7, 1851, died Jan. 16, 1898; Agnes Elizabeth, born Nov. 8, 1852, died Nov. 19, 1886; Harry E., born Sept. 11, 1859; Charles Mackenroth, born Dec. 16, 1861; died in 1911; Emma Louise, born April 16, 1862, married Rev. John Kessler, a minister of the Reformed Church. She is now a widow and resides at Blairstown, N. J., where she is a preceptress in the Presbyterian Academy.

HARRY E. RUHE, third son of Henry Ebner Ruhe, was born Sept. 11, 1859, at Allentown, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown, and at the age of fifteen years, went to Philadelphia, where he learned the trade of shoemaking, with Charles Stuber, who conducted a shop at Second and Green streets. His wages then amounted to the sum of \$2.50 per week. After having learned the trade, he returned to Allentown, and at the age of seventeen years started in business for himself, conducting the same until 1881.

Under President Arthur's administration he secured the appointment of letter carrier, being the first of six thus appointed in Allentown, which position he held until change of administration in 1885, Grover Cleveland then coming into power. Postoffice employees at that time not being civil service appointees these positions were affected by changes of administration.

He then became a salesman for H. Leh & Co. in their shoe department, and later for J. L. Farr, remaining with this concern for one year, then securing employment in the same line with John E. Lentz & Co., making four years in all as a shoe salesman. On March 17, 1890, he was appointed assistant ticket agent at the Allentown Terminal R. R. Station and June 15, 1891, he was appointed division passenger agent

for the Central R. R. of N. J., and for the past twenty-two years filled that position of responsibility with satisfaction to his company and the public. In 1914 he was appointed general baggage agent, with headquarters in New York City. He is a man of pleasing personality by reason of his high conception of the duties and privileges of citizenship.

He is a member of the B. P. O. of Elks, Allentown, Pa., is a Republican and a member of St. John's Reformed church. He married, April 13, 1882, Anna Regina Clesson, born near Baltimore, Md., daughter of William and Lucy (Cretin) Clession. Mrs. Ruhe is a lady of marked intelligence and has a pleasing personality. She is the possessor of some very rare and valuable pieces of China brought from Germany many years ago, by Doctor Ruhe, the progenitor of the American family. Mr. and Mrs. Ruhe have one child, a daughter, Edna C., who graduated from the Allentown High School. She was married to Mark Carpenter, who is ticket agent for the Central R. R. of N. J., at Allentown, Pa. They have two children, Harry and Robert.

Edward Ruhe, born Dec. 11, 1831, obtained his education in the public schools and the Allentown Academy. After having been employed for eleven years by Owen and Joseph Saeger, hardware merchants he formed a business connection with Thos. B. Wilson, a dry goods merchant at 707 Hamilton street. In April, 1861, Mr. Wilson, after an active career of thirty-five years, retired, and Mr. Ruhe became his successor. He conducted the store until 1865, when he sold out to John P. Dillinger, retiring from mercantile pursuits for about a year. At the end of that time, however, he again became a dry goods merchant, but after a year sold out to E. S. Shimer & Co., to associate himself with Col. T. H. Good, in the real estate and insurance business. This partnership was maintained for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Ruhe was appointed internal revenue assessor for the Sixth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, comprising Lehigh and Montgomery counties. He served in this capacity from May 6, 1869, until May 20, 1873, when the law regarding such offices was changed, but he was retained in the public service as a collector of the district until Jan. 1, 1876. During a portion of that time Mr. Ruhe was a director of the Allentown National Bank, and was and still is its notary public, having been appointed for the purpose in 1876. He has also acted in the same capacity since 1892 for the Lehigh Valley Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

Mr. Ruhe engaged extensively in real estate

and building operations and was instrumental in the erection of over 300 houses and was also one of the organizers of the Elliger Real Estate Association. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and of the Livingston Club. Mr. Ruhe married, Nov. 29, 1855, Anna, daughter of Thomas B. and Eliza (Martin) Wilson, and they had four children: Thomas W., for many years connected with the Bay State Cut Sole Company, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Frederick W. Herbst, of Columbus, O.; William F. Ruhe, real estate dealer of Allentown, and Miss Elizabeth J. Ruhe.

Thomas Ruhe, son of Capt. John F. Ruhe, was twice married and had two daughters, Mrs. Nicholas Dell and Mrs. David Thomas.

Charles A. Ruhe, youngest son of John Frederick Ruhe, Sr., was born Dec. 10, 1794, in Allentown, and at an early age apprenticed to a mercantile house in Philadelphia. Later he enlisted in the United States service during the War of 1812, in company with his brother, Capt. John F. Ruhe, Jr., and on being discharged opened a general merchandise store in Ruchsville, North Whitehall township. After a business experience of some years at this place, he removed to Shimersville, Northampton County, and remained two years, when Allentown became his home. While at Ruchsville he married, Feb. 15, 1820, Miss Susanna, daughter of Adam and Catharine Scheirer, and had twelve children. Mr. Ruhe engaged in the general grocery trade in Allentown and in 1854 admitted his son, Charles H., as a partner, under the firm name of Charles A. Ruhe & Son, and the manufacture of cigars was added to the business. A few years later his sons, Frederick A. and Joseph, were taken into the firm. The stock of groceries was disposed of in 1862, and the senior member the same year retired from active commercial life. Politically, Mr. Ruhe was a Whig in his early days, and on the formation of the Republican party became one of its steadfast adherents. He was actively identified with the Second National Bank as a director, in which capacity he served for many years. He died Jan. 14, 1879, aged eighty-four years.

His son, Edward, served in the Mexican War and died at the age of twenty-one years. Several of his children died in infancy. Those who reached maturity were: Clara M.; Charles H., who married Eliza A. Engelman and had seven children: Millie, married Rev. W. C. D. Keiter; Edward W., married Katherine Ingham; George E., married Emma E. Minninger; John C., married Jennie Jacoby; Samuel J.; Sallie E., married Geo. G. Sykes, and Nina B., married

M. S. Hottenstein; Frederick A., who married Julia A. Kocher, and had three children: Arabella married A. E. Swartz; Jennie, married Henry E. Peters, and Margaret, married O. R. B. Leidy; Anna C., married Benjamin F. Roth; Mary Louisa and Joseph.

JOSEPH RUHE, son of Charles A. and Susanna Ruhe, was born in Allentown, Pa., Feb. 20, 1837. He attended the public schools of his native town and early in life served an apprenticeship at the trade of cigarmaking. By the exercise of prudence and thrift during his service as journeyman he was enabled to accumulate sufficient capital to step into business with his brothers, Charles and Frederick, after the firm of Charles A. Ruhe had been dissolved, the new firm conducting business under the name of Ruhe Brothers. They established one of the most extensive cigar manufactories in the state of Pennsylvania, their factories being located on Seventh and Eighth streets, Allentown, and this enterprise gave constant employment to more than 300 hands. The business steadily increased in volume and importance, becoming the leading industry in that section of the state, and the firm remained the same as when first established until the death of Frederick A. Ruhe, twenty years later. The business was then conducted by the remaining members of the firm for a period of eighteen years, when a corporation was formed under the name of Ruhe Brothers Company, with Charles H. Ruhe as its first president. In 1893, Joseph Ruhe became extensively interested in real estate transactions, and by the exercise of clear judgment and keen foresight has achieved a large degree of success, and is now in receipt of a good income from this undertaking. He is a director in the Lehigh Valley Trust and Safe Deposit Company. He has always been upright and honorable in his dealings, gained the entire confidence and trust of his fellow citizens, and both in public and private life has proved himself worthy and reliable. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Ruhe married, Dec. 24, 1862, Eliza A. Fenstermacher, deceased, daughter of Aaron Fenstermacher. Their children are: Raymond R., who died at the age of three years; Elizabeth, who died in the thirteenth year of her age; Robert Joseph, born July 24, 1866, died Aug. 16, 1888; Miriam, an artist of note and distinction, who became the wife of Edward Levin, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Wallace Edgar, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, now engaged as an architect in Allentown. Mr. Ruhe married for his second wife, Mary L. Hartman. The family hold membership in St. John's Reformed church of Allentown. Mr. Ruhe erected

a handsome memorial chapel in memory of his son, Robert Joseph Ruhe.

WALLACE EDGAR RUHE, son of Joseph Ruhe, whose native talent and thorough preliminary training have made him one of the foremost architects of the Lehigh Valley, is practicing his profession in Allentown, his native city. He pursued his preliminary education in the public schools of Allentown, and for two years thereafter was a student in Muhlenberg College. He afterward attended the Ulrich Preparatory School at Bethlehem, Pa., and in 1895 entered the University of Pennsylvania, architectural department, in which he was graduated with the class of 1899. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course of one year, making a specialty of the study of architecture and kindred branches. On leaving the university he went abroad and spent some time in Italy in further preparation for the profession which he had decided to make his life work. Upon his return to America he spent a short period in New York, whence he went to Philadelphia, and in those two cities was connected with some of the leading architects of the country, so that it is doubtful if any of the young men of his time had any better advantages than had Mr. Ruhe in preparing for his chosen calling. His natural aptitude and this close application soon took him beyond mediocrity to a position of distinction in his profession, and by reason of his superior merit he has attained enviable success since locating for business in his native city.

Mr. Ruhe returned to Allentown in the fall of 1901 and opened an office of his own. He employed as a clerk Robert Lange, of New York, whom he admitted to a partnership in 1903, and the firm of Ruhe & Lange occupies a pre-eminent position in their profession in this part of the state. Among the larger and more important buildings of Allentown, which have been erected on plans drawn by Mr. Ruhe, are the Young Men's Christian Association building, Muhlenberg College buildings, Farr building, Haas building, Christ Lutheran church, Franklin school additions, German Catholic School and Convent, Elk's Club House and Mack Bros. Motor Car Company buildings. The Catasauqua National Bank, the Lehigh Country Club, the Lehigh Valley Trust Company building and the residences of C. A. Matcham, C. F. Mosser, Edw. W. Ruhe, John Taylor, Wm. D. Schantz and John T. Little, of Allentown, and of Herman Kostenbader, J. W. Fuller, Jr., and Frank M. Horn, of Catasauqua, are among the evidences of his skill and handiwork.

Mr. Ruhe married, May 2, 1906, Lillian K., daughter of Oscar H. Mink, of Allentown. He

is a member of St. John's Reformed church and also of the Livingston Club, Lehigh Country Club, Allentown Lodge of Elks and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. and A. M.

#### AUGUST W. RUHF.

August William Ruhf, engineer of the Allentown Water Works, was born in Bavaria, German, Feb. 25, 1868. He received his education there in the public schools, while living with his grandparents, until he became fourteen years old, when he was apprenticed to the trade of wood carver, and he followed this trade for two years until 1884, when he emigrated to Pennsylvania, proceeding directly to Lehigh, where his parents had previously located. After working there for nearly two years in the Packer Car Shops, he went to Allentown, and followed his trade of wood carver for nearly fifteen years, until 1901. He next worked for two years in the wire mill, then entered the employ of the Allentown Water Works, and has been there since, serving as engineer from 1911. He is a member of the Order of Moose, No. 129, of the Lehigh Democratic Club, and of St. Paul's Reformed church.

In 1890, Mr. Ruhf married Bertha S. Heitz, of Allentown, daughter of William and Lydia (Lindstrom) Heitz, and they had five children: Emma Alice; Annie, who died when six years old; Russell Charles William; Marie; and Mildred.

His father, Charles Ruhf, was born in Bavaria, where he was educated and followed the trade of stone-cutter until he was 31 years of age; then he emigrated to America and located at Mauch Chunk, Pa. He was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as car inspector at Mauch Chunk, Packerton, and Lehigh, until Feb. 13, 1905, when he was accidentally killed on the railroad, and his remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Lehigh. He was married to Barbara Nunberg, of Bavaria, and they had five children: August W.; Carrie, married Daniel Knauss; Minnie, married Jelson Yenks; Charles; and Annie, married Frank Zimmerman.

#### JOHN E. RUMSEY.

The grandfather of John E. Rumsey was Presvin Rumsey, a native of New York. His grandmother, *nee* Smith, was a native of New Jersey. James B. Rumsey, the father of John E., was born in Pennsylvania, in 1848. He followed lumbering in Luzerne county for a number of years. In 1885 he took up the general machine construction business for corporations; but he has been the general foreman of the motive power for the Penn Allen Cement Company, at Penn



Allen, Pa. He was married to Mary J. Rickert, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Wenner) Rickert. They were the parents of the following children: John E.; Susan E., wife of George D. Kugler, of Shickshinny, Pa.; David W., of Nazareth; Verena, died, aged fourteen years.

John Ellis Rumsey, of Cementon, was born near White Haven, Pa., Jan. 23, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and the Kingston Seminary, graduating in the commercial department of that institution in 1888. He returned to the coal mines and a year later he entered the store department of M. S. Kemmerer & Company, of Sandy Run, for whom he worked 21 years. In 1902 he located at Siegfried, where he engaged in the general merchandise business. In 1908, he entered the wholesale liquor and bottling business at Cementon, which he disposed of June 1, 1914. He is president of the Northampton Improvement Company since 1911, also director of the Allen Trust Company, of Northampton, Pa. His fraternal connections are with the F. O. E., No. 110, and the Independent Americans, at Freeland, Pa. In 1892, he was married to Hannah Davis, daughter of Evan X. and Rebecca (Basset) David, both deceased. They were both natives of Wales. To Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey two children were born, namely: James W., and Stanley E.

#### RUPP FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Rupps, who have been prominently identified with the western section of Lehigh county for upwards of 150 years, was George Rupp. He was born Aug. 11, 1721, in the village of Wimmerau, in Lower Alsace, Germany. The names of his parents were Ulrich Rupp and Margaret Holtz. He was married, Jan. 23, 1750, to Ursula von Peterholtz, born Aug. 17, 1722, in the town of Rabschwiern, Duchy of Zweibruecken, in Upper Alsace, and they emigrated to Pennsylvania shortly afterward. By a tradition of the family it appears that he was of the common people, but his wife of the nobility, and their marriage was without the sanction of her parents. They settled on a farm of several hundred acres near the present village of Chapman, in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, now known as Ruppsville, and to them were born nine children: Maria Clara, m. to a Faringer; Margaret, m. to a Mertzler; Anna Margaret, who died single; Adam Herman; John George; Andrew; John; Maria Susanna; and Anna Maria, m. to a Schumacher.

Adam Herman Rupp, the eldest son, was born in Upper Macungie, Nov. 7, 1756, and married Barbara, a daughter of a Michael Berer (Biery),

and they had a son named Jacob. He was enlisted in the Revolution, and served four years. Afterward he took an active part in the military affairs of the county, and came to be elevated to the rank of a brigadier-general. He inherited the homestead and occupied it in carrying on farming operations until he died, Aug. 30, 1831.

Benjamin Haas Rupp, of Vera Cruz, Lehigh county, is in possession of the sword he carried during the Revolutionary War, which he had made himself and decorated with the silver taken from the silver dollars that his neighbors had presented to him.

Jacob Rupp, the son of Adam H., born July 13, 1787, was a farmer by occupation, having also inherited the homestead, and carried it until his decease. He was married to Maria Fogel, and they had six children: Sarah, m. John S. Gibbons, Esq., who became a distinguished attorney of Allentown; Mary, m. David Schall, of Trexlerstown; Eliza, m. Victor Blumer, publisher of *Friedens Bote*, of Allentown; Herman, see below; Benjamin Rupp, farmer at Chapmans, and father of George Rupp, Esq., attorney at Allentown; and Tilghman Rupp, who was engaged in the jewelry business at Philadelphia.

Benjamin was a large land owner in Upper Macungie. Ruppsville, which he built up, was named in his honor. He was married to Harriet Wescoe. They had one son, George, who was a lawyer, having been admitted to the bar before he was 21 years old. He married (second) Mary Rauch, and they had the following children: Annie, married to Wm. F. Roth, deceased; Mary, married Wilson J. Hartzell; Dr. John, of Shoemakersville, Pa.; Harry, died while a student of Heidelberg College, Ohio; Thomas, died out West; Dr. Benjamin, a physician and druggist, of Wahoo, Nebraska.

Tilghman Rupp married Emily, daughter of John Wilson, of Bethlehem. Their children were: Henry, a member of the firm of Bailey, Banks & Biddle; Fannie, married to Theodore Spear, of Philadelphia; William, of Philadelphia.

John George Rupp, the second son of George, was born Feb. 28, 1758, in Upper Macungie, and lived there for some years, then moved out of the county. He was married to Catharine Guth on Jan. 12, 1790.

Andrew Rupp, the third son, was born March 26, 1760, in same township, and followed the trade of carpenter. He was enlisted in the Revolution for four years. He resided for a time near Chapmans, then moved to Seipstown, where he resided twenty years. He was married to Anna Maria Hoffman, and they had seven children: Andrew, John, Solomon, Emanuel, Catharine, m. Daniel Christman; Hetty, m. Mr.





*J. G. Rupp*

Wieder; and Mrs. Kelcher. He died at the age of 78 years.

Andrew Rupp, Jr., was born April 4, 1784, in Upper Macungie, and followed the trade of carpenter in Weisenberg and Lowhill townships. He died Jan. 5, 1841, and was buried in the old graveyard at Weisenberg church. He was married to Magdalena Muthard, of Lowhill, and they had three children: Catharine, who died single, Feb. 5, 1871, aged 60 years; Maria, who died single, May 21, 1870, aged 58 years; and Solomon.

John Rupp, the second son of Andrew, by trade a gunsmith, was married twice; first wife was Elizabeth Hartman, and they had two children: Anna, m. Joseph Kuhns; and Judith, m. Israel Benner; second wife was Catharine Wieder, by whom he had a son, Daniel.

Solomon Rupp, the third son, was a carpenter of Weisenberg, and died unmarried.

Emanuel Rupp, the youngest son, resided in Lynn, and was married to Maria Danner, of Weisenberg, with whom he had four children: Solomon, John, Catharine, and Maria.

Solomon Rupp, only son of Andrew Rupp, Jr., was born in Lowhill, Feb. 15, 1813. He learned the trade of carpenter and followed it for twelve years; then he engaged at farming until his accidental death at Allentown, Feb. 5, 1854. He was married in 1837 to Maria Frey, daughter of Peter, a farmer of Lowhill, near Lowhill church, and they had eight children: William, who became a prominent Reformed minister and a professor of theology in the seminary at Lancaster, where he died in 1903, at the age of 65 years, having been married to Emma Hambright; John, m. Ellen Zellner, attorney at Allentown, died in 1905; Benjamin, who followed teaching for eight terms, and, while studying law under his brother, John Rupp, Esq., died in 1871, at the age of 27 years; Louisa Ellen, m. Benjamin Fries, and died in 1911, aged 65 years; Solomon F.; Sarah Ann, died young; Henry F.; and Alvin F., sketches of the last three sons appearing in this publication. His wife died September, 1893, aged 78 years.

Hon. Herman Rupp, eldest son of Jacob, was born and lived in the old homestead until his death, Aug. 8, 1877. He served as brigadier-general of the militia of Pennsylvania, from 1849 to 1859; and was elected to the lower house of the legislature for the sessions of 1855-56-57. He owned one of the finest plantations in his township. He was married twice. With his first wife, Lucy, daughter of Peter Haas, he had three sons: Benjamin, Joseph, Robert, and one daughter, Mary, married to Henry Gackenbach; with his second wife, Mary, daughter of Jos.

Nagel, he had one son, Louis, and one daughter, Alice, married to Horace Beisel.

Benjamin Haas Rupp, oldest son of Herman, born Jan. 4, 1844, was married to Lydia Helena; a daughter of Jesse Laros. He had seven children, four of whom lived to maturity; two sons, Jacob George, and William Henry Franklin; and two daughters: Alice Lucy, married to Frank P. Knauss, and Ursula Barbara, married to Adam Kuhns. Benjamin was engaged in extensive farming in Upper Milford township.

REV. JACOB GEORGE RUPP, oldest son of Benjamin, born Oct. 14, 1869, is married to Mary Ida, daughter of Stephan Bachman, and was the last one of the Rupp family born in the old homestead where the ancestor of the Rupps settled and where the Rupps lived for six successive generations. In his boyhood days he attended the public school at Kuhnsville, Lehigh county, and after his father moved to Upper Milford, he attended the Emaus high school and taught public school for three years in Upper Milford township.

His college preparatory course was taken in the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College and in 1889 he matriculated at Franklin and Marshall from which institution he was graduated in 1893, and from the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, in the spring of 1896. He was ordained to the holy ministry and installed June 10, 1896, as pastor of Towamensing charge, Carbon county, Pa., which he served two years. On Aug. 1, 1898, he became the pastor of Grace Reformed church, Northampton, Pa. This congregation, being newly organized, he served it as its first pastor, until it became a strong and influential church. During this time he was also stated clerk of East Pennsylvania Classis, from 1900 to 1911, and frequently represented it in the higher judicatory bodies of the church. While pastor at Northampton he was always deeply interested in the welfare of the community. When the borough was created he was one of the prime promoters, to keep the town and its industries intact, raising the money and helped to secure the signers, who defended their rights in the local and superior courts forming Northampton as it is now constituted.

On Dec. 1, 1910, he became the field secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, and resigned his pastorate at Northampton. In this capacity he is serving the most aggressive branch of the Church's life and work and is constantly thrown into contact with the leaders of the Church in the various synods and classes throughout the different states for counsel and the presentation of the great foreign mission cause, which he so ably represents.

HENRY F. RUPP, son of Solomon, one of the

most progressive and successful farmers of Weisenberg township, was born Oct. 18, 1851, on the Rupp homestead, a short distance from Seipstown, and he was reared on the farm. He received his education in the local school and in the Kulpsville Academy, until 1870, when he received a teacher's certificate, and followed teaching for twenty-seven terms; two at Claussville, eighteen at the Rupp schoolhouse, four at the Mayer, two at the Seipstown, and one at the Ziegel's church; then he directed his attention to farming and he has followed it until the present time. He and his brother-in-law, Benjamin Fries, in the spring of 1874, purchased the farm stock of his smother, who then discontinued farming, and they operated the homestead farm for six years. In 1880 they and his brother, Solomon, bought the Moyer farm of 130 acres in the township about a mile northwest of the homestead, and Fries carried it on for himself on the shares, but he and his brother rented the homestead and operated it ten years. In 1890 he purchased the Jacob Shoemaker farm of 86 acres, taken up in 1750, and since known by the name of "Affection" and he has farmed it since, including another farm of 70 acres, and other small tracts, which he added, together embracing 170 acres. In this time he has developed the land into a high state of cultivation and improved the buildings and the large plantation has come to be recognized as one of the model farms of the township.

When the new road law was put in operation, Mr. Rupp was chosen one of the first supervisors and served on the board for three years, acting as secretary. He has been a member of the Ziegel's church from his early manhood, which he came to serve as a deacon for eight years and when the church was erected the third time in 1908, he acted as secretary of the building committee. The farming interests having received his earnest attention for many years, he took an active part in establishing the Farmer's Institute of the township, in 1898; and he was identified with the canning factory at Fogelsville for four years, in behalf of building up local enterprise. He served as a member of the Democratic Standing Committee for a number of years; and in the historic presidential election of 1876, he was one of the local election officers.

In 1881, Mr. Rupp was married to Mary Alice Sell, daughter of Levi Sell, a blacksmith and farmer of Weisenberg, for many years, and they had twelve children: Lillie May, who received her education in the township school, Pennsburg Academy, and Keystone State Normal School, and then followed teaching in the public schools for twelve terms, until 1913;

Mary Ellen, m. Wilson Breining; Athena Minerva, m. George Masters; Robert Frederick, now filling the local office of constable; Clarence W., m. Eva Beitelspacher; Henry Francis; Roland Leroy, educated at the Perkiomen Seminary, and graduated in 1913; Helen Virginia; Andrew George; Florence Mabel, Viola Gertrude, and Emma Rosetta.

SOLOMON F. RUPP, justice of the peace of Weisenberg township for nearly thirty eight years and one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of this section of Lehigh county, was born Feb. 14, 1847, on the Rupp homestead, a short distance from his residence and now included in his superior plantation of 137 acres. He received his education in the township school and in Palatinate College at Myerstown, Lebanon county, after which he taught public school for twenty-six terms in Weisenberg, two in Upper Macungie, one in Lowhill, and one in Heidelberg, altogether thirty terms, having assisted in the farming operations during the months of summer and fall.

In 1880 he and his brother, Henry, rented the homestead and farmed it on the shares, until 1890, then he alone farmed it on the shares until April, 1894, when in the settlement of his father's estate, he became the purchaser, and since then has cultivated it in a most successful manner.

Squire Rupp has officiated as one of the justices of the peace of Weisenberg since 1885, and in the performance of his duties has won the entire confidence of the community as evidenced by his re-election without intermissions for six consecutive terms. He has served continuously since 1881 as a director of the Lehigh County Mutual Life Insurance Company. He filled the office of county auditor from 1871 to 1874, and the office of county surveyor from 1907 to 1911; and he served as one of the township election officers for several terms, and as one of the directors of the Fogelsville Loan and Building Association. Since 1909 he has been identified with the Kutztown Rural Telegraph and Telephone Co., as one of its directors, and during this time the lines have been extended from Kempton to Germansville, and the instruments in use have been increased several hundred in number.

In 1881 Mr. Rupp was married to Jane T. Rauch, daughter of Reuben Rauch, Jr., and they have three children: William Henry, who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1906, and is actively engaged in the management of his father's large plantation; Ada Jane, m. Jacob D. Kuhns; and Ellen Florence, who is at home with her parents.



Reuben Rauch, Jr., was reared in Heidelberg and followed carpentering at Slatington for twenty-five years. He died in 1909, aged 69 years. In 1861 he was married to Elemina Wuchter, daughter of Nathan, farmer of Heidelberg, and they had seven children: Henry S., m. Sarah Peter; Jane; Albert J., m. Lillie Roth; Ellen, m. Max Sommers; Oliver R., m. May Lossy; William, m. Minnie Oswald; and Clinton Oscar, who died in infancy. His wife died in 1876, aged 32 years.

Reuben Rauch, Sr., the grandfather of Mrs. Solomon F. Rupp, was also a carpenter of Heidelberg, for many years. He was married to Lucina Weaver, of Heidelberg, and they had four children: Mary, m. Ezra Peter; Lucy, m. Nathan Bittner; Rebecca, m. John Mosser; and Reuben.

Nathan Wuchter, the grandfather of Mrs. Solomon F. Rupp, was a farmer of Heidelberg; married Sarah Bittner, daughter of Andreas, and had three children: Maria, m. Phaon Schaeffer; Elemina; Louisa, m. Harry Schneider.

CHARLES H. RUPP, engaged in the auto supplies business, was born at Philadelphia on Aug. 16, 1886, and there attended the public schools, until he was sixteen years old. He then became a clerk and performed office work for six years with the Allison Manufacturing Company, and the Fidelity Insurance Company, after which he filled the position of manager for different auto supply companies at Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Chicago, New York, Easton, and Reading, until 1913. With this extended experience in this special line of business he embarked in it for himself at Allentown, with Frederick L. Way, of Easton, as a partner, and they have since traded under the name of Allentown Auto Supply Company, in a successful manner, with quarters at No. 23 South Eighth street.

Mr. Rupp was married to Helen Zechman, of Fleetwood, daughter of William and Catharine (Glassmoyer) Zechman, and they have one child, a son, Wm. Edward.

His father was Howard Rupp, engaged in the printing and publishing business at Pottsville, Reading, and New York. He was born at Reading and died at Philadelphia. He was married to Elizabeth Burkhalter, of Lancaster, and they had four children: Bessie, married Burt N. Snorer; Elsie, married Arthur Chew; Charles H., and one who died in infancy.

LAWRENCE H. RUPP, district attorney of Lehigh county, son of county superintendent of schools, Alvin Rupp and his wife, Ellen Miller, was born in New Tripoli, Sept. 26, 1881. He was educated in the schools of Coopersburg, the Allentown high school, and Muhlenberg Col-

lege, from which he graduated in 1902. He then studied law with his uncle, John Rupp, and was admitted to the bar, Sept. 4, 1905. In 1911, he was elected district attorney of Lehigh county on the Democratic ticket, with a majority of 3,758, the largest ever received by a candidate for that office and assumed the duties of the office on Jan. 1, 1912. He was president of the Penn Counties Trust Company from Oct. 31, 1912, to May 6, 1913, when he resigned, and was elected trust officer of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, of which he is also a director. With Reuben J. Butz, Esq., he is a member of the firm of Butz & Rupp.

Mr. Rupp is a member of St. John's Reformed church, and of the Livingston Club, Lehigh Democratic Club, Masonic and Odd Fellow Fraternities, P. O. S. of A., Elks, and Eagles. He married Maude E. Berlin, daughter of Alfred F. Berlin, and has one son, Lawrence, Jr.

#### DR. WM. J. E. RUSH.

William J. E. Rush, M.D., at Allentown, is a son of Patrick and Mary E. (Goodman) Rush, natives of County Down, Ireland. They came to the United States before the Civil War and located at Paterson, New Jersey, where he followed the trade of silk dyeing, and later they moved to Allentown, where another son (Joseph) was engaged at silk weaving. Dr. Rush was born at Paterson, November 22, 1872, and he was educated in the schools at that place; also at Allentown, Pa., the University of Pennsylvania and the Medico-Chirurgical College from which he was graduated in 1895. Afterwards he served seven years at St. Agnes, Howard and Medico-Chirurgical hospitals in Philadelphia, for the purpose of securing practical training before engaging in regular practice. Since 1902, he has been located at No. 242 North 2nd street, in Allentown.

He is a member of the Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception; Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians.

#### JOHN G. SACKS.

Among the children of Aaron and Lydia Sacks, of Milford township, Bucks county, were: William, of Catasauqua; Albert, of Perkasi; Lewis, of Coopersburg, and Tilghman, of Seidersville.

William Sacks, son of Aaron and Lydia Sacks, was born in Milford township April 28, 1844. In his youth he learned cigar making and in 1867 engaged in the cigar and tobacco business in Catasauqua, which he conducted very successfully until October, 1911, when he retired on account of failing health. He was succeeded by

his son William A., who was employed by his father for a number of years. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and was thrice married. He died April 7, 1912, at which time the following children survived: Mrs. Henry Best, of Mauch Chunk; Mrs. John Hayes, of Sommerville, N. J.; William A., of Catasauqua; Mrs. Alvin Snyder, of Allentown; Mrs. William H. Smith, of Catasauqua; Mrs. Edwin Richter, of Jersey City; Mrs. Chas. Mendelson, of Catasauqua, and Mrs. Wilford Wadsworth, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

John G. Sacks, of Catasauqua, was born in Springfield township, Bucks county, April 6, 1865. He learned cigar making when but a mere lad and has followed it in various places ever since. In 1885 he engaged in business for himself at Coplay, where he continued it 2 years. For several years he worked at his trade in Coopersburg and Quakertown and in 1890 located at Catasauqua, on Church street. At present he is located at 703 Front street and manufactures the following brands of cigars: "Florimel," "Bijou," and "Nature's Beauty." Socially he belongs to the following organizations: F. O. E., I. O. O. F., P. O. S. of A., Red Men, and the Phoenix Fire Company, of which he is past chief. He has been a committee man of the Democratic party for a number of years, and is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In June, 1887, he married Sarah J. Erdman, daughter of William H. and Mary (Finmore) Erdman. They have no children.

#### GEORGE M. SACKS.

Martin Sacks, a descendant of an old Bucks county family, was a farmer and lived near Quakertown, Pa. The Sacks, Hillegas, and Fink families were all related. Mr. Sacks married Catherine Klein, and had children: Manasses; Aaron; Owen; Simon; Lazarus; Noah; Mary A., married Daniel Hillegas; Julia A., married Daniel Fink, and Edeim, married Mr. Sacks.

Noah Sacks, son of Martin and Catherine (Klein) Sacks, was born Oct. 24, 1829. He was by trade a stone mason and was a veteran of the Civil War. He removed to Allentown in 1868. He and family were members of the Reformed Church. He died Aug. 15, 1901, and Mrs. Sacks died in 1898, and both were buried at Allentown.

Noah Sacks married Catherine S. Schwartz, born in 1839. Issue: Oswin; Mary C. (Mrs. F. J. Reichenbach); Ella, died young; and James Sacks.

James Sacks was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1863, and came with his parents to Allentown where he learned the trade of moulding and

core making, following it for twenty years. In 1897 he became a machinist and has since followed that trade in the employ of the Excelsior Knitting Machine Works. He is a Democrat and an active worker for the party. He is a charter member of Franklin Chamber No. 9, Order Knights of Friendship, Lecha Wonk Tribe No. 201, Order of Redmen and a charter member of the Pioneer Fire Company No. 9.

On May 16, 1882, he was married to Isabel Stevens, daughter of A. Monroe and Mary (Dilgart) Stevens, of Macungie, Pa. Issue: George M. and Harry, who died in early childhood. Mr. Sacks and family are members of the Reformed Church.

George M. Sacks, son of James and Isabel (Stevens) Sacks, was born in Allentown, Oct. 31, 1882. In 1900 he graduated from the Allentown Business College, and is employed as assistant bookkeeper for three years with the Lehigh Car Wheel and Axle Works. During 1904 to 1905 he was engaged at Fullertown, Pa., in real estate and fire insurance business and in 1906 he became a member of the firm of Kline Bros. & Co., extensive dealers and contractors in cut stones.

The firm consisted originally of Charles L. and John Kline, and George M. Sacks. In 1908 John Kline withdrew but one year later he purchased the interests of his brother, Charles. The firm now consists of John Kline and William Sacks. The firm name has been changed to Kline and Sacks, and they employ 21 men. The firm has supplied the stones for many public institutions making a specialty of churches. The office is located at 433 to 439 North Thirteenth street, Allentown.

Mr. Sacks is a member of Salem Reformed church and of these lodges: F. O. E., No. 210, and Knights of Friendship. He is Secretary of the Lehigh Improvement Company of Allentown.

On Nov. 16, 1910, he married Nine H. Hersh, daughter of Henry D. and Annie (Knauss) Hersh, of Allentown.

#### LEWIS J. SACKS.

Lewis J. Sacks was born June 8, 1841, in Milford township, Bucks county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools and later learned the trade of cigarmaker with Aaron Erdman. For thirty-five years he manufactured cigars in Philadelphia and Catasauqua. In 1878 he retired from the business and purchased a truck farm, which he cultivated for many years. He lives retired.

In March, 1863, he was married to Mary Ann Gross, daughter of Tobias and Hannah (Fluck) Gross, of Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county. She died in Allentown, aged sixty-seven years. They had five children: a daughter, m. a Mr. Schatz; Ida, m. Henry Schatz, of Philadelphia; Bertha, m. a Mr. Griffiths; Herbert, of Lehigh-ton, and John, of Catasauqua.

In 1875 he married second, Lucinda Snyder, daughter of Charles and Ellen (Reinhard) Snyder, of Upper Saucon. They have the following children: Victor; Calvin; Mamie, m. Walter Brett, of Philadelphia; Leidy, m. Irene Hartman; Sadie, single, and Westly.

Martin Sacks was born in Bucks county. He followed farming, and died in Milford town-ship, aged sixty-six years. His wife was Catherina Kline.

Aaron Sacks, son of Martin, was born and reared in Milford township, Bucks county. He was by trade a tailor. He married Lydia Jack-son, who died aged eighty-four years. He died at Catasauqua, aged sixty-six years. Their chil-dren were: William and Alfred, both deceased, cigarmakers of Catasauqua; Elemina, m. Milton Schwartz, and lives at Bethlehem, and Lewis J.

#### JACOB SAMES.

Joseph Sames who was born in 1814, in Bucks county, is a descendant of one of the early settled families of that section of Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter and also conducted his own farm. He was a member of the Lutheran church and he is buried at Springfield, Bucks county. His wife, Mary Ann Scheirer bore him the fol-lowing children: Amelia (Moyer), William, Mary (m. Henry Sterner), Jane (Brown), Jacob, Allen and Henry. Of these William, Jane and Allen are deceased.

Jacob Sames, son of Joseph, was born (ct. 16, 1857, in Springfield township, Bucks county, and there he attended the local schools. At a suitable age he engaged in the mercantile business in his native county, and in the year 1880 he removed to Northampton county where he pursued the same line of business until he became a salesman for the wholesale house of Bittner & Hunsicker and afterward for Coyl, McCandlis & Co. In 1899 he became the proprietor of a hotel at Pen Argyl and he is now conducting the hotel at Laurys which is liberally patronized by city people during the summer months. The many boarders of this hotel speak words of high praise for the well prepared meals furnished by the host of this hotel.

Mr. Sames is a Democrat and he is the pres-ent mercantile appraiser of Lehigh county.

He was married in 1880 to Mary A. Min-nich, a daughter of William and Matilda (Romig) Minnich. They have two children, viz: Edna L., the wife of Edwin Cross and Flor-ence M. The family are members of the Luth-eran church at Millers.

#### ABRAHAM SAMUELS.

Abraham Samuels, merchant, banker, and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, Al-lentown, was born at Baltimore, Md., son of David Samuels, who was a soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. Samuels resided in Philadelphia until his marriage on March 26, 1884, to Maggie Schnurman, of Allentown. He then settled at Allentown and for eleven years was a travelling salesman for Sweet, Orr, & Co., New York. In 1893 he associated himself with his father-in-law, Joshua Schnurman under the firm name of Schnurman & Samuels. The firm continued until after the death of the senior member in 1897, after which Mr. Samuels became the sole proprietor of the business at 737 Hamilton street.

Mr. Samuel is a director of the Merchants' National Bank; secretary of the Allentown Hos-pital Association; and is the vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He is prominently identified with the Masonic Fraternity. He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, F. & A. M., Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203, and Allen Council, No. 23, R. and S. M., and has the distinguished honor of being a past officer of these bodies; Caldwell Consistory, 32 degrees, of Bloomsburg, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; member of the B. P. O. E., and the Royal Arcanum. His children follow:

Jay M., who is associated with his father in business and is identified with the Masons and Elks. Miriam M., m. Isaac M. Kahn, a mer-chant at Easton. Irving H., graduated in 1913 at Lehigh University as electrical engineer.

#### CHARLES SAPERSTEIN,

Charles Saperstein, secretary and general man-ager of the State Silk Company, of Allentown; is a son of Israel Saperstein, a native of Bralystok, Russia. The father landed in New York in 1886. He had learned the trade of silk-weaver in Rus-sia before coming to America, and shortly after arriving in America he found employment in

the Clifton Silk Mills in West Hoboken, N. J. He moved to Glens Falls, New York, where he was engaged for three years in the clothing and dry goods business and followed farming three years at the same place after which he returned to Hoboken, N. J., where he conducted a grocery business three years. He was in the silk manufacturing business at Paterson, N. J., from 1898 to 1907, when he moved to Allentown, where he organized the Ansonia Silk Company, and in 1911 he organized the State Silk Company, of which he is now the vice president. He was married to Bessie Goodman, of the same place in Russia.

Charles Saperstein was born in Bralystok, Russia, July 1, 1884. He came to America in 1888 at the age of four years with his mother, brother, and sister. The father had come to America two years previous. He received his education in the public schools of West Hoboken, N. J., and Glens Falls, N. Y. As a boy he worked on the farm and later was in the newspaper business at West Hoboken, N. J. He was next employed in a shirt factory in Paterson, N. J., serving as foreman and time-keeper with the Prince Shirt Company. In 1906 he became interested in the silk business with his father and is now the secretary and general manager of the State Silk Company. This company was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York in 1911 with a capital of \$5,000. The officers are H. Kahn, president and treasurer; I. Saperstein, Allentown, vice-president. The company has 50 looms employing forty hands, and manufacture broad silks. Their New York office is 222 Fourth avenue and the mill is located on South Hall street in a three-story building, 90 x 30. Charles Saperstein is a member of the following organizations: Young Men's Hebrew Association; K. of P.; Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; Mercantile Club; D. P. A. Post L., and Congregation Keneseth of Israel.

#### WILLIAM H. SATTELE.

Joseph Sattelle, father of William H. Sattelle, was born near Baden, Germany, was reared and educated in his native land, and at the age of twenty-three years emigrated to this country, locating first in New York state and there giving his attention to agricultural pursuits. Later he removed to Catasauqua, Lehigh county, and for four years served in the capacity of engineer for F. W. Wint & Co. He also served as superintendent of a sales stable, dealing principally in horses, of which he was a good judge. He married Mary Sullivan, born in the north of Ireland, now (1914) living at Catasauqua, aged

seventy-six years, having survived her husband, who died in 1902 at the age of sixty-five. Children: Katie, unmarried, residing in Catasauqua; Jennie, unmarried, residing in Catasauqua; William H., of whom further; Mary, married John Murray, engaged in the leather business at Philadelphia; George, yard-master for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Newark; Sadie, died aged sixteen years; Ella, married James Garvey, a druggist at Philadelphia; Joseph, an auto driver for the Dery Silk Company, of Catasauqua; and two children, who died in infancy.

William H. Sattelle, a native of Carbon county, Pa., was born Dec. 14, 1867. He attended the public schools of Hazleton township and Scranton, and later pursued a course in steam engineering in the Scranton Correspondence School, graduating in the year 1900. His first employment was with F. W. Wint & Co., with which concern his father was also associated; later he accepted a position as engineer with the Allentown West End Silk Mill, with whom he remained four years, and then accepted the position of chief engineer with the Dery Silk Mill, in whose employ he remained fifteen years. He has accepted the position of superintendent and chief engineer of the Crystal Ice Company, in which he is a stockholder, the officers of the company being: Henry Walter, president; Edward Walter, director; J. L. Montz, vice-president; C. O. Fuller, secretary and treasurer. The plant, a brick and cement building, 110 x 70 feet, is located at the corner of American and Peach streets, Catasauqua. They give employment to eight hands, have a forty-ton plant. They supply the wholesale trade only. Mr. Sattelle has charge of the entire business, a responsible position for which he is well qualified. He is a member of the English Catholic Church, and his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party.

Mr. Sattelle married, Jan. 23, 1898, Annie D. McCafferty, born in Allentown, Pa., daughter of Hugh and Mary McCafferty. She died Jan. 28, 1910, aged thirty-seven years and her remains were interred in the Catasauqua Cemetery. Children: Joseph, Mary, James, William and Sadie, twins, all of whom are now attending school.

#### EDWARD SATKOSWSKI.

Edward Satkoswski, son of Andrew Satkoswski and his wife, Catherine, was born in German Poland, Aug. 8, 1881. He was educated in the common schools of his native country, and upon coming to Pennsylvania he attended a business college and in 1900 completed the course offered by the Pierce School of Business. He remained in Philadelphia, employed

as a bookkeeper, until in 1903, when he came to Catasauqua and entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Stanley Kozlowski, a meat dealer. The following year he opened a meat market at Alpha, N. J., which he conducted successfully for seven years, when he returned again to Catasauqua. In 1912 he purchased the Hokenauqua Bottling Works, which gives employment to five men. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the F. O. E., Polish National Alliance and St. Andrews Catholic Church. In 1907 he was married to Lydia Strzlecki, a daughter of Charles and Elisabeth (Helmin) Strzlecki. They have two children, Charles and Regina. Andrew Satkoswski, the father of Edward, died in Lautenburg, West Prussia, in the fall of 1888, aged 50 years. He was a blacksmith by trade. His wife, Catharine, *nee* Kenast, emigrated with her three children, Vanda, Edward and Lewis in 1892. She is still living and resides with her son Lewis, in Catasauqua.

#### HARRISON SAUL.

Harrison Saul was born at New Tripoli on August 21, 1827, and is now the oldest surviving native of the place, but in respect to age the second oldest resident. He was reared on a farm and when seven years old walked a distance of three miles twice a day to attend school at Lynnvillle; and afterward he went to school at Lynnport. After reaching young manhood, his mother expressed an earnest wish that he learn a trade and in this behalf suggested tailoring, which he assented to, and he gave it a hard trial for nine months; but in that time he became satisfied that he couldn't be a successful tailor, and so he gave it up. Then he took a suggestion to learn shoemaking and he worked at it for six weeks, when he concluded that he wouldn't make a good shoemaker. So he made a third selection, which was blacksmithing, and this he gave a trial of only three days.

Naturally, as a hopeful young man, he was disappointed, but he wasn't disheartened; and when his devoted mother suggested the idea of his becoming a teacher he immediately accepted it, and by the time he had reached the age of twenty-one years he taught his first school, which was in Albany township, thus evidencing truly that he had been possessed of the necessary determination to succeed in a satisfactory undertaking. He followed the profession of school teaching for twelve terms with marked ability and great success, and in his later years often described his unsuccessful efforts in securing a suitable vocation with a great deal of amusement. Upon terminating his career as a

teacher, he went to the coal regions during the Civil War and assisted in the erection of coal-breakers.

In 1867 he directed his attention to farming, having by that time become the owner of a valuable farm at New Tripoli, which embraced 75 acres, and this farm he has been operating in a successful manner until the present time. In 1869 he erected a new barn on the place. He was one of the first farmers of that vicinity to adopt the use of fertilizers in the improvement of land to secure better crops, and he sold great quantities to other farmers who were also benefitted by their use. Notwithstanding that Mr. Saul is over eighty-five years old, he is possessed of a clear and retentive memory. He gave valuable assistance in compiling certain families for this history. He has always taken a deep interest in the schools of his township, and his liberal mindedness and patriotism has made him a valued asset to his community.

In 1854, Mr. Saul was married to Ellenora Dankel, daughter of John and Lydia (Trine) Dankel. She died in 1900. They had the following children: Sarah J. (who died when six years old); Ellen E. (married to Charles F. Heller); Mary E. (married to Joseph Brittner); Oscar (who died in infancy); John (who is residing in the West); and Henry (who died when four years old).

Jacob Saul was the father of Mr. Saul. He was a farmer of Maidencreek township, in Berks county, married to Mary Ely, a daughter of Samuel Ely, Jr. Nicholas Saul was his grandfather.

#### WILSON R. SAYLOR.

Frederick Saylor lived in Bushkill township, Northampton county, Pa., and there he was killed in a well when his children were still small. He was married to Sarah Fehr and they had four children: Elizabeth, Maria, Reuben and William John.

William John Saylor was born and lived also in Bushkill township. From there he enlisted in the Civil War and served for a period of nine months. His wife was Sabine Clewell. She was born Oct. 22, 1829, and died June 17, 1891. They had ten children:

Ellen C., born Nov. 16, 1853, married James Walters.  
Reuben F., born Sept. 9, 1854, married Sarah Savitz.  
Eugene F., born Jan. 14, 1856, married Mary J. Werner.

Emma L., born Feb. 12, 1858, married Chas. Straub.  
William J., born Feb. 5, 1859, died April 2, 1861.  
Edward L., born Feb. 8, 1861, married Henrietta Stuber.



Anna E., born May 5, 1865, married Harry Woodrow.  
 Samuel J., born Aug. 28, 1866, died Sept. 4, 1866.  
 Francis G., born Feb. 27, 1868, married Helen Siegfried.

Clara, born Aug. 17, 1872, married Howard Young.

Reuben F. Saylor, a native of Northampton county, is now a resident of Shoenersville, Lehigh county. He is a cigar maker by occupation. His wife was Sarah Savitz and they have three children: Emma S. (married Owen F. Fatzinger, of Catasauqua); Wilson R. (mentioned later), and Harvey E. (married Mary Odenwelder).

Wilson R. Saylor, of Shoenersville, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Feb. 19, 1880. He attended the common schools until he was fifteen years old, then for four years he clerked in a general store at Shoenersville and the following two years at Bethlehem, Pa. Afterward, in 1900, he began working in the Hecktown creamery. Two years later he started in the dairy business, and he now sells daily forty-five gallons of milk at Catasauqua. He owns the William Stellwagon homestead on the Allentown road, situated near Shoenersville, having purchased it in 1906. The substantial buildings and the excellent twelve acre tract of land make this property a very desirable home. He is a member of the following organizations: Luckenbach Camp, No. 182, Sons of Veterans, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 5324 of Shoenersville, of which he was one of the organizers and charter members. In 1909 he was elected one of the auditors of Hanover township. He is a Democrat. In 1899 he married Clara M. Dech, daughter of Irwin and Elmira (Fennicle) Dech, of Hecktown, Pa., and they have three children: Robley I., Roland R. (twins), and Jennie I.

#### SAMUEL SAYLOR.

Samuel Saylor was born in Michigan, Aug. 2, 1863. When ten years old his father died and he was adopted by Charles Ott, a fruit-grower of Bucks county, Pa., where he continued until he became 19 years old. He then engaged at farming for a year and worked in a foundry at Kreidersville for three years. In 1886 he went to Allentown and entered the employ of the Allentown silk mill where he has since remained. Shortly after going there he took a course in the study of mechanical engineering, and with this preparation in 1903 he secured the position of master-mechanic in the establishment, which he still occupies in a successful manner. He affiliated with the Knights of Friendship, Odd Fellows, Foresters of America and Owls.

In 1886 Mr. Saylor was married to Emma Fritz, of Northampton, and they had three children: Lillian, m. Louis Wunder; Grace, m. Herbert Kroninger, and Ruth, who died at the age of five years. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Saylor's father was Robert Saylor, who removed to Philadelphia, engaged in the manufacture of lamps, and died in 1873. He was married to Jane Dunlap, and they had three children: Samuel, Robert and Charles. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

#### SCHADT-SCHAADT FAMILY.

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It is difficult at this time to trace the ancestry of Pennsylvania German families back to their origin in Europe. Our early ancestors pursued the even tenor of their way on the other side of the Atlantic, content to discharge their duty to God and man and not caring to leave records which would satisfy the laudable curiosity of their descendants. In fact, the written records to be found mostly consist of entries in church books noting birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage and death. Whether the Schaadt family is of Dutch or German origin, cannot at this date be determined with accuracy. Whether the ancestors of the family, all of whom were members of the Reformed Church, were driven out of Holland during the Sixteenth Century, at the time of the religious persecutions instituted by Philip II of Spain, and settled in Germany or whether vice versa they were driven out of Germany because of their religious belief and settled at Amsterdam, in Holland, is a fact likewise incapable of exact determination at this time. There are grounds for either belief. Members of the family are found in both countries to this date. Those in Holland write their name Schaad. Those in Germany write the name with one a, that is, Schad. The sound of *aa* in Dutch is similar to that of the German letter *a*, that is, both are sounded law. In the public libraries of Amsterdam, The Hague, Brussels, Antwerp, etc., the name Schaad frequently appears in the lists of professional and social life, statesmen, clergymen, university professors, doctors, etc. In the Royal Building of Heraldry at The Hague there is preserved the coat-of-arms of the family. Mr. Charles Schaadd, of Amsterdam, Director-General of the Holland State Railways, is of the opinion that all of the Schaadts in America are descendants of emigrants from Rotterdam to

New York in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century. On the marble floor of a cathedral at Nijmegen on the Rhine, near the Prussian border line, appears the name, and tradition says that the church was founded and erected by a wealthy baron of the name of Schaad: perhaps, after the fashion of those time, as an act of expiation and atonement for evil deeds. It is possible that the immediate descendants of the baron wandered up and down the Rhine in the Middle Ages, some of them occasionally settling along the fertile banks of the river. In 1597, a large number of Flemish and Walloon Protestants were banished from the Netherlands on account of their creed, and developed the town of Hanau in Prussia. They brought their handicrafts, such as weaving, diamond cutting and the manufacture of gold and silver trinkets with them. The modern part of the town owes its origin to them and many of their descendants, among them the Schaads, still live there and follow the same occupations. In Hanau, the original Reformed Church in which the refugees from Holland and the Huguenots from France worshipped, is still standing: and there is shown the hole made in the back of a pew by a cannon ball, during a siege in one of the religious wars. Johannes Schad, mentioned below, owner of the farm on Coplay creek, was commonly known at Egypt and the neighborhood as the "Hanauer," that is, the one from Hanau. The family Schadt (also written Schad), is numerous in Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Mittelbiberach and Geislingen. In 1459 one Albrecht Schadt from Memmingen was "Ratgeber und Kunstmeister." In 1536 Frederick X of Muhlheim, Wurtemberg, married Appollonia, daughter of Johannes Schad von Mittelbiberach, who was "des Kaisers Richter und Rath." In a short biographical sketch of Johan Jacob Schad, who was born in Ulm in 1761 and was a son of Gotthard David Schad; it is stated that his wife was Maria Dorothea Besserer von Thalfinger. Both his and his wife's family had a coats-of-arms. A list of his descendants to the present time, is given. The coats-of-arms of Theodorus Schad, 1631, and Erhardt Schadt, 1632, are shown in the Heraldic Registers of Wurtemberg and Geislingen. In 1689, during the wars when the French were ravaging and devastating the fertile land of the settlers along the Rhine, Johannes Schad and Ludwig Rupp, ancestor of the Rupp representatives in our county, were consumed in the flames kindled by the French at Handschuhsheim, Baden.

The pioneer of the family, settling in this vicinity, was Conrad Schad, who probably came originally from Wurtemberg, Germany. He arrived at Philadelphia, August 27, 1733, on the

ship Eliza, of London, Edward Lee, master, from Rotterdam, last from Dover. He was fifty years of age and was accompanied by his wife, Anna Catherine, aged forty-nine; his daughter, Anna Clara, sixteen, and his sons, Heinrich, aged 22, and Heinrich died in Macungie in 1768, leaving a son, Henry, who had children: Henry and Rosina; Johannes, nine years of age. His name is written Conrad "Shott," as subscribed to the oath of allegiance, to which he made his mark. The name, no doubt, was so written by a clerk accustomed to English sounds and to whose English ears Shott had the sound of Schad, as pronounced by its owner. He took out a warrant Oct. 28, 1737, for a tract of land called "The Seine," containing 220 $\frac{1}{8}$  acres, situated about a mile west of Egypt and bounded by lands of Nicholas Saeger, Peter Good and Casper Wistar, and by vacant ground on the north. This tract Conrad Schad conveyed to his son, Johannes, Oct. 15, 1747, when 60 years of age. Conrad Schad was born 1683 and died in 1747. His wife, Anna Catharine, was born in 1684. Of the daughter, Anna Clara, nothing is known beyond the fact of her sailing with her father to this country.

Johannes, born 1724, died 1777, took out a warrant for 185 acres on Coplay creek, adjoining the above tract, on Jan. 24, 1754. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church at Egypt and appears in the account book of 1767 to have contributed to the erection of the parsonage, not in the highest sum nor by any means in the lowest. In 1763 he was the tax collector for Whitehall township. In 1768 he was assessed for 128 acres cultivated land, 220 acres uncultivated, besides four horses, four cows and four sheep. His wife's name was Elizabeth Catharine, whose family name does not appear upon the records. They had five children, (1) George; (2) Johannes; (3) Mary Margaret, married to John Fuhr; (4) Catharine, married to John Bertsch, and (5) Catharine Elizabeth, married to John Folk. By his last will, dated Feb. 24, 1777, and probated at Easton, May 20th, the same year, he provided that his land, consisting of about 450 acres, part unpatented, should be equally divided between his two sons, George and John, Jr. George not then being at home, it is provided that if he should not come again in a short time, then the upper place shall be rented to his son-in-law, John Bertsch, until George returns, but if certain information shall come that he is dead, then his son-in-law, John Bertsch, should have that part of his farm which his son, George, was to have.

His wife, Elizabeth Catherine, and Samuel Saeger were named the executors.

The appraisers of his goods and chattel were

Jacob Frantz and Sebastian Miller.

In the inventory it is stated that one-half of his personal property should remain under the care of John Bertsch, son-in-law of John Schadt, deceased, until his son, George, returns home again.

George, who evidently was not at home in 1777 when his father made his will and who, no doubt, was serving in the Revolutionary Army, returned home about 1784 and received his share of the estate.

He married Salome Miller, daughter of Jacob, son of Sebastian. In 1811 he sold his farm to Nicholas Kremer, of Bethlehem, and with his wife and eight children went west. Since then none of their descendants have been found.

Their children were: George, born March 13, 1787; Peter, born June 27, 1788; Salome, born April 28, 1790; Magdalena, born Jan. 28, 1792; Susanna, born April 14, 1793; A. Maria, born May 3, 1796; Jonathan, born Aug. 30, 1801; Lea, born June 29, 1804.

Mary Margaretha was probably the oldest of the children of Johannes Schadt. She was confirmed by Rev. Daniel Schumaker in 1760. She was then about fifteen years of age. She was married to John Fuhr, probably of Heidelberg township.

The names of her children are; John, born 1771; Catharine, born in 1773; Barbara, born in 1774; Elizabeth, born 1779; Catharine Elizabeth, born December 6; baptized December 12, and died, Dec. 13, 1776; Sponsor, Elizabeth Catharine Schadt, grandmother; Anna Maria, born April 16, 1782; Maria Margaretha, born Aug. 30, 1784.

Catharine, the second of the daughters of Johannes Schadt, was confirmed by Rev. Schumaker, at Egypt, in 1765. She was married to John Bertsch. The names of her children that appear in the baptismal register at Egypt are: Catharine, born July 23, 1778; Anna Margaretha, born April 19, 1781; Johannes, born Jan. 17, 1784.

Catharine Elizabeth, probably the youngest of the children of Johannes Schadt, was married to Johannes Volck (Folk), of Heidelberg. They had one child, Elizabeth, born Aug. 18, 1787. Sponsor, Johannes Schadt, and wife, Elizabeth.

Johannes, son of Johannes Schadt and the second of the name, was born Oct. 14, 1760. He was baptized by Rev. Daniel Schumaker, the first Lutheran minister at Egypt. He died March 23, 1829. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Valentine Clader and sister to Captain Daniel Clader, a soldier in the Revolution, killed in the Wyoming

Valley, Sept. 11, 1780. Johannes, the second, received a warrant for the old homestead farm of 220 $\frac{1}{8}$  acres in 1779, Dec. 19, paying £27-17-0 into the surveyor-general's office. It is at present owned by the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, of Ormrod.

Johannes, the second, served as a private in Captain Jacob Humphrey's Company of the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment of the line commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Josiah Harmar, and had command of the company for fourteen days, in 1778. He was a member of the Reformed congregation at Egypt, and he and his brother, George, both contributed substantial sums to the erection of the second church building. His wife, Elizabeth, was born March 9, 1761, and died Oct. 2, 1829. Their union was blessed with six children, as follows: Jonas C.; Johannes, the third; Lorenzo; Catharine; Henry and Abraham.

I. Jonas C., born April 20, 1786, died 1811, single, at the age of 26 years.

II. John C. Schadt, son of John and Elizabeth Clader Schadt, was born March 10, 1789, died May 31, 1853. He was married to Maria Bertsch, daughter of Christian Bertsch, a revolutionary soldier, born in 1797, died June 10, 1868. They were the parents of fifteen children.

1. Elizabeth, born Jan. 20, 1817, died Oct. 7, 1884, married to Charles Lichtenwalner.

2. Esther, born May 6, 1818, died April 25, 1900. She was married to Solomon Stettler, and had eleven children. They resided on a farm at Fogelsville.

3. Maria, born July 16, 1821. She died in 1909. She was wedded first to Gideon Bortz, second to Isaac Scheip. She had one child with her first marriage; Sarah, who married Thos. Laubach, died in Georgia of yellow fever. Her children are in Florida.

4. Caroline, born March 20, 1824, died aged four years, five months, twenty-eight days.

5. Reuben, born June 29, 1838, died in infancy. Both are buried at Egypt.

6. Lucy Anna, born Oct. 11, 1825, died aged forty-seven years, seven months, twenty-eight days and is buried at Indianland church. She was wedded to Joshua Kuntz. They had eight children.

7. Magdalena, born Aug. 29, 1827. She died aged thirty-one years, four months, twenty-five days and is buried on Union cemetery, Allentown. She was married to Zachariah Kemmerer and had three children.

8. Franklin, born Oct. 6, 1829. He married Caroline Breisch. In 1862 he went to Illinois with his family where he died four years later of consumption at the age of thirty-seven years. They had four children.

9. Moses B., born June 21, 1831, died Feb. 25, 1903, aged seventy-one years, eight months, three days. He married first Lucinda E. Sterner; second, Mrs. S. Amelia Muse. He had four children with his first marriage: Oliver G. J. Schadt, Ph.D., tutor to the Imperial Russian family, born May 23, 1858; Allen M., born Dec. 22, 1860, died Sept. 10, 1881; Amanda C. J. Pope, born Jan. 8, 1856, died Jan. 30, 1908; Anna L. Dean, born Jan. 5 1867.

10. Caroline, born April 8, 1833, died aged twenty-three years, nine months and twenty-two days. She is buried on Union cemetery, Allentown. She was the first wife of John Sterner. They had three children.

11. Tilghman, born Dec. 1, 1834, married Matilda Minnich, and had seven children: Josephine, married Calvin Ritter; Sarah, married Oliver J. Fatzinger; John, died aged 21; Mary, died aged 6; Charles F., married Lillie Bachman; Emma, married Charles W. Fritchman; Henry, married Mary Muschlitz; Elsie, died aged 24, married Ralph Cooper; Allen H., died in infancy; Stella; and Oliver S., married Catharine Walp. He is residing in Allentown, where he and his sons conduct the wholesale grocery house of T. Schadt & Sons.

12. Elemina, born Oct. 8, 1836. She died aged seventy-one years, four months, twenty-five days. She was married to Thomas Kuntz. They had six children.

13. Rophina, born June 1, 1840. She married first John Sterner; second, Joel Peter. She has two children. She resides in Allentown.

14. Sarah Anna, born May 18, 1842, died at the age of sixty-six years, eight months, one day and is buried at Cherryville. She was married to Henry Treichler.

15. Amanda Jane, born June 19, 1845. She died at the age of thirty-one years, one month, twenty-eight days and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Catasauqua. She wedded George McIntyre. They had two children, both deceased.

III. Lorenz Schadt, son of John and Elizabeth Clader Schadt, was born Dec. 10, 1790, died Oct. 4, 1855. He was a stone mason and farmer; as broad as he was long and a man of prodigious strength. Tradition has it that together with John Snyder of South Whitehall township and kindred spirits, his principal joy was to come to the village called "Ellsdoun," now the city of Allentown, and try conclusions with fists, with the strong men from Salisbury and

lower end of the county, their strife for the possession of the town, beginning at the Cross Keys Hotel, at Eighth and Hamilton streets, and extending down the latter street to Fifth street and back again. He was married to Magdalena Laubach, born in 1795, died March 6, 1854. Issue, 12 children, as follows:

Reuben, born July 22, 1815, died Oct. 4, 1876, married Sarah Ann Kuder, and removed in March, 1860, to Greenville, Mercer county, Pa. They had nine children:

Jonathan L., born April 8, 1840; Louisa L., born May 4, 1842, married J. E. Snyder; Joseph L., born April 15, 1844; Erwin, born Oct. 25, 1845, died June 22, 1874; Sarah, born Jan. 26, 1848, married to H. W. Seiple; Alfred R., born March 15, 1850; Rosina, born March 5, 1853, married Reuben Baker; Calvin F., born Oct. 12, 1855, and Alice H., born May 19, 1859, died May 7, 1864.

Deborah, born July 27, 1817, and died March 18, 1891. She was married to George Kennel. They had three daughters: Medina, Emma, Elmira.

Maria Anna, born Jan. 1, 1820, died aged thirty-eight years, nine months, twenty-five days. She is buried on the graveyard of the Jordan Reformed church. She was the first wife of David Troxell. She had nine children: Alexander; Oscar; Eli; Alfred; Sarah, wife of Henry Yundt; Frank; Elmira, married Elias Guth; Louisa, married Rev. Frank Guth; Alice, married Vincent Koehler.

Rebecca (Polly), born Aug. 6, 1821, died Jan. 26, 1889. She was married to Levi Clader, of Hanover township. Three children: Alfred J.; Mary Jane, died Oct. 16, 1908; and E. Hannah, died Aug. 22, 1907.

Hannah, born Aug. 11, 1823, died Sept. 6, 1898, aged seventy-five years and fifteen days and is buried on the old graveyard at Egypt.

Moses L., born March 22, 1828, died April 28, 1876. He wedded Maria Wescoe. They had two children: Israel L., born Dec. 20, 1857, died Dec. 17, 1913, and Geo. B., born Aug. 3, 1862. He was a private in Company B, 176th Regiment. He was mustered in Nov. 7, 1862.

Elnora, born April 29, 1830, died May 26, 1914. She married Samuel Lobach, a blacksmith by trade. They resided in Ironton. Eight children: Frank, born April 8, 1856, died May 28, 1888; Chas.; Martin, died June 1, 1912; Rev. Albert S., died May 8, 1911; Elvina, married to Robert Newhard; Edward; Lovina, and Erwin, born Jan. 30, 1875, died in infancy.

Susanna, born May 12, 1832, died Sept. 9, 1913, was married first to Edwin Hummel; second to Wm. H. Clewell, born April 21, 1828,

died March 27, 1906. There are four children: Edwin L.; Lovereen S., wife of Benj. Frey; Caroline M., and Wm. J.

Josiah, born Feb. 16, 1834, died Jan. 15, 1878. He is buried on the Union Cemetery, Allentown. He was never married.

Charles, born Jan. 11, 1836, and died March 1, 1908. He wedded Mary Brader. They had four children: Franklin; Ellen C., married M. M. Kuntz; William and Jennie E.

Elvina, born July 13, 1837, died March 20, 1863.

David, born Oct. 10, 1825; died Jan. 8, 1897; farmer on one of the ancestral farms, 1854, First Lieutenant Whitehall Troop, Oct. 16, 1862 to Aug. 16, 1863, Captain of Company D, 176th Pennsylvania in the Civil War; elected county



CAPT. DAVID SCHAADT.

treasurer in 1863; removed to Allentown the following year; 1867, with Owen Harmony, quarried and furnished the mountain limestone for the Lehigh county prison; 1868, deputy sheriff; 1875 to 1879 warden of the jail; registration assessor for the Fourth ward until his death; married Caroline Susanna Scheerer, born Nov. 30, 1836, died Aug. 31, 1879; two children: J. Alan Schaadt, born Jan. 6, 1862, artist on *New York World*, *Texas Siftings*, *Philadelphia Times* and *Philadelphia Press*, died May 12, 1903, and JAMES L., whose history follows.

HON. JAMES L. SCHAADT was born Dec. 21, 1856, near Ironton, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, son of Capt. David Schaadt and Caroline S. Schaadt; attended township

schools and Allentown Academy; graduated from Muhlenberg College, June, 1874, with second honor; taught public schools at East Allentown and Rittersville, 1874 and 1875; Deputy Warden of Lehigh county prison, 1876 to 1878; studied law with Thomas B. Metzger, Esquire; admitted to the Courts of Lehigh county, April 10, 1878, to the Supreme Court Jan. 10, 1888, to the Courts of Northampton, Carbon and Berks counties, to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Courts; county solicitor for Lehigh county, 1887 to 1891; chairman of Democratic county committee, 1888 and 1890; active member of the Liberty Fire Company; enlisted as private in Company D, Fourth Regiment Infantry, N. G. P., June 21, 1878; promoted to sergeant; re-enlisted May 10, 1884, in Company B, as private; became company and regimental clerk and corporal; first lieutenant and quartermaster Fourth Regiment, 1888 and 1889; captain of Company B. Fourth Regiment, 1890 to 1896, declining re-election; commanded Company B at the Homestead riots in 1892; district attorney of Lehigh county Jan. 1, 1893 to Jan. 1, 1896; during his term he secured the conviction of Harry Johnson for murder in the first degree, being the first conviction since the organization of the county; mayor of the city of Allentown April, 1899 to April, 1902. During his term as mayor, the Soldiers' Monument was erected on Center Square in 1899; the city purchased the Holly Pump; asphaltting of the streets was begun in 1900; many storm water sewers built; garbage collection and disposal, street cleaning, police patrol and ambulance service established; steam road roller purchased; Allentown Hospital opened; Lehigh Telephone Company organized and established; new houses built for the Pioneer, Franklin and Allen Fire Companies and the Liberty's house re-built and enlarged; a system of appointments to Police Department according to civil service rules inaugurated; bridges leading into the city constructed.

He married, in 1884, Julie Leberman, born Nov. 10, 1857 at Bamberg, Germany, daughter of Meyer Leberman, Esquire, born at Merzbach, Germany, Sept. 10, 1812, died May 1, 1883, in Philadelphia, and his wife, Fannie, born in Lounerstadt, Germany, June 28, 1814, died Feb. 1, 1878, in Philadelphia. On her marriage, Mrs. Schaadt entered the law offices of her husband, being the first woman to engage in professional work in Allentown; and has constantly continued in the same.

Mr. Schaadt has been a life-long member of St. John's Reformed church, Allentown; belongs to a number of fraternal beneficial organizations; is a member of the Pennsylvania German So-



ciety and the Lehigh County Historical Society; is president of the Associated Charities of Allentown, and of the Juvenile Court and Probation Association of Lehigh county, and is a trustee of the Allentown Hospital.

IV. Catherine C., born Feb. 27, 1793, died Jan. 21, 1864, married to Henry Frantz, born May 16, 1790, died Jan. 9, 1868, issue, six children:

Mary, born Dec. 5, 1813. She died aged sixty-eight years, seven months, six days. She was wedded first to Nathan Moser; second, to George Frey. She had six children.

Elizabeth, born Nov. 26, 1815. She died aged forty-nine years, two months, fourteen days. She is buried on the Cedarville cemetery. She was married to Charles Kratzer, and had seven children.

Reuben, born Feb. 5, 1819. He died aged sixty-nine years, one month and seventeen days, and is buried at Unionville. He married Judith Peter. There were ten children.

Debora, born Aug. 11, 1820. She died Nov. 10, 1901, aged eighty-one years, one month, twenty-nine days, and is buried on the graveyard at Unionville. She was never married.

Tilghman, born Dec. 11, 1822, died aged seventy-eight years, five months and seven days, is buried at Unionville. He was wedded to Mary Kennel. Ten children.

Gloria M., born March 17, 1824, and died at the age of thirty years, ten months, twenty-one days, is buried in the old graveyard at Unionville. She was married eight years to Aaron Kennel. Three children.

V. Henry C. Schadt, son of John and Elizabeth Clader Schadt, was born March 30, 1796, died Oct. 26, 1869. He was married to Magdalena, daughter of Jonathan Knauss. She was born Feb. 15, 1803, and died March 1, 1888. They were the parents of the following children:

William, born June 15, 1822, died March 28, 1897, aged seventy-four years, nine months, thirteen days. He was married to Clarissa Scherer. They had ten children.

Sarah Anna, born Feb. 21, 1824. She died in infancy.

Benjamin Henry, born Dec. 9, 1824, and died aged fifty-three years, nine months and twelve days. He married Eliza Mickley. They had seven children.

Esther, born June 10, 1830. She died aged seventy-two years, four months and twelve days, is interred in the graveyard of the Jordan Reformed church. She was the second wife of David Troxell and had five children.

Maria, born March, 1832, and died April 4, 1897, and is buried in the West End cemetery,

Allentown. She was married first to Franklin C. Balliet, who died in 1869 at the age of thirty-eight. She married second, Allen G. Balliet, brother to Franklin. He died in 1885. He was lieutenant of Company B, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry. They had no children.

Monroe, born March 8, 1834, died Aug. 26, 1901. He married Catharine Butz. They had ten children. They resided on a farm at Sherersville.

Elizabeth, was born June 2, 1836 and died aged sixty-one years, eight months and seven days. She was married to Reuben Kemmerer. There are five children. They resided in Ashley, Luzerne county.

John J., is a blacksmith by trade and resides in Allentown. He was wedded to Anna Maria Berger.

Christiana M., born April 25, 1840, and died Oct. 9, 1890. She was married to Frank Newhard and had three children.

Mary Anna, born June 5, 1847. She is married to Solomon Ruch and resides at Sherersville. She has one child.

JOHN J. SCHADT, son of Henry and Magdalena (Knauss) Schadt, was born in South Whitehall, May 18, 1838. He attended the township schools in his youth and worked on the homestead, but later was employed in the East Penn and Ferndale rolling mills. In 1871 he moved to Allentown, where he opened a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop on North Church street, above Linden, which he conducted until 1902, when he retired. He is a Democrat in politics and was elected county treasurer on that ticket in 1890. He was confirmed in the Reformed church by Rev. Dr. A. J. G. Dubbs. He married Anna Maria Berger and had eight children: Preston E., died in infancy; Alice M., married Wilson G. E. Jacoby; Harvey R.; Minnie, married, first, Henry Landis, and second, John Hoffman, Esq.; Esther, married John W. Cressy, of Bradford, N. H., and has two children, Richard W. and Cynthia S.; Edward J.; Annie M., and Robert J.

VI. Abraham, youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Clader) Schadt, was born Sept. 19, 1799, near Ormrod, died March 19, 1870. He was married to Susanna Peter, a daughter of Philip Peter and his wife, Elizabeth, a born Stettler. She was born July 5, 1804, and died June 13, 1878. They resided on a farm at Ruchsville. They were the parents of the following children:

Owen, born June 18, 1824. He died aged sixty-six years, nine months and eighteen days. He was married to Sarah Burkhalter. They had ten children. He was director of the poor

of Lehigh county, and for many years the hotel-keeper at Ruchsville.

Edwin, born Feb. 1, 1826, died single at the age of twenty-three years, ten months and twenty-seven days.

Fianna, born April 30, 1828. She died Feb. 5,

Susan, born July 9, 1836, and died July 9, 1878, is buried at Egypt. She was the first wife of Henry Kern. There were three children.

Adeline, born Oct. 31, 1838, died Dec. 9, 1881. She was the first wife of Alfred Ruch.

Abraham, was born Dec. 28, 1843, and died



*Jas. L. Schadt*

1897. She was married to Jonas Knauss. He was a miller by trade. There were five children.

Thomas, born Nov. 18, 1830. He was wedded to Hannah Stofflet. There were five children.

Maria, born May 10, 1833, died June 18, 1862. She is buried on the old graveyard at Egypt. She was the first wife of Moses Guth.

Dec. 9, 1881. He was wedded to Celesta, daughter of Edward Kohler, Esq., of Egypt. There are three children.

Monroe Schadt, son of Henry C., and Magdalena (Knauss) Schadt, was born March 8, 1834, in North Whitehall township. In 1859 he moved to Whitehall township on the Jonathan

Knauss homestead of which he became the owner and which he conducted up to the time of his death Aug. 26, 1901. He was a member of St. John's Reformed congregation, Mickleys, of which he was a liberal supporter and which he

Walter B.; Milton, married to Lizzie S. Koch; Preston B., married to Annie S. Gerner; Alfred B., married to Barbara Kelchner; Paul B.; Lloyd H. B.; Howard B.; Katie B., married to John Mickley; Carrie M., married to Elmer Hoffman;



*Julie Schadt*

served as deacon, elder and trustee. In 1858 he was married to Catharine Butz, a daughter of Samuel and Kate (Lentz) Butz. She was born April 21, 1842. This union was blessed with the following children: Samuel B.; Ida, married first, to John Strauss; second, to George Thomas;

Eva J. B., born April 20, 1877, died Sept. 2, 1877.

WALTER B. SCHADT, son of Monroe and Catharine Schadt, was born in South Whitehall township, Aug. 27, 1861. Like many of the successful business men of the county he was reared

on the farm. Later he began working in planing mills and in 1892 he became a member of the Kurtz Furniture Company, of Fullerton, of which he is the president. He has charge of a large number of the machines in the factory. Mr. Schadt filled the office of school director for six years, in Whitehall township. During his term of office the schools of this township have been raised to a high standard, the high school being one of the best in the county. He and family are devoted members of the Reformed church at Fullerton. Mr. Schadt filled the office of trustee and Mrs. Schadt is the president of the Aid Society. In 1910 Mr. Schadt was elected a delegate to the State School Directors' Convention, at Harrisburg. In 1883 he was married to Hannah Diefenderfer, a daughter of Owen and Pauline (Frederick) Diefenderfer. They had the following children: Helen, married to Melville Sterner; Marguerite, married to Ira Kurtz; Frederick; Thomas D., a patternmaker; Robert D., connected with the L. V. R. R. Co.; Carrie, married Robert Renner; James D., clerk in the Merchants' Bank; Samuel D., and Lillian.

SAMUEL B. SCHADT, son of Monroe, was born in North Whitehall township, Oct. 2, 1858. He was reared on the farm and worked for his parents until he was of age. He worked in the Fullerton car shops one year, and in 1882 he commenced farming in South Whitehall township. He later moved to Coplay and has followed farming ever since. He is the owner of the Edward Schreiber homestead and for a number of years he has rented about eighty acres of land from the Coplay Land Company. In 1907 he built the large cement barn, the old barn having been destroyed by fire. Politically he is a Democrat and served in the borough council three years and school director nine years. He is a member of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., of Catasauqua; Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, Royal Arch Masons; P. O. S. of A., No. 407, of Coplay, and Minsi Tribe, I. O. of Red Men, No. 357, of Northampton. He and his family are members of the Reformed church at Mickleys. He is married to Sallie M. Biery, daughter of Ludwig and Matilda S. (Diefenderfer) Biery. To them the following children were born: Harry B.; Lewis B., married to Emma Schultz; Katie M., married to William H. Leh, employed by the L. V. R. R. Co.; Sallie B., married to George H. Johnston, cashier for the L. V. R. R. Co., at Coplay.

HARRY B. SCHADT, son of Samuel B. and Sallie M. Schadt, was born at Mickleys, Dec. 19, 1880. He was educated in the public schools of Coplay and Allentown Business College. He worked on his father's farm until 1901.

From 1901 to 1904 he was employed by the L. V. R. R. as car inspector at Coplay. Since 1905 he is employed by the Gallia Silk Company a loom fixer. In 1909 he was elected burgess of Coplay for a term of three years, but, owing to the new law, his term was extended until Jan. 1, 1914. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, in which he took an active interest in the choir, Sunday school and Young People's Society. Socially he belongs to the following organizations: P. O. S. of A., Camp 409; Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F.; Woodmen of the World, of Coplay. In 1905 he was married to Ida Fuehlbrugg, a daughter of Augustus Fuehlbrugg, of Scranton, a native of Germany. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schadt: Samuel B. and Lewis H.

Preston B. Schadt, son of Monroe, of Allentown, Pa., was born in South Whitehall, Aug. 5, 1866. He was educated in the public schools, and in the Allentown Business College. For four years he traveled in the West, having visited the States of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri. He returned to Lehigh county, in 1888, and for three years dealt in horses.

In 1892 he became the proprietor of the First Ward Hotel, in Allentown, conducting it for two years. He then built the West End Hotel, and after conducting it for three years, he sold it. He also conducted, at different times, hotels at Pen Argyl, Pa., and Newark, N. J. In June, 1898, he became the proprietor of the Gerner House, at 165 Hamilton street.

He and his family are members of Zion's Reformed church. In politics he is a Democrat, and member of the following orders: F. O. E.; Order of Owls; Livingstone Castle, 258, K. G. E.; Washington Chamber, No. 18, K. of F., and the Lehigh Consultory, of the last named lodge, and the Pilgrim Lodge No. 189, Order of Masons.

He was married Nov. 15, 1888, to Annie S. Gerner, daughter of Granville, and Lucy (Butz) Gerner. They have two children: Ralph M., who was educated in the public schools, and took a three years' course in the Preparatory Department of F. & M. College, Lancaster, and in 1913 graduated from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and Morris G., who in 1914 graduated from the Allentown high school.

Thomas Schadt, son of Abraham and Susanna (Peter) Schadt, was born Nov. 18, 1830. In 1855 he commenced to till his father's farm, south of the Coplay creek, between Ruchsville and Ironton. In 1867 he purchased the farm from his father. In 1877 he purchased the Desler farm of 108 acres at \$144 an acre, and the

Newhard farm of 48 acres at \$100 an acre. In 1878 he moved on the Deshler farm, which, together with the Newhard farm, was operated by him. On Nov. 20, 1899 he sold the Deshler and Newhard farms to the Coplay Cement Company for \$100,000. He retained the Stofflet farm of twenty-four acres and eight acres of the Newhard farm. On Nov. 20, 1899, he gave the right of way to pass through his land to the Coplay, Egypt and Iron-ton Street Railway Company. The first car was run to Egypt, Aug. 7, 1900. He filled the office of school director of Whitehall township for a period of ten years. He was married to Hannah Stofflet. The following children were born to them: Jemima M., born Feb. 1, 1856, married to Oscar Mickley; Daniel A.; Thomas A. J., and Clinton J., born March 8, 1864.

DANIEL A. SCHAT, son of Thomas and Hannah (Stofflet) Schadt, was born July 7, 1856. He was reared on the farm and in 1889 he began to farm for himself on his father's farm, now owned by a cement company. In 1908 he moved on his own farm, which he purchased in 1906, formerly owned by John Housman. He is a member of the Reformed congregation at Egypt, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee. In 1889 he was married to Emma Guth, a daughter of Evan and Carolina (Benner) Guth. They are the parents of the following children: Miriam, married to John Guth; Minnie, a graduate of the Whitehall township high school and of Lutherville College, Md.; Margaret; Thomas E., and Lawrence.

THOMAS A. SCHAT, son of Thomas and Hannah (Stofflet) Schadt, was born March 5, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of his native place. For a number of years he has manifested great interest in family history. He assists his father on the farm and spends a great deal of time in the research for data on the different branches of his family history. He has gathered a great many dates and books treating on family history. He has given special attention to, and is an authority on the Schadt, Stofflet and Peter families. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of Egypt church and also is a member of the Lehigh County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania German Society.

Abraham Schadt, son of Abraham Schadt, Sr., was born Dec. 28, 1843, in North Whitehall township. He was a life-long farmer. He first located at Ruchsville, then near Mechanicsville, where he had a farm of 62 acres. He retired from active labor in 1874, living at Mechanicsville. He died Dec. 9, 1881. He was a member of the Reformed church at Egypt.

He married Celesta Regina Susanna Kohler,  
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eldest daughter of Edward Kohler, Esq. Mrs. Schadt still resides at Mechanicsville. Issue: Laura M., married Robert H. Thomas, of Allentown; Morris E., and Martin S.

MORRIS EDWIN SCHAT, son of Abraham and Celesta (Kohler) Schadt, was born at Ruchsville, Dec. 1, 1871. He was educated in the public schools; graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1895 and from the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. In 1899 he commenced teaching in the public schools of Lehigh county and has taught twelve consecutive terms. He holds a State Teachers Permanent Certificate. He holds membership in the following named organizations: Porter Lodge No. 284, F. & A. M., Catasauqua; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Jordan Lodge No. 192, I. O. O. F., at Schnecksville; and of Unity Encampment No. 12, Allentown; and Red Hawk Tribe No. 55 I. O. R. M., Allentown. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

#### SCHAEFFER FAMILY.

George Schaeffer, the ancestor of a large and honored family, came to "the Land of the Penn's" in 1750, qualifying at Philadelphia, Aug. 13. Tradition has it that he was accompanied by several more members of the family, one of whom settled near the present borough of Macungie and one in Lancaster county. George Schaeffer is said to have settled in Oley township, Berks county, near the Oley furnace. One day he crossed the hills to the north into Richmond township and upon his return in the evening is said to have remarked: "I have seen a very fine piece of land, but it contains no running water. For this tract of land he acquired the right and title, Sept. 25, 1759. When he was naturalized April 10, 1761, he had complied with the religious test as required by laws at that time to be naturalized, by having partaken of the Lord's Supper, recently, March 6, 1761, according to the Reformed kind. In order that his children might enjoy the advantage of schools, he erected a school house on his premises where his and the neighboring children were taught. The pioneer was in intimate friend of Rev. Philip Jacob Michael, a Reformed minister, who baptized his children, and who, together with his wife, acted as sponsors for his youngest son, giving him his own name, Philip. They both, and at the same time, espoused the cause of the America's independence; Rev. Michael entering the army as chaplain, and Mr. Schaeffer as second lieutenant. He is said to have kept a diary, which however, unfortunately together with many other valuable papers perished in a fire which consumed the old homestead. George Schaeffer was a son of John



Schaeffer and was married in the fatherland, Sept. 17, 1749, to Maria Catharine Ruhlin (Reilin), a daughter of John Ruhlin. This union was blessed with five children: Elizabeth, married to John Bieber; Margaret, married to Dewalt Bieber; Maria, married to Michael Chistman; Peter and Philip. George Schaeffer died in 1792 and was buried on the family graveyard on the farm on which he lived, where the ashes of his wife and some of his descendants also repose. Many of his descendants are to this day following the honorable occupation of tilling the soil, and no less than fifty of the splendid farms of the Maxatawny Valley are in their possession.

Philip Schaeffer was born on the homestead June 7, 1770, and followed the occupation of farming. He was also an inventor of ability and invented and manufactured the first threshing machines and horse powers in Berks county. This venture proved so successful that he continued to make these machines throughout the remainder of his life. He was married, Sept. 5, 1797, to Elizabeth Feterolf, a daughter of Peter and Susanna (Seitz) Feterolf, and a granddaughter of Peter and Anna Maria (Rothermel) Fetherolf. (See Fetterolf family.) She was born March 29, 1776, in Longswamp township, at her baptism Jacob Richstein, and Maria Elisabeth Miller, both single, acted as sponsors. They had these children: George; Peter; Isaac; Jonathan; Daniel; William; Philip; David; Sarah, m. Jacob DeLong; Elizabeth, m. Solomon Yoder; Anna, m. Isaac Merkel; and Esther m. Francis DeLong.

Daniel Schaeffer, son of Philip, was born July 12, 1805, at 7:30 a. m. He was reared on the old Schaeffer homestead in Richmond township, and became a well-to-do farmer. Some years before his death he retired to Fleetwood, where his wife died. She was Margaret Sell, of Maxatawny township, and they had these nine children: John S., George, William, Philip, David, Daniel, Mary, Caroline, and Nathan.

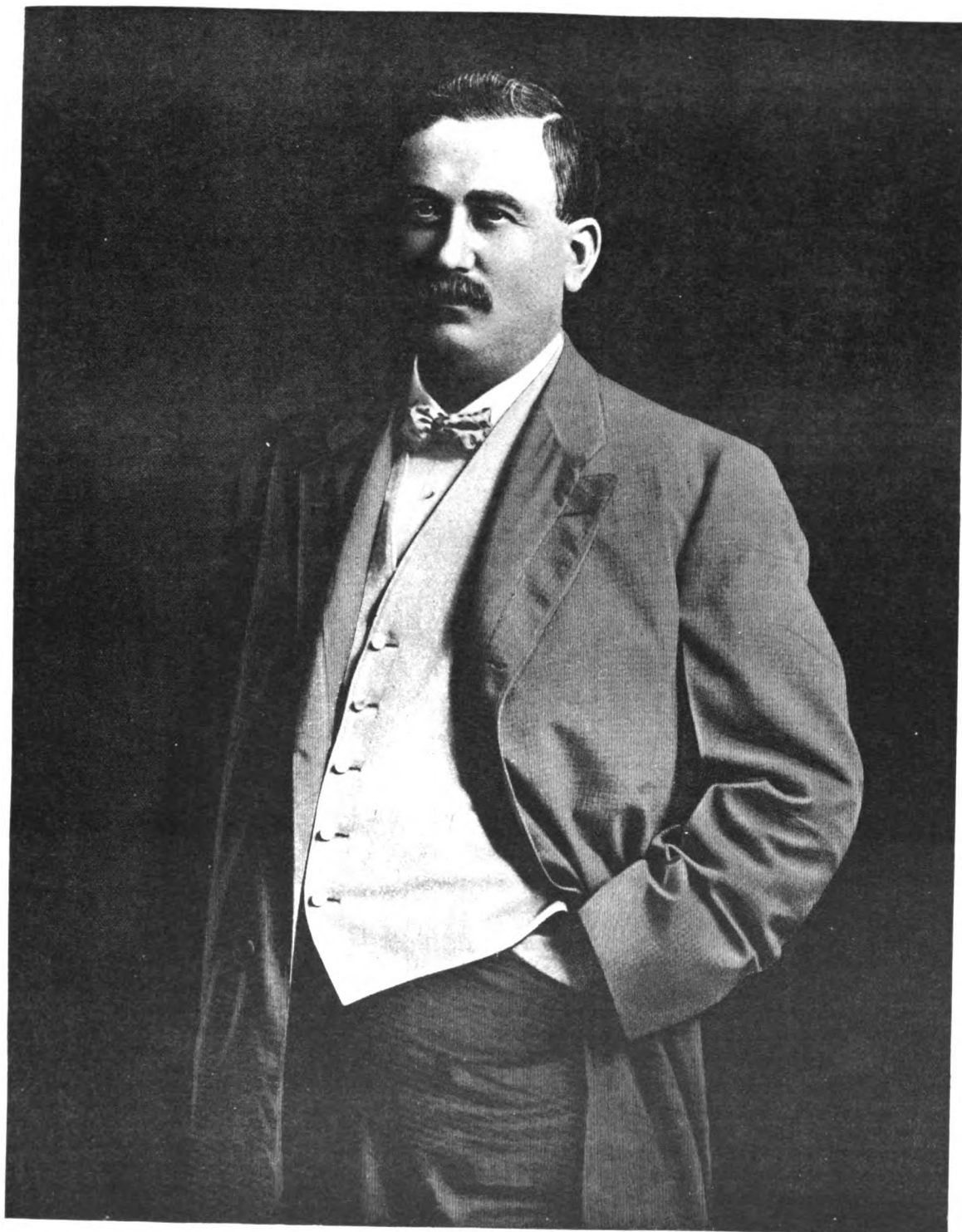
George S. Schaeffer, son of Daniel, was born on his father's farm in February, 1840. In his earlier life for several years he was a merchant in Fleetwood, and then began farming on the homestead, which consists of 102 acres of very fertile soil. In 1902 he retired from active work and located in Fleetwood, and his son, David L., now cultivating the farm. Mr. Schaeffer was school director for a number of years and is much interested in educational affairs. He married Catharine Leibelsperger, sister of Joel Leibelsperger, and they had children as follows: Emma, who died, aged twenty-one years; John E.; Hannah, deceased; Kate, married to William Kieffer,

of Richmond township; Hettie, married to Charles Rahn, of Richmond township; Amanda, deceased; David, who resides on the homestead; and Dr. Robert, who is associated with Dr. Charles D. Schaeffer, head surgeon, at the Allentown Hospital.

David Schaeffer, son of Philip, was one of the foremost men of upper Berks county. He was born in Richmond township, in 1820, and died in 1902, aged 81 years. He was one of the organizers of the Keystone State Normal School, and was an honored trustee from then on until the time of his death. He was a man of progress, and was a firm believer in education, not only giving his own children the best of opportunities but largely advancing the educational advantage of the whole community. Each of his five sons became men of culture, and four of them are graduates of the Franklin and Marshall College, viz: Rev. Dr. Nathan C., since 1893 has been state superintendent of public education for Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. William C., is teacher of theology at the Reformed seminary, Lancaster; D. Nicholas, is a leading attorney at Reading; Dr. Charles D. (see below); and James.

David Schaeffer, who tilled the ancestral farm, followed farming all his life. He purchased the farm now owned and conducted by his son, James, in 1849, which he greatly improved. The farm ranks as one of the best in Berks county. David Schaeffer, because of his excellent judgment, was successful in all his undertakings and acquired a large estate. At the time of his death he owned the property at No. 526 Washington street, Reading; the farm now owned by his son, James, and one of 120 acres situated in Bern township, which is now owned by his son, Nathan C. Schaeffer. He was a member of the Reformed faith and was an official of St. John's Reformed church, of Kutztown, which he liberally supported. In May, 1848, he married Esther Ann Christ, a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Bieber) Christ. She died in February, 1903, aged 77 years, surviving her husband but eight months. Their ashes repose on the Union cemetery, at Kutztown.

CHARLES D. SCHAEFFER, M.D., surgeon-in-chief of the Allentown Hospital, a son of David and Esther Ann (Christ), was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Nov. 4, 1864. Like his older brothers it seems he had a natural desire for higher education, and at an early age he became a student at the Keystone State Normal School, where he received his college preparatory training. He was graduated with honors from Franklin and Marshall College in 1886, and from the University of Pennsylvania in the M.D. Course in 1889. Locating at Allentown



*C. D. Schaeffer.*



after his graduation, he soon achieved more than a local reputation as a physician and surgeon. For a number of years he was the president of the board of health of Allentown. When Dr. Yost's health failed and he could no longer attend to his duties as mayor of Allentown, Dr. Schaeffer was appointed to fill the office, and on April 22, 1907, he was unanimously elected by council, mayor of Allentown, to fill Dr. Yost's unexpired term.

Dr. Schaeffer has taken a keen interest in the financial affairs of the city, being a director and vice-president of the Allentown National Bank. He has been prominently identified with the Allentown Hospital since its inception in 1898 as a trustee, and surgeon-in-chief. The splendid results accomplished at the institution and the fine buildings are largely the results of his untiring energies. To him more than to any other individual the hospital owes its marvelous success. He is widely known as a skilful and successful physician and surgeon. While a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schaeffer was one of the founders of the Agnew Society and is now a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society; the Lehigh Valley Medical Society; the Medical Society of Pennsylvania; the Mississippi Valley Medical Society; the American Medical Association, and the Rentgen Ray Society. Fraternally he is a member of Jordan Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Elks. He is the medical examiner for the following life insurance companies: Penn Mutual, Great Northwestern, National Life, New England Mutual, Scranton Life, Fidelity, of Philadelphia, and the Pittsburgh Mutual Life.

On Oct. 5, 1885, Dr. Schaeffer was married to Clara Smith, daughter of Benneville and Feilana (Whorley) Smith, of New Smithville, Lehigh county. Dr. Schaeffer and wife are prominently identified with Salem's Reformed church, of Allentown, which he served as elder and member of the chapel building committee. Mrs. Schaeffer takes an active interest in the various activities of the church.

Robert L. Schaeffer was born on the old Schaeffer homestead in Richmond township, Berks county, Dec. 23, 1881. His parents are George S. and Catharine Leibelsperger Schaeffer. His early years were spent on his father's farm. He attended the public schools of his native township, and later the Keystone State Normal School. In the fall of 1901 he entered Franklin and Marshall College as a sophomore and was graduated in 1904. While at college he was a member of the Goethean Literary Society and the College Ralston Club. In the fall of 1904 he entered the medical department of the University of Penn-

sylvania, from which he was graduated in 1908. After graduation he became resident physician at Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Philadelphia. After serving a period of four months he was elected to a similar position at the Allentown Hospital. Upon leaving the hospital he became associated with Charles D. Schaeffer, M.D. In the fall of 1912 he pursued a special course in the clinical laboratory of U. P. Dr. Schaeffer is a member of the Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity, the American, the Pennsylvania State, and Lehigh County Medical Associations.

Frederick Schaeffer lived near the Chestnut Hill Church, in Saucon township, later moving to Lower Macungie township, where he died March 18, 1841, aged 57 years and 5 months, and was buried at the Western Salisbury Church. His wife, Catharine (*nee* Marcks, b. Feb. 10, 1783-June 25, 1852), bore him the following children: Nathan, Charles, Mary, married to Thomas Ludwig, resided in Berks Co.; Julian married a Mr. Hoover, of Dryland, Northampton county.

Charles Schaeffer lived in Upper Milford township, near the Mennonite Church. His children settled in Tioga county, Pa., and became wealthy in the oil fields.

Nathan Schaeffer, son of Frederick, was born in "Dryland," Northampton county, in 1803. Learning the weavers' trade, he resided at Corning, near Treichlersville, later removing to Upper Milford township, where he died in 1873 and was buried at Emaus. He also had been a manufacturer of linseed oil. He had been married to Rebecca, daughter of John Weidner, of Treichlersville, who died in 1873, aged 68 years. The children were; Jesse, Emma, dec'd, wife of Joseph Yingling, of Allentown; Lavinus, dec'd, married to Mary Frantz, of Allentown.

Jesse W. Schaeffer, son of Nathan, an aged resident of Allentown, was born at Treichlersville, Berks county, June 3, 1832. At the age of twelve, he was hired out to serve on farms and served thus till past twenty years of age. He then learned the stone mason trade, which he followed for six years, when he also learned the plastering trade. These trades he followed for a number of years. About 1894 he engaged in the cement and concrete business at Allentown, whither he had removed in 1889. He is a Democrat, and whilst at Emaus, where he lived for seventeen years, he held the office of auditor. Both his wife and himself are Mennonites and he served as assistant superintendent in the Sunday school. In 1913 he settled in his own home at 720 New street. He married, Jan. 20, 1866, Louisa, daughter of Jonas Minner, of District

township, Berks county, whose full history appears elsewhere in this work. Ten children were born to them: Jonas Albert, Ida R., born Feb. 23, 1869; Annie E., b. Nov. 29, 1870-d. March 22, 1893; Emma J., b. July 13, 1874-d. Feb. 15, 1886; William K., b. March 28, 1878; Elephena L. and Laura M., twins, b. July 23, 1880; Nathan H., b. Oct. 16, 1883; Minnie R., b. Jan. 25, 1887-d. Sept. 15, 1892; Mamie M., b. March 31, 1889.

J. ALBERT SCHÆFFER, son of Jesse, of the firm of Schæffer and Ackerman, of Allentown, Pa., was born in District township, Berks county, June 21, 1866. At the age of 19, he learned the plasterer's trade, which he followed for a few years, when he learned the cement-paving business from Nicholas Melchoir, his brother-in-law, and, after working as journeyman until 1892, he formed a partnership with Jonas Minner, of Pottstown, where Mr. Schæffer lived for eight years. Coming to Allentown in 1895, he engaged in the plastering business for two years. Mr. Minner also about this time coming to Allentown, and they resumed the former partnership, which continued to the time of Mr. Minner's death in 1908, when he admitted Jonas M. Ackerman, trading under the aforesaid name. The firm employs as high as 60 men. Amongst their largest jobs may be mentioned: all of the concrete flooring at the Rittersville hospital; the Allentown hospital; the grading, paving and curbing at Clifford Park; the Hunsicker building. In 1912-'13, the firm constructed the reinforced concrete bridge over Trout Creek on the Allentown-Philadelphia turnpike in the Twelfth ward, the dimensions of which are 52 by 42 feet, with piers 76 feet long. Whilst living at Pottstown, in 1888, he served as a member of the police force. Mr. Schæffer is an independent voter; belongs to Royal Order of Tigers and F. O. E. He wedded, in 1886, Alice, daughter of George and Mary (Stout) Mutter, of Bally, Pa., the issue being: Genevieve, Octavia, Regina, who died aged 11 years and 4 months, and Charles.

#### ALBERT B. SCHAFFER.

George Schaffer, of Lehigh county, was married, and among his children was a son, Amandes, who was a shoemaker and farmer. At one time he lived at Hellertown, but later at Center Valley, Pa. He died about 1898, advanced in years, and is buried at the Blue church. He was married to Eliza Hillegas, and they had the following children: Richard; Owen, of Center Valley; Henrietta, married to Jacob Knauss; Sarah, died, unmarried; Eliza, died young; and Ephraim.

Ephraim Schaffer, son of Amandes Schaffer, was born Nov. 3, 1861, in Saucon township, subsequently removing to Center Valley, and then to Coopersburg. Here he lived near Blue church and was a shoe maker for many years, until his decease, on Jan. 21, 1892, aged 46 years, 11 months, 4 days. Interment was in Blue church cemetery, Coopersburg. He married Susanna Newcomber, daughter of John and Lydia (Ott) Newcomber, of Coopersburg. Issue: Oscar, a farmer of Oley, Pa.; Albert B.

ALBERT BENJAMIN SCHAFFER, son of Ephraim and Susanna (Newcomber) Schaffer, was born July 16, 1871, at Center Valley, Pa. He was educated in the public schools, and after attaining the age of seventeen years, he entered the employ of Jordan Bros., at Coopersburg, and learned the trade of coach painting, which he continued there for eighteen years, but of this time he was the firm's foreman. He then engaged in the hotel business, eventually leasing the fair ground hotel. During fair week he is kept very busy, at times having about 100 persons to assist in serving his patrons. In politics he is a Democrat; is a member of the Knights of Golden Eagle, and the Knights of Ladies of Honor and also of the Lutheran Church. His mother lives with him, and she was born March 30, 1838, and is well preserved.

Albert B. Schaffer married, July 30, 1889, Anna Agnes Schuler, daughter of Israel and Mary A. (Acker) Schuler, of Berks county. Issue: three children, namely: Clarence E., Sue M., and Frances E.

Israel Schuler was a carpenter and later a stationery engineer at a mine, where he met his death by an accident, in 1874. He married Mary A. Acker. Issue: Ella, Emma, Jeremiah, Ambrose, Victor, Albert, and Anna, who married Albert B. Schaffer.

Mrs. Mary A. Schuler, married (second) George Walter, and had one son, James Walter, now in the U. S. mail service, in Philadelphia, Pa.

LEVI C. SCHAFFER, chief engineer at Arbogast & Bastians, was born Sept. 3, 1855, in the southern part of Lehigh county, near Rothrocksville, where he attended the public school until he was sixteen years old. He was then employed at different iron ore mines as engineer in that section of the county for several years, and afterward following engineering at different places, more especially with Henry Miller at Lehigh-ton, where he continued for nearly twelve years. He entered the employ of Arbogast and Bastian, as chief engineer of their large establishment at Allentown, in 1903, which position he has filled until the present time.



Mr. Schaffer was married to Susanna Jane Straub, daughter of David Straub, of Lynn township, and they had seven children: Annie Jane, m. Owen Colton, of Perth Amboy, N. J.; Harvey O., who died in 1905, aged 27 years; George F., assistant superintendent for Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Philadelphia; Harry E., Allentown; Walter A., Buffalo, N. Y.; Lillian May, who died in infancy; and Katie Amelia, m. Joseph Malloy, and resides with her parents.

Mr. Schaffer is a member of Seibert Evangelical church, of the A. O. of Engineers, and is a Republican in politics.

His father, Ephraim, was born and reared in the same section of Lehigh county and learned the trade of shoemaker. He afterward followed the employment of stationary engineer for many years, until he retired to Trexlertown. He died in 1868, aged 77 years, 8 months. He was married to Catharine Troxell, who died at the age of 67 years. They were buried in the Trexlertown cemetery. They had nine children: Matthias, who died young, John O., Sylvester P., Levi C., Helena, Leander, Caroline, August, and one died in infancy.

#### HENRY P. SCHAFER.

Paul Schaffer was born in Germany in 1817, and in the year 1865 he emigrated to the United States. For a time he lived in Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to Cementon, Pa., where he lived until in 1870. Then he bought the Jonas Dinkey property, situated near Egypt, Lehigh county. He died in 1874 and is buried on the Egypt cemetery. He made baskets and ladders and was a skilled mechanic. He was a watchman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad from 1870 until he met an accidental death.

By his first wife he had these children: Kate, Janetta, John and Conrad. He married a second time and that union resulted in three children: Lizzie, Henry P., and Paul E.

Henry P. Schaffer, a farmer of Whitehall township, was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., October 18, 1864. He obtained a common school education in the schools of Whitehall township, Lehigh county, and when a mere boy came to be employed by the L. V. R. R. Co., first as a water boy, then successively as laborer, brakeman, fireman, extra conductor and engineer, having been in the employ of the company for a period of twenty-four years.

In 1902 he became an engineer for the American Cement Company and he served that position until in 1912, when he engaged in farming, which he is now following. His farm was a Kohler homestead and had been in that family for more than a hundred years. He and his

family are Lutheran members of the Egypt congregation. Socially he is a member of the I. O. of O. F. and the Red Hawk Tribe, No. 55, I. O. R. M., both of Allentown.

He was married to Amanda Pfeiffer, a daughter of Michael Pfeiffer, whose full history appears elsewhere in this volume. Their children are: Paul M., Annie W., Allen H., William G., and Freeman W.

#### SCHALL FAMILY.

This was originally an old patrician family of Cologne, Germany, later spreading into Bergen and Juliers. At first the name was von Schall, but in the Fourteenth Century, Bell was added to it, that being the name of their manor in Gladbach. Later the family spread into Bavaria.

Tobias Schall and his wife, Magdalena, left their home on the French border and emigrated to America, arriving there Sept. 7, 1784. Tobias Schall was then forty-two years of age and settled in Pike township, Berks county, where he was a farmer.

George Schall, his son, was born in Middle Shefflitz, in the Palatinate, Aug. 24, 1735. He was baptized in Under Shefflitz Evangelical church, but was confirmed in the Reformed church of Middle Shefflitz. He came to America with his parents and became a farmer and blacksmith in Pike and Earl townships, Berks county. He served as a lieutenant in Col. Daniel Hunter's regiment in the Revolution. He died Dec. 6, 1802, and with his wife is buried at the Hill church. He married, in 1757, Catharine Newhard, daughter of Michael Newhard, of Whitehall township. She was born July 25, 1740, and died May 3, 1803. They had nine children: Magdalena, born May 4, 1760, married Andrew Buchman; Margaret, born Feb. 24, 1762, died Oct. 29, 1851, married John Weiler; Elizabeth, born March 4, 1764, died April 30, 1850, married, in 1781, Andrew Knerr; Catharine, married Jacob Hertzog; George, born Dec. 26, 1768; Tobias, born Dec. 15, 1771; Maria, married Charles Wagonhorst; Salome, married Nicholas Keyser, and Jacob, born Aug. 29, 1779, died young.

George Schall, born Dec. 26, 1768, the eldest son, was a farmer and blacksmith and also operated a saw and grist mill. He served as a member of the State Senate as a Democrat, from 1825 to 1828. He married, Nov. 10, 1789, Catharine Eyster, who was born Aug. 7, 1768, and died July 10, 1846. They had nine children: David, born 1790, died 1792; George, born July 2, 1792, died Sept. 11, 1820; John, born July 24, 1794, died Aug. 7, 1860; Hannah, born

March 23, 1797, died at Sumneytown, Dec. 9, 1864, married Daniel Jacoby; Catharine, born May 16, 1799, died Feb. 26, 1875, married Dr. William Herbst; David, born May 25, 1801, died Jan. 22, 1877; Mary, born 1803, died 1815; William, born and died in 1805, and William, born Aug. 7, 1810.

David Schall, third son of George and Catharine (Eyster) Schall, was born May 25, 1801. He engaged in the iron business as a young man and in 1825 began to operate Dale Forge. He manufactured bar iron and blooms for over fifty years, besides running a large farm. He served as associate judge of Berks county from 1856 to 1866, and as county auditor from 1842 to 1845, while in the old state militia he was a captain. He died Jan. 22, 1877. He married Catharine Eudy, born May 9, 1805, died Aug. 24, 1873. They had nine children: George, who was steward of the Montgomery county prison for twelve years; Amelia, married Col. William Trexler; Emeline, of Philadelphia; Gen. John W., colonel of the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment in the Civil War, general in the National Guard, who was postmaster one term at Norristown, and seven years recorder of Montgomery county; Hannah, who died in 1896; William A.; D. Horace, of Philadelphia; Alfred and Mary L., of Philadelphia.

Capt William A. Schall served in the 167th Pennsylvania Regiment in the Civil War and married Mary B. High. They had one daughter, Emily M.

John Schall, born July 24, 1794, married Rebecca Rausch, born March 4, 1799, died Nov. 13, 1880, at Philadelphia. John Schall died at Orwigsburg, Aug. 7, 1860. William Schall, born Aug. 7, 1810, died at Norristown, April 19, 1883. He married, Jan. 3, 1832, Caroline Trexler, who was born May 10, 1811, and died March 7, 1870.

D. Horace Schall, for many years bond clerk in the United States Custom House at Philadelphia, married Mary A., daughter of Hon. John H. Fogel, of Lehigh county, and had two sons, Dr. David H., of Berlin, Neb., who married Hannah Hasfelt, and John.

Tobias Schall, second son of George Schall, Sr., and grandson of Tobias, the emigrant, was born Dec. 15, 1771, and died April 10, 1849. He married, Feb. 13, 1796, Elizabeth Eyster, born Dec. 31, 1774, died March 2, 1854. They are buried at Oley church, Berks county. They had six children: Catharine, married Henry Landis; David; Mary, born Dec. 20, 1801, died Sept. 7, 1883, married a Mr. Kerst; Elizabeth, born July 4, 1804, died Oct. 12, 1834, married Isaac Yoder; Daniel, born 1807, died

1810, and Lydia, born Sept. 14, 1809, died Feb. 29, 1893, married, first, Nicholas Hunter, and second, Isaac Yoder.

David Schall, son of Tobias, was born April 20, 1799. In 1822 he settled at Trexlertown, where he kept a store in a log building that occupied the site of the Herbst residence. He also kept a hotel there about twenty years and was justice of the peace for the same period. He owned about 200 acres of land, which he purchased from Jeremiah Trexler and Michael Snyder. He died Nov. 15 1882, and was buried at Trexlertown. He married Mary Ann, daughter of Jacob Rupp, and had eight children: William, who died young; John R.; James, who resided in Bethlehem; George B., State Senator from 1864 to 1867, who died in 1875; Caroline, married Hiram J. Schantz; Eliza, married Moses Albright; Mary A., married Dr. T. K. Spang, and Ellenora Barbara, married Dr. William Herbst.

John R. Schall, son of David, was a wholesale dealer in coal and lumber and also conducted a mill at Laury's. He removed to Allentown in 1870 and died there in 1887. He married, April 23, 1850, Rosina, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Trexler) Fogel. She was born July 25, 1828, and died Aug. 8, 1904. Mrs. Schall was a graduate of the Moravian Seminary and a member of St. John's Reformed church. They had four children: Mary S., married Hon. C. J. Erdman; Charles D.; Rosina S., married Tilghman H. Diehl, and Harry B.

HARRY B. SCHALL was born at Trexlertown, July 22, 1861. He was educated in the Allentown schools, high school and Muhlenberg College and after being for a time in the employ of Wm. F. Mosser & Co., became a salesman in the milling line for his father. In 1893 he began the manufacture of cigars at 531 Hamilton street and continued there for eighteen years in the wholesale and retail business until 1911, when he sold the business. In 1900 he was elected secretary of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, which position he has held continuously and since 1911 has devoted his entire time to the duties of the office. On Aug. 10, 1893, he was married to Jennie E., daughter of Edwin H. and Eliza (George) Blank. They are members of St. John's Reformed church. Mr. Schall is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. and A. M., Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Council, No. 23, R. and S. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E.; Livingston Club and Clover Club. He is a Democrat in politics and served a term as a member of Common Council from the Sec-

ond ward, of which body he was chairman in 1898.

SCHANTZ FAMILY.

John Schantz, the ancestor of this family, emigrated to America in the ship *Minerva*, arriving at Philadelphia with his four sons: Jacob, Philip, John, and Henry, on Oct. 1, 1770. Jacob, the eldest son, made his home with Jacob Kohler, at Egypt, where he learned the trade of miller. In the Revolutionary War he was a private in 1781, in Captain Zerfass' company of the 1st Battalion of Northampton County Militia, commanded by Lt. Col. Balliet. He became a miller at the Bortz mill, at the head of Cedar creek in later years, and in 1788, he married Mary Bortz, daughter of the proprietor. He then became the owner of the mill property, which he conducted until his death, at which time he owned seven tracts of land in Macungie and South Whitehall townships. He was born April 26, 1761, died Sept. 11, 1816, and was buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. He had nine children: Catharine, Elizabeth, Jacob, Mary, Peter, Sarah, John, Lydia, and Anna.

Catharine, the eldest daughter of Jacob, was born March 9, 1789, and died July 3, 1853. She married Jacob Henninger and had eight children.

Elizabeth, the second daughter, married a Mr. Mohr.

Jacob, the eldest son of Jacob, was born Nov. 28, 1791. He became the owner of the mill property, and operated it until his death in June, 1843. He married Sarah, daughter of John and Catharine (Stettler) Fogel. She was born July 25, 1799, and died April 25, 1871. They had six children: Hiram J., born 1820, died 1892, married Carolina, daughter of David and Mary (Rupp) Schall, and had two sons: Clement and Tilghman D.; Llewellyn R. A., who was killed June 27, 1852, at the age of eleven years by a stage coach, in which he was riding, falling over the steep embankment near the city water works; Dr. Tilghman, deceased; Elemina C., died Aug. 6, 1896, married Dr. Thomas B. Cooper, of Coopersburg, who represented this district in Congress in 1861 and 1862, and had seven children; Amanda, married Rev. Dr. Aaron Leinbach, of Reading; and Rev. Dr. Franklin J. F. Schantz.

Mary, the third daughter of Jacob, was born June 15, 1796, and married Jacob Fisher. Their daughter, Lucy A. Fisher, born Jan. 1, 1825, died Nov. 11, 1905, married William K. Mosser.

Peter, the second son of Jacob, was born July

15, 1798, and died Oct. 1, 1839. He married Deborah Deshler.

Sarah, the fourth daughter of Jacob, born Sept. 1, 1800, married, April 19, 1818, Rev. John Helffrich, father of Rev. William A. Helffrich.

John, the third son of Jacob, became a merchant in Philadelphia. He married Lydia Smith and had a son, John.

Lydia, the fifth daughter of Jacob, married John Shimer. Anna, the youngest daughter of Jacob, born Feb. 25, 1807, died Sept. 8, 1886, became the second wife of John Shimer.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., son of Jacob (2), was born Jan. 8, 1836, studied for the ministry and was graduated from the Gettysburg Seminary in 1857; served as pastor of Lutheran congregations at Reading (1857-61), Catasauqua (1861-66), and Myerstown (1867, until his death, Jan. 19, 1907). He was president of the Lutheran Ministerium from 1901 to 1903, and of the Pennsylvania German Society in 1900. He took interest in historical research and prepared many valuable papers. In 1858, he married Cordelia S., daughter of Charles and Eliza (Eckert) Saeger, of Allentown, and left three children: Dr. Henry F., of Reading; Mrs. John P. Spangler, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. W. Stanton Haak, of Lebanon.

Philip Schantz, the second son of John, the emigrant, was born in 1765 and died Aug. 3, 1834, after a short illness from dropsy in the chest. He was a farmer and lived in Macungie township. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1768, and died March 31, 1833, of asthmatic fever. They are buried at Jordan Lutheran church. Their children were: John; Henry; Philip, born Jan. 7, 1796; Sarah, born Feb. 19, 1799; two daughters, married men named Keck; one daughter, married a Mr. Snyder; and the name of one other child is not recorded.

John Schantz, son of Philip, was born Aug. 21, 1790, and died April 30, 1861. On April 2, 1814, he married Mary Magdalena, daughter of John and Barbara (Schnerr) Mohr, of Allentown. She was born Nov. 16, 1793, and died Dec. 5, 1862. They are buried at Unionville church.

John Schantz, son of John and Maria Magdalena, was born March 9, 1819, died Dec. 3, 1865, and was buried at Unionville church. In 1846, he married Eliza, daughter of Peter Meyer and his wife, Catharine Gangawere. She was born in Whitehall township, Oct. 6, 1815, and died at Allentown, Feb. 18, 1899. She was one of the four organizers on Aug. 10, 1868, of the Free Methodist congregation in Allentown, of which church she was an active and loyal member. They had eight children, four sons and

four daughters: Mary, married William Moyer and had two children; John Benjamin Franklin, married Cornelia Pearson, and had ten children; (William, who died in childhood; Frank P.; Mattie; Howard; Fred; Lee; Mary; Harry, who died in infancy; Lillian; and Evelyn, who died nine years old); Paul, deceased, who married Esther Searle, also deceased, and had two children: George and Paul; Charles O.; Martha, who resides with her brother, Milton P.; Catharine, married Lewis Seifert and had six children: Mary, Sarah, John, Charles, Helen, and Anna; Sarah, married George Eberhardt and had six children: Raymond, Ralph, Augustus, Mamie, Martha, and Harold; and Milton P.

Charles Oscar Schantz, son of John and Elizabeth (Meyer) Schantz, was born May 31, 1853, at Balliettsville. He was educated in the public schools and the military school of Allentown. After his books were laid aside, he commenced his business career as a clerk in a mercantile house, remaining there but a brief period. He next entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as a messenger, where by faithful application to his duties he was promoted to the position of head clerk. He continued here for a period of nearly eight years. He then entered the employ of the Allentown National Bank, on Feb. 3, 1874, as individual ledger bookkeeper, later was made assistant teller, and subsequently chief clerk, which responsible position he filled with ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned, until 1903. In this year the Merchants National Bank was organized, the promoters of that institution selected Mr. Schantz to serve as cashier, on account of experience and fitness, as well as for his wide knowledge of the national banking business. He proved a very popular and efficient official, and enjoyed the fullest confidence of both the officials and patrons of the institution. His connection with banking interests in Allentown covered a period of over thirty-seven years. He was one of the pioneers in the building association movement in Allentown. He assisted in founding the Mutual Loan and Building Association, became its first secretary, retiring in November, 1910, on account of his failing health. He was a member of the city's Board of Charities, and was its secretary. He was the receiver of the Keystone Mutual Benefit Association, and successfully filled other fiduciary positions. His services were in frequent demand as an expert accountant. He was one of the trustees of the Allentown College for Women; also a faithful and active trustee of the Y. M. C. A., and served on its finance committee. He was first an active member of the Free Methodist church. He was a delegate to

General Conference, and audited the accounts of that body. After his removal to his new residence at Seventeenth and Walnut streets, he allied himself with Grace U. E. church at Fifteenth and Turner streets, and was active in promoting its welfare. For some time he was the Sunday school superintendent of the latter named church, and was a regular attendant of all services. On account of failing health, he made a lengthy tour of the South, spending several months in St. Augustine, Fla., hoping that the balmy air of that locality might prove of benefit, but the improvement was only temporary, and he returned home, where his long career of usefulness closed on July 26, 1911, and interment was made in Fairview cemetery. Charles O. Schantz married, in 1872, Miss Amanda Kline, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Dornblaser) Kline. Issue: John T.; Alice E.; Charles O., Jr.; William D.; Hattie E.; Edgar J.; Robert and Dorothy, died young.

JOHN THOMAS SCHANTZ, eldest son of Charles O., was born Dec. 16, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown, and was in the employ of the Allentown National Bank from 1889 to 1902. During this time he registered as a law student in the office of R. E. Wright's Sons in 1893, and after pursuing a regular course of study, was admitted to Lehigh county bar April 11, 1898. In 1902, he began the practice of law, and in February, 1903, became private secretary of Col. Harry C. Trexler, which position he has continued to fill until the present time. He has been treasurer of Zion Reformed Church since 1907. On April 19, 1897, he was married to Susan Gertrude, youngest daughter of Franklin and Susan (Newhard) Koehler, of Whitehall.

Edgar J. Schantz, fourth son of Charles O., was born at Allentown, Aug. 30, 1883. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown, and attended the Cheseborough Seminary at Chili, N. Y., for two years. He was in the employ of the Buehler Furniture Company for two years, after which he took a business course in American Commercial School. Then he had charge of the office of William H. Gangewere, building contractor, for a time, and in June, 1903, became the messenger in the Merchants National Bank, later advanced to bookkeeper, and then promoted to paying teller, which responsible position he has filled successfully since 1910. He is a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., and the Y. M. C. A. In 1908, he was married to Mary E., daughter of Mathias and Catharine (Geisel) Beiter, formerly of Phillipsburg, N. J., now of Allentown, and they have one child, Richard Geisel Schantz.

MILTON P. SCHANTZ, youngest son of John, received his education in the public schools, in the meantime carrying morning newspapers, and in the business college where he earned off his tuition by services in the college. He became a clerk in the book-store of Brobst, Diehl & Co., later in that of Trexler & Hartzel, after which he served a clerkship in the Adelaide Silk Mills. He and his sister, Miss Mattie Schantz, then purchased the millinery store of Mrs. M. A. G. Guldin, at No. 602 Hamilton, which they conducted for some years. On March 23, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Allentown, and served by re-appointment in 1902 and 1906, until 1910, having given entire satisfaction to the public. The new and attractive post-office building was erected at Sixth and Turner streets by the national government during his incumbency, and was first occupied Feb. 1, 1907. During this time he read law in the office of R. E. Wright, Esq., and was admitted to the bar Dec. 22, 1902, since which time he has practiced his profession in a successful manner. He served the office of county auditor from 1890 to 1893. He was a member of common council in 1887 and 1888; in 1893 he became a member of select council from the Third ward, and officiated as the president of that body from 1895 to 1898, when he was appointed postmaster. Besides his legal practice he has been engaged in the real estate business, having been prominently identified with the North Allentown Improvement Company, Lehigh Improvement Company, Highland Realty Company, and West Allentown Land Company; also the Lehigh and Schantz Nurseries. He is a member and past master of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., and served as a trustee for some years; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., of which he is past chief, and he is also past grand chief of Pennsylvania, and has been many years on the state finance committee; Jordan Council, No. 746, Jr. O. U. A. M.; Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E.; Modern Woodmen of America; and Hep-tasophs.

Mr. Schantz was married to Catharine O. Dotts, daughter of Charles and Judith (Roeder) Dotts, and they had six children: Harold A.; Catharine S.; Milton P., who died in infancy; Earle; Lewis M.; and Marcus P., who also died in infancy.

John and Henry Schantz, the two younger sons of John, the emigrant, settled at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, and their descendants were in that vicinity in recent years.

WM. F. SCHANERBERGER.

William F. Schanerberger, son of Peter

Schanerberger and his wife, Esther Mertz, was born in Moore township, Northampton county, June 16, 1836. His father died at the age of seventy-seven years and had five children: Mary Ann; Samuel; George, a veteran of the Forty-seventh Regiment in the Civil War; Matilda and William F.

William F. attended school as a boy, in the winter, when the terms lasted only three months. He was employed in splitting rails and cutting wood, and later as a driver in the Lehigh canal. He owned a boat, which he ran for some time, but sold it in 1861. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He joined his regiment in Philadelphia and served until the close of the war, having been mustered out at Murfreesboro, Tenn. After the war he became a car inspector at Easton and was later employed at the Roberts furnace and with the Allentown Gas Company. He is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran church, and a Republican in politics. He had the following children: Rosa, deceased; John A.; Charles, deceased; Hattie and Annabella.

#### SCHETZ (SCHUTZ) FAMILY.

Mathias Shutz, emigrated from Preusen, Germany on the ship "Rowand," which landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1753. He located in Lynn township, Lehigh county. His homestead is now the William H. Reitz farm.

Jacob Zink on March 6, 1748, obtained a proprietary warrant for a tract in Lynn, bounded by lands of Mathias Schiitz, and others; and he, on September 25, 1752, sold this tract to John Gerlach Moyer, who sold it on September 9, 1760, to Nicholas Lynn. The latter sold it to Henry Brednig on January 15, 1763, and Brednig sold 14 acres of it on January 10, 1767, to Mathias Schiitz, whose farm then had come to embrace a total area of 148 acres.

In 1765, Mathias Schutz built a log barn and this was replaced in 1888 by the present one. A singular co-incidence in the three generations of this family is that Mathias Schutz was an only son; he had an only son, Heinrich, and the latter also had an only son, David.

William H. Reitz, whose wife was Brigitta, a daughter of David Schütz, has a document which explains an early legal transaction, connecting the Schmitt and the Schütz families, and reads as follows:

"Lynn Township, November 12, 1753. I do assign and set over all my right, title and interests in this bill of sale, unto my brother-in-law, Matthias Schutz, as witness my hand."

(Signed) Christian Schmitt.

Witness:

John Everett, Andres Everett.



Ancestor Schütz and his wife Anna Mary, had an only son, Heinrich, and tradition tells us they had eight daughters, among whom were: Mrs. Frederick Sechler; Mrs. Ferdinand Ennis, (Enos), whose husband was a noted Indian fighter), and Catharine Elizabeth (married to P. Philip Wannamacher 1760-1839, born August 4, 1758, and died December 3, 1835).

The name Schutz has been corrupted into Schitz, by David Schitz. Some of the later generations anglicized it into Scheetz.

Heinrich Schitz, was born January 21, 1770, and died April 19, 1849, on the homestead which he inherited and occupied. In 1825 he built the present large stone house. (See illustration.) His wife Elizabeth Sechler was born March 15, 1774, and died July 27, 1848, in her 75th year. They are buried at New Tripoli. Their children are:

Name.	Born.	Died.	Age.
Catharine,	June 18, 1794,	Jan. 15, 1879,	76-6-27.
Anna Maria,	July 18, 1796,	Feb. 26, 1886,	89-7-7.
Rebecca,	July 28, 1798,	April 11, 1883,	84-8-13.
Elizabeth,	Oct. 4, 1800,	July 8, 1849,	48-8-4.
David,	Oct. 14, 1802,	April 13, 1877,	74-5-29.
Magdalena,	Nov. 14, 1904,	Feb. 4, 1869,	64-2-10.

Catharine	was married to	Johannes Reinhart.
Anna Maria	"	Jacob Koenig.
Rebecca	"	Peter Snyder.
Elizabeth	"	Jacob Brobst.
David and	"	
Magdalena	"	Jonas Miller.

David Schitz, succeeded his father to the homestead. He was identified with the State Militia. During the Civil War he was actively identified with the Knights of the Golden Circle which met in his house when the organization was dissolved. He was elected supervisor of his township as a Democrat, serving this office some years.

His wife was Elizabeth, a daughter of Michael Brobst. She was born May 27, 1805, and died April 2, 1865. Both are buried at New Tripoli. Their children were: Mary, (died young); Wilhelmina, (m. to David Stein); Elizabeth, (m. to Benjamin Oswald); Sarah, (m. first to David Reitz and second to Benjamin Reitz); Edwin, David, James, and Levi.

Edwin Schitz, was born March 25, 1833. He farmed on the homestead nineteen years; then bought a 91-acre farm near Lynnport, Pa., which he cultivated until his retirement. This tract was the Ferdinand Follweiler farm. A tavern was conducted at this place many years. He is a Democrat. He was a school director and assistant assessor of Lynn township, where he has always lived. He and his family were for a time Reformed members of Ebenezer church at New Tripoli, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, but later united with the church at Jacksonville, Pa.

In 1858 he married Kate, daughter of Jacob

Kerschner. She is buried at New Tripoli. They had ten children: Alvin A., Sarah E., Mary A. (married to Lewis J. Donat); James, Jane, Alvena C., Levi H., Amanda, Sylvester, and Dr. Oliver J.

JAMES M. SCHEETZ, coal and wood dealer at Allentown, is a native of Lynn township. He was reared upon a farm and in 1890, went from Lynn to Allentown, where he worked as a laborer until 1903, then engaged in the present business. His yard being located at 15th and Gordon streets. He employs four men and has several teams in delivering coal and wood to all parts of the city. He resides at 516 Hazel St. He is a member of the Knights of Friendship. He and his family are members of the Reformed church.

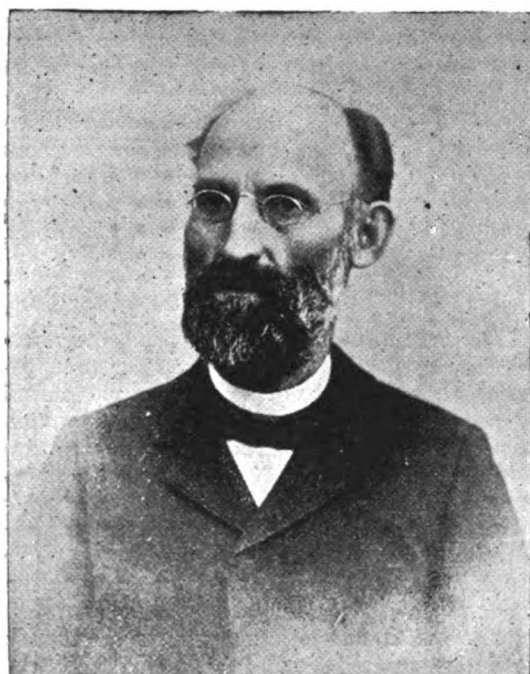
In 1895, he was wedded to Ida, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Yoder) Carl, of Seisholtzville, Berks county, Pa., and they have four children: Charles, William, Linda and Ella.

DR. OLIVER J. SCHEETZ, dentist at Allentown, was born in Lynn township, May 19, 1878. He was educated in the public schools and when sixteen years old was granted a certificate to teach school; but he chose a business career, accepting a position as clerk and bookkeeper with the Joseph Obert Packing Co. at Lehigh-ton, Pa., and continued in their employ from October 1, 1898, until October 15, 1907; and on the latter day, after working several hours, he suddenly decided to take up a professional career. He left the same day and entered the Medico-Chirurgical College at Philadelphia and graduated from the department of Dentistry in 1910. While a student, he worked in the Bank of North America at Philadelphia, a position he retained six months after his graduation; then entered a dental office, at Lancaster, Pa., and continued there until he located at 713 Hamilton street, Allentown. He is a member of the Psi-Omega Dental Fraternity; the Starr Society of Stomatology; The Morris I. Shamberg Society of Oval Surgery; The L. Ashley Faught Society of Dental Dispensary and Operating Dentistry.

REV. JOHN A. SCHEFFER, A.B., A.M.

He is the eldest son of William Scheffer, and wife, Priscilla, *nee* Krebs, now written Kribbs. He was born in Clarion county, Pa., June 17, 1846. In youth he attended the public schools in Salem township, of said county, during the winter months, and in summer worked on his father's farm. When sixteen years old he became a pupil in Salem Academy, as there were no free country high or normal schools then. From spring to fall in addition to the surplus

products of his parents' farm he purchased produce of neighboring farmers to sell in Oil City fifteen miles north of his home. In his nineteenth year he began to ship bituminous coal from the mines to oil wells, and take the crude petroleum oil from the wells to boats on the Allegheny river, to be carried to refineries down that river as far as Pittsburgh. For there were no railroads or pipe-lines in the oil-regions in those days. In winter time he continued his



JOHN AMOS SCHEFFER.

studies in the academic schools until 1867-8, when he taught a country school in Venango county.

After that he went to the academy in Emlenton, Pa., of which the Rev. J. B. Fox was principal, who later was pastor of Heidelberg Lutheran charge, Lehigh county. On Sept. 1, 1870 the subject of this sketch came from Western Pennsylvania to Allentown, and entered the Junior class in Muhlenberg College. He graduated with the class of 1872. He had been assistant teacher in Emlenton Academy, and during the latter half of the senior year at college was a tutor.

In September, 1872, he went to the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Philadelphia, and graduated in 1875.

During the vacations of 1871, 72, and 73, he sold Bibles and religious books, and in the sum-

mer of 1874 preached for several Lutheran congregations in and near Columbus, Ind., where some people from Lehigh county were members.

In January, 1875, a call was given him from the Manor charge, consisting of two congregations in Westmoreland county, Pa. With two other seminary classmates, he was ordained by the officers of the Pittsburgh Synod, in the First Lutheran church, Pittsburgh, and April 1, of that year, began his ministerial labors in Manor charge. A little more than a year later the membership had increased from 131 to 224.

Having received a second pastoral call from Lutherans in Nova Scotia, he accepted it and in July, 1876, went aboard a steamer in New York, for Mahone Bay, N. S. The Rev. J. A. Bauman, now professor in Muhlenberg College, who had just been ordained to the ministry, was elected his successor by the Manor charge.

When Rev. Mr. Scheffer became pastor of Mahone Bay parish, in Lunenburg county, there were about fifty communicant members. However, the membership increased, so that in six years the parish became self-supporting. He never applied for or received mission funds, but personally paid the difference between the salary and expenses.

In February, 1885, after severe bronchial affections and rheumatic fever, his physician told him that if he continued his labors in that climate these ailments would become chronic. Hence he advised his congregations to secure another pastor, and later that year he returned with Mrs. Scheffer, to Allentown, where they have been residing ever since.

In 1881 with the advice and consent of the two branches of the provincial parliament, the lieutenant governor appointed Rev. J. A. Scheffer commissioner of schools for the Lunenburg District, the duties of which he attended to until he removed from the county in 1885.

A number of Lutheran ministers in Allentown and vicinity in 1886 organized the Church Messenger Association for the publication of the *Lutheran Church Messenger*. Rev. Mr. Scheffer was the treasurer for ten years, and after 1888 also associate and managing editor. He has written for religious and secular papers, translated from German manuscripts, parts of two English books, and for a short time was assistant editor of *The Pennsylvania German*, but had to relinquish that work on account of ill health.

With the assistance of Mrs. Scheffer, he began the Sunday school in 1885, out of which St. Luke's Lutheran church has grown.

He was temporarily pastor of St. Luke's congregation in 1893-94. He also organized St. James' Lutheran Sunday school 1903 as a

nucleus for that congregation. Thus he has been active and endeavored to help along every good cause that he could, without asking whether it would pay financially.

Rev. J. A. Scheffer was a director of Allentown schools for nine years, and a member of the board of controllers for six years. He had his share of the work and gave much time for the welfare of the public schools.

Rev. Mr. Scheffer and Miss Sabina E. Seibert, of Allentown, were united in holy wedlock, June 5, 1883. They regard their marriage providential, and an answer to prayer. Their wedded life has been congenial and happy. A daughter was born to them in June, 1885. She died in infancy.

The ancestors of Mr. Scheffer on his father's mother's side, and his mother's mother, namely William Bescht, now written Best, and Michael Frederick Gutekunst, settled in Northampton county, now Lehigh, respectively in 1738 and 1766.

#### SCHEFFLER FAMILY.

Joseph Scheffler was born April 20, 1829, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to the United States at the age of eighteen years, locating at Lehigh Gap, where he secured a tract of 29 acres of land which is still owned by his estate. He was a school-slate shaver and because of this trade he located in the slate belt. In 1876 he moved to Slatington and lived there until he died April 12, 1907. He was brought up in the faith of the Catholic church, but later became a member of the Lutheran church. He is buried at the Frieden's church.

He was twice married. By his first wife he had these children: Emma (m. Oliver Olwein), Henry (of New York), and Charles (of New Castle, Pa.) By his second wife, Mary Ann Peters, born April 24, 1837, and died November 10, 1900, he had these children: Frank, John, Lewis, Edward, James and Lillie (wife of Lewis Dorward).

FRANK W. SCHEFFLER was born Dec. 13, 1865, in Washington township, where he now resides. He worked upon a farm until he was seventeen years old, and then began working in the slate-quarry which occupation he has followed to this time, except eight years, when he was a railroader on the Jersey Central R. R. He owns a small farm near Rextown, which was formally the John Roth tract. He served Frieden's church as a deacon and is a member of the Reformed congregation.

He was married in 1886 to Elementa Roth, daughter of John and Hettie (Kern) Roth. They have nine children: Lillie (m. William

Bower), Helen, Alma, Francis, Harry, Jennie, Irene, Mildred, and Claudine.

LEWIS B. SCHEFFLER, superintendent of the Schuylkill Slate Company, of Slatedale, is a resident at Emerald. He was born August 28, 1869. At the age of thirteen years he began working in the slate industry and he has followed the same avocation to this time. In 1894 he was first given charge over quarries; in 1902 was made superintendent of the Pittston Slate Co.; and in 1904 accepted his present position.

He and family are Reformed members of Frieden's church, which he served as a deacon eight consecutive years. He is a member of the J. O. U. A. M.

On August 28, 1887, he married Emma Metzger, daughter of Harry and Maria (Kemmerer) Metzger of Heidelberg. They have these children: William (who died aged seven years); Wallace (deceased); Mabel; George; Raymond; Thomas, and Walter.

#### SCHEIRER FAMILY.

The first member of this family about whom we have anything definite is Adam Scheurer, who occupied and owned a farm of four hundred acres upon part of which Iron-ton is now built. He was a teamster in the Revolutionary army and after the conclusion of the war he erected several looms for weaving in the house which was later used as a hotel at Iron-ton by Joseph Koehler. The house was erected in 1773. The first discovery of iron ore in the section was made on his lands. The ore was exchanged by him at the Hamburg Furnace and the iron was manufactured into nails by hand in a smithy which he had opened where he employed a number of hands. He was born in 1728 and died in 1806. He was married to Catharine Elizabeth Hertzog. They had a large number of children: I Adam, II Peter, III John Jacob, IV John, V Daniel, VI Nicholas, VII Solomon, VIII David, IX George, X Jonas, XI Susan, married to Charles Ruhe, XII Maria, born Jan. 25, 1787, married to Abraham Newhard.

II Peter Scheirer had two daughters, one married to Philip Strauss, and the other daughter married to Mr. Handwerk.

III John Jacob lived on the old homestead. Issue: Annie, born April 23, 1807; James, born December 28, 1809; Sallie or Salome born September 10, 1812, and Reuben.

IV John Scheirer was born December 18, 1780. For many years he lived at Schnecksville, where he was a weaver, usually having three looms working. He was married to Elizabeth Sterner, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Mehrkam) Sterner, with whom he had

the following children: (1) Peter, born August 18, 1799; (2) Gabriel, born August 18, 1801; (3) John born September 4, 1803; (4) Magdalena, born September 17, 1805; (5) Joel born September 24, 1807; (6) Abraham, born July 18, 1811; (7) Joseph, born September 26, 1813; and (8) Eli born January 1, 1817. John Scheirer was married the second time to Maria Eva Ringer, a daughter of Michael Ringer. Issue: (1) Adam, born November 17, 1829; (2) Henry A., born September 10, 1831; (3) David M., born June 6, 1833; (4) Moses T., born February 1, 1835, and (5) Elizabeth, born April 6, 1838.

John Scheirer, son of John and Elizabeth (Sterner) Scheirer, was born September 4, 1803. He was employed on the farm by Jacob Mickley for a number of years after which he learned the trade of weaving. He was tax collector for a number of years. He was a member of the building committee of Mickleys church when the church was erected in 1849. He also served the congregation as deacon and elder. He was the owner of a tract of 73 acres near Seipels which is now owned by his son George A. He was married to Catharine Kemmerer a daughter of George A. and Susanna (Troxell) Kemmerer. They were the parents of the following children: Owen, Mary, Polly, George A., John, Charles, Telilah and Alfred.

George A. Scheirer, a son of John and Catharine Scheirer, was born December 22, 1833. He assisted his father in weaving and farming until he was married in 1861, when he continued farming for himself and followed this occupation until 1901, when he retired. He is a devoted and faithful member of the Lutheran congregation at Mickleys church. He has served the church as deacon, elder and trustee. He was married to Mary Ann Marcks, a daughter of Gideon and Esther (Eisenhard) Marcks. She died July 27, 1900. Issue: Lewis F., Allentown; Elmer J. and Victor M. who died in childhood.

ELMER J. SCHEIRER, son of George A. and Mary A. (Marcks) Scheirer, was born February 11, 1866. He worked on the Catasauqua & Fogelsville Railroad for five years and in 1888 he learned the cigar making trade, which he has since followed. His leading brands are "The Winner," "Union Brand," and "Good Pointer." Since 1901 he also conducted the farm formerly owned by his grandfather now owned by his father. He takes a very active interest in politics believing in the principles of the Democratic party. He was a member of the school board of Whitehall township for six years. Register assessor for five years and tax collector for five

years. He is a member of the F. O. E. Allentown No. 110, I. O. of R. M., and the Buffaloes. In 1884 he was married to Alice Storch, a daughter of Philip Storch. They are the parents of the following children: Frederick G., married to Effie Lentz; Elmer R., married to Minnie Serfass; Robert C., Roland P., William W., a graduate of Whitehall township High school 1913; Blanch S., Victor H. and Edwin L.

Adam Scheirer, son of John and Marie E. (Ringer) Scheirer was born November 17, 1829. He was a merchant in Rising Sun and later a farmer in South Whitehall. Since 1901 he resides at Mickleys. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Egypt. He was married to Lovina Kemmerer. Issue: Alice, married to Oliver Sensinger, and Ida, married to William Gogel. He was married the second time to Caroline Bortz. Issue: Rev. O. S., of Wessnersville; Ambrose H., of Penn Argyl, and Dr. Frank B., of Allentown.

David M. Scheirer, son of John and Maria Scheirer, was born June 6, 1833. He resided on the old Scheirer homestead for fifty years. He was married to Louisa Scheirer, daughter of Reuben and Eliza (Capbrecht) Scheirer. She died November 28, 1900. Issue: Emma, Elemma, Solomon, Walter, Eliza, Hannah, Jennie, Harvey, Manasses, James, Louisa and Effie.

VI Nicholas Scheirer, son of Adam, lived near Laurys. Among his children were the following: Lydia, born January 28, 1805; Elizabeth, born September 24, 1810; George, born January 12, 1813, and Paul, born April 15, 1818.

VIII David lived near Balliettsville. He had a daughter Mary Ann, born April 4, 1822.

IX George was a merchant. He had one daughter, Mary, married to Joseph Seem.

X Jonas Scheirer lived in South Whitehall, where he had about 200 acres of land. He died in his 94th year and is buried at Unionville. He was married to Dolly Moyer, who is buried at Egypt. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Moses, born in August, 1826, who was in the Mexican war; (2) Tilghman, (3) George; (4) Eli, born December 24, 1819; (5) Stephen, born January 24, 1822. He was starved to death in Libby Prison during the Civil war. (6) Catharine, married to David Hansman, and (7) Thomas.

Thomas Scheirer, son of Jonas, lived for some time in Hanover township, where some of his children were born; later he moved to Hokenauqua. He served his country faithfully during the Civil war. He was married to Mary Brader. Their children were: Oliver, William, Thomas, Assaba, Sacks, Ellen Emma, Lillie and Catharine.

OLIVER F. SCHEIRER, son of Thomas, was born in Hanover, June 18, 1851. His early life was spent on the farm. In 1866 he began to work for the Thomas Iron Co. He resides in Hokendauqua since 1874. He worked for the company as fireman and brakeman, and since May, 1877, he is a locomotive engineer. He is a member of the K. of G. E. and the Knights of Friendship of which he is a charter member. He and family are members of the Lutheran congregation at Mickleys.

In 1871 he was married to Sarah J. Sourwine, a daughter of William and Salome (Frain) Sourwine, of Washington. Issue: Minnie, Edwin, married to Stella West; John, died in infancy; Charles, married to Sarah McCallister, she died December 29, 1907. Issue: Ruth, Mary, Oliver, Margaret, and Ralph; George, Annie, married to Harvey Trout, she is deceased. Issue: Emma, Sarah and Eoma, William, who was killed on the railroad near Catasauqua, May 1, 1907. He was married to Annie O. Hauser. Issue: Earl and Leonhard.

#### SCHELDEN (SCHELDON) FAMILY.

Stephen Sheldon, a native of England, had located in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, sometime before the close of the Revolutionary War. For a time he had lived in Whitehall township, where his son, Andrew, was born in 1804, and afterward he removed to western Pennsylvania. L. L. Schelden, born in 1825, states that his grandfather, Stephen, had two other brothers who also lived in Pennsylvania. The Federal census of 1790 records James Sheldon in York county, and Richard Sheldon as a resident of Dauphin county. These may have been the other's brothers.

Andrew Schelden was born in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, March 10, 1804, died one mile west of Mickley's, on Jan. 12, 1888. First he was a farmer and afterward conducted Mickley's Hotel until his retirement upon a small farm near Mickleys.

He married Anna, a daughter of John Jacob Mickley, of Liberty Bell fame. She was born March 4, 1797, died Sept. 28, 1890. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schelden are buried at Mickley's church.

They had three sons and one daughter, namely: Lewis L.; John, who was a merchant in Philadelphia; Edmond, who had been a merchant at Hughsville, near Williamsport, Pa., and Catharine, married to Lewis Herbster.

Anna Mickley had first married John Yundt, by whom she had four children: Charles, William, Sarah and Polly.

Lewis L. Schelden, an aged citizen of Allen-

town, was born Nov. 8, 1825, in Whitehall township, son of Andrew and Anna (Mickley) Schelden. He worked upon the farm until he was eighteen years old, then he came to Allentown and learned the carpenter trade and afterward he operated the Eagle planing mill, and was engaged in the contracting and building business until a disastrous fire occurred on April 16, 1871, which destroyed the planing mill which stood at the southwest corner of Ninth and Turner streets. After the fire he continued the contracting business on a large scale. In Allentown he built 155 houses, three churches and one schoolhouse; at Catasauqua he built fourteen houses; at Hokendauqua he built sixteen houses, and at Fullerton eight houses. He also built an Evangelical church at Cedarville, which stood at the Evangelical church cemetery. In Allentown he built the old Salem Evangelical church on Linden street; the Zion Evangelical church on Liberty street, and Trinity Evangelical church, at Sixth and Oak streets. He also built the Morton schoolhouse, in the First ward. In 1874 he built his own residence at 915 Turner street. The wood work in this house was all worked out by hand and the house is most substantially constructed throughout.

Mr. Schelden had been a confirmed member of the Lutheran congregation of Mickley's church, but in 1849 he became soundly converted and since that time he has been a pillar in the Evangelical Church. He has been a local preacher almost a half century. In the church he has served as class-leader, exhorter and as Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He is now nearly ninety years of age, but he is still active in prayer meetings and in all the church services. He has membership in Trinity United Evangelical church, on Tenth street.

He married, first, in 1847, Sarah, daughter of Solomon Butz. She was born in 1831, and died in 1851. They had four children, namely: Matilda, the deceased wife of L. H. Yeager; Emma, married to Francis Zimmerman of Fogelsville; Sarah and Jane, twins who died young.

He married, second, in 1852, Sarah, daughter of Amandus Trexler. She was born in 1834, died in 1902, and is buried on the family plot on Greenwood cemetery, Allentown. They had twelve children, namely:

1. William, who died in 1913, in California. He was married to Lucia Smith.
2. Ellen J., 1854-1855.
3. S. Jane, died in 1898; was married to Albert Mosser.



4. Clara, married to Henry Grim, of Allentown.
5. Mary, married to Miles Seagreaves, of Allentown.
6. Laura, at home.
7. Agnes, married to Ludwig Mueller, of Royersford, Pa.
8. Anna C., married to Conrad Schomberg, of Trenton, N. J.
9. Harry G., whose history follows.
10. Charles.
11. Katie, 1872-1874.
12. Edmond, 1874-1895.

Harry G. Schelden, contractor and builder of Allentown, was born in that city, May 10, 1868. At the age of thirteen he learned the carpenter trade from his father, which he followed as journeyman until 1886, when his father admitted him into the business under the firm name of L. L. Schelden & Son. They continued until 1902, when the father retired and the son has continued the business in a most successful manner. Among others he has erected the following buildings: Eckert building; Bethany U. E. church; Zion U. B. church; Balliet Cigar Box Factory; Grammes Factory building; Horlacher Brewery; Guth building, and the fine residences of Charles H. Moyer and John Taylor, on Hamilton street, Allentown; besides Mr. Schelden has built rows of dwelling houses in Allentown, and has as many as forty-six carpenters employed.

He owns a farm of 155 acres, situated in Kidder township, Carbon county, on the Pocono Mountains. In 1913, Mr. Schelden raised over 200 bushels of potatoes per acre. He is a scientific agriculturist and has made a success in raising grain, corn and hay, as well as in raising potatoes.

He was married, in 1886, to Maggie E. Weil, daughter of James Weil, of Mechanicsville. She died on Jan. 29, 1914, at the age of forty-five years.

#### JAMES H. SHELDON.

James H. Sheldon, manager of the Post & Sheldon silk mill, at Allentown, was born at Paterson, N. J., Dec. 11, 1887. He received his education in the public schools, and the Stephens Preparatory School, until he became eighteen years old, then he entered the large silk industry there with which his father has been identified for many years, and under the instruction of his father, he was thoroughly familiarized with the entire business of manufacturing broad silks from the beginning of the process to the end. He continued there until 1912, then on account of his superior skill he was made the manager of the Allentown mill, one of the plants of the

large and influential firm of Post & Sheldon, and he has since been thus engaged in a most successful manner.

Mr. Sheldon was married in 1911, to Beatrice Fordyce, daughter of Hon. Robert H. Fordyce, mayor of Paterson.

Samuel Sheldon, the father of Mr. Sheldon, was born in England, and emigrated to America in 1881. He located at Paterson, N. J., and engaged in the manufacture of broad silks, for which he had been thoroughly prepared, and since then he has been prominently identified with this great industry there. He is president of the Post-Sheldon Corporation, which owns and operates a number of mills, three of them being in Lehigh county, at Allentown, Slatington, and Slatedale. He was married to Annie Gregory and they have four children: Helena, married George Robertson; Bertha; James H.; and Frederick, assistant superintendent of the Allentown mill.

#### HENRY B. SCHELLEY.

Henry Shelley, of Upper Milford township, was a farmer. He married and had four children, one of whom was Daniel.

Daniel Shelly, was also a farmer and was married to Mary Newcomer. Issue: (1) Henry; (2) Jacob; (3) John; (4) Levi; (5) William; (6) David, and (7) Catherine.

Levi Shelley, the fourth son of Daniel, married Mary Bleim, a daughter of John and Mary Bleim. Issue: (1) Kate (married John Ackerman, whose sketch appears in this volume); (2) Henry B.; (3) Mary, married to Eugene High. They have a son, Elwood High; (4) Allen.

Henry B. Shelley, son of Levi, was born in 1853, in Bucks county. He was educated in the public schools and reared upon the farm and he made farming his life work. He raises many potatoes, upon his 147 acre-farm near Dillingers, in Upper Milford township. He is a member of old Zionsville Mennonite church, is now class leader, and has served the various church offices. He married Catherine Landis, a daughter of Jacob and Annie (Moyer) Landis. Issue: (1) Clara; (2) Robert, married Hulda Seibert; (3) Naomi; (4) John; (5) Russell Shelley.

#### SCHELLEY FAMILY.

Dr. Joel Y. Schelly was born in Bucks county in 1807. After a thorough preliminary education, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and was regularly graduated. He began practice as a physician in Montgomery county and afterward carried it on very successfully in Hereford township, Berks county. With Dr. Van Buskirk as a traveling

companion, he traveled extensively in Europe and, having taken many notes of the countries visited, he delivered interesting and instructive lectures upon his return home.

Doctor Schelly devoted much study to the manufacture of silk goods. In this behalf, in 1828, he translated an English book on the subject into the Pennsylvania-German, and in 1830 he was associated with Dr. J. H. Dickensied and George Krause in the establishment and operation of a silk mill, having planted numerous mulberry trees for the production of cocoons, but this commendable enterprise proved unsuccessful, which entailed much loss on the projectors. He was the founder of the Goschenhoppen turnpike, from Green Lane to Herefordville, from which another pike was extended to Shimersville; and he was a most active promoter of the railroad along the Perkiomen creek for the purpose of securing transportation facilities from Allentown to Philadelphia. These efforts for public improvements displayed his progressive spirit. He served as postmaster at Herefordville from 1830 to 1840. In politics he was allied with the Democratic party. He became a large owner of land in Hereford township and was deeply interested in agriculture.

Doctor Schelly was married to Hannah Strassburger Young, a daughter of Christian Young, of Allentown, and they had eleven children: Ambrose Y., who became a physician in Berks county; Adelaide; Catharine, m. Henry Sigmund; Adella, m. B. F. McAtee, Esq., an attorney of Bethlehem; Henry Y. and Percy, who became ministers; Joel P., Cyrus Y. and James J., who became hardware merchants at Allentown, and two who died in infancy.

CYRUS YOUNG SCHELLY, son of Doctor Joel, and hardware merchant at Allentown, was born Nov. 28, 1851, in Hereford township. He attended the public schools and also Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated and then he followed teaching for a time. In 1869, he entered the employ of M. S. Young & Co., hardware merchants at Allentown, and remained with them fourteen years. With this preparation, he associated with his brother, Joel P., and they together began a hardware business on North Seventh street, at No. 32, and under the name of C. Y. Schelly & Bro. They have since carried on a most successful business. He has become the owner of the homestead in Berks county, which he visits frequently. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Livingston Club and Lehigh Saengerbund. In 1883 he was married to Emma Josephine Young, daughter of Samuel Young, of Allentown. She was given a thorough education and afterward followed teach-

ing in the public schools and the Allentown Woman's College. She became prominently identified with St. John's Reformed church. She died Jan. 16, 1905, and was interred in Fairview cemetery.

JAMES YOUNG SCHELLY, of the firm of C. Y. Schelly & Bros., hardware merchants, of Allentown, was born Nov. 14, 1858, in Hereford township, Berks county. He attended the public schools there, Muhlenberg preparatory school, and Blackman's Business College. He then went to Philadelphia and filled the position of assistant bookkeeper with F. A. North & Co., music dealers, and afterward with the Oriental Spice Mills. In 1883 he entered the hardware store of his brothers, C. Y. and J. P. Schelly, at Allentown, and after serving them faithfully for a time, he was admitted as a partner, the name then changing to C. Y. Schelly & Bros., and he has since been identified with this firm. He is affiliated with the B. P. O. E.

In 1887, he was married to Isola Hecker, daughter of William F. and Elemina (Deibert) Hecker, of Heidelberg township, and they have four children: Hannah Isola, teacher of physical culture, at Fort Smith, Kansas; Arthur James, at Detroit, Mich.; William F.; and Dorothy.

HENRY M. SHELLEY, son of Milton B., was born at Quakertown, Sept. 2, 1878. After his education in the public schools, he was employed as a clerk in a store at Quakertown for five years, but kept his home with his parents until he became twenty-one years old. He then went to Allentown and was engaged with Koch Brothers in the clothing business for six years; next, in 1909, he entered the store of his uncle, George, who was conducting business with a partner under the name of Behringer & Shelly, and when Behringer retired he became a partner of his brothers. They conducted business as Shelly Brothers, until the brother died in 1903, when he carried on the store as manager for the benefit of the estate. He afterward engaged in the motorcycle and bicycle business at Sixth and Gordon streets, which he has continued until now. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In 1900, he was married to Edna Moyer, daughter of Freeman Moyer, and they have four children: Freeman, John, Irene, and Ruth. They are members of Trinity United Evangelical church.

GEORGE B. SHELLEY was born at Quakertown and there he received his education. Upon attaining his majority he went to Allentown and there carried on the flour and feed business for a number of years. He also took great interest





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in breeding fine horses and selling them. In politics he was a Republican and as such he served several terms in the city council. He was connected for a time with the Mennonite Church, but afterward became a member of the Zion Reformed church, which he served as a deacon for several terms. He died in May, 1903. In 1888, he was married to Carrie Cole, and they have one son, George C. Mrs. Cole is a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Keck) Cole, of Colesville, where he carried on farming and at the same time conducted a hotel. He died at the early age of thirty-four years. They had three children: Bella, m. Edwin P. Landis; Alice, m. Thomas F. Diefenderfer, and Carrie, above named.

WILLIAM A. SCHELLHAMER.

William A. Schellhamer, farmer of Lynn township, and formerly tanner for twenty years, was born in Brunswick township, in Schuylkill county, on March 11, 1853. When two years old his parents removed across the Blue Mountains into Lynn township, locating between New Tripoli and Lynnport, and there he was brought up and educated. In 1866 his father purchased the Bachman tannery and farm of 50 acres, two miles east of Lynnville and there he learned the trade of tanner under his father. He worked in the tannery until his father's death in 1894 when he bought the place and carried on the business for three years, and competition having become so great he discontinued it and directed his attention to the buying and selling of hides, which he has followed since in connection with farming. He traverses the surrounding country from ten to twenty miles and collects annually from 1,500 to 2,000 hides, which he forwards to leading tanners in different parts of Pennsylvania. He has taken great interest in the principles of the Republican party, particularly protection to home industries, for many years, and for the past twenty years he has successfully filled the position of Republican Committeeman from the district, but not for office, being too much engaged in his own business affairs and farming. He is a member of the Reformed Church at New Tripoli.

Mr. Schellhamer was married to Mary E. Miller, of Lynnville, daughter of Daniel F., who was the auctioneer of the district for nearly fifty years; and they have two sons, William H. and Oliver P.

His father was George M. Schellhamer, a native of Lynn township, born in 1830 and brought up on a farm. He learned the trade of tanner at Leighton, under Stephen Kistler, and followed it in different tanneries at New Ringgold and Tamaqua until 1866 when he purchased

the Nicholas Bachman tannery in Lynn township which had been established by Daniel Bachman in 1834 and he carried it on successfully for thirty years until his death. While living in Brunswick township and working in the New Ringgold tannery he filled the office of justice of the peace. In 1849 he was married to Leah Neihart, daughter of Peter, a farmer of Stroudsburg, and by her he had seven children: Leana (m. 1st Jonathan Billig, 2nd Nathan Heintzelman); William A.; George W. (m. Mary E. Weiss); Lewis H. (m. Alice Schmidt); Oliver P. (a Reformed minister at York, Pa., married to Anna Heinly, daughter of William, of Albany township in Berks county); Theodore Franklin (who died when seven years old); and Mary (who died in infancy).

His grandfather was George Schellhamer, farmer, of Lynn. He was married to Mary Miller and they had five children: George M.; Hannah (m. Peter Herbert); Polly (m. Jonas Follweiler); Abigail (m. Samuel Schellhamer, no relative); and Salome (m. Daniel Bennighoff), and his great-grandfather, George Schellhamer, was the immigrant ancestor, who was enlisted in the Revolution and killed while in the service.

SCHERER FAMILY.

Samuel Scherer was a native of Montgomery county, but spent the latter part of his life at Petersburg, Northampton county. In both places he followed the trade of wheelwright. He was the father of the following children: Reuben, of Richland Center, Wis.; Simon, of Allentown; Samuel, of Honesdale; Henry, mentioned later; Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Shankweiler; Eliza, wife of Jonathan Kline; Lucy Ann, wife of Ephraim Hartman, and Catharine, wife of John Berge.

Henry Scherer, son of Samuel, was born in Montgomery county, July 24, 1831. At an early age he moved with his parents to Northampton county, and later to Lehigh county, where he was employed as boss carpenter with the Thomas Iron Company, of Hokendauqua, for twenty years. In 1858 he moved to West Catasauqua. In 1871 he was employed by Barber and Sons, of Allentown. In 1875 and 1876 he was employed by John Levan, of White Haven, to erect the Mahanoy Plain breakers, after which he again returned to Barber & Sons, with whom he remained until 1878, after which he filled the position of carpenter foreman with the Crane Iron Co., until he retired in 1887. He married Anna Maria, a daughter of Peter and Henrietta (Gross) Steinberger.

Mrs. Scherer was born Sept. 27, 1834, and



died March 12, 1903. Mr. Scherer died March 25, 1900. Their children were: Dr. Thomas A., and William H., an undertaker, of West Catasauqua.

**DR. THOMAS A. SCHERER**, late a prominent physician at West Catasauqua, was born Oct. 3, 1856. At the age of twelve years he went to Bethlehem, where he attended school. On completing his studies he was apprenticed in 1872, to learn the machinist trade. After having acquired the trade he did journeyman work for some time, and subsequently entered the employ of the Davis and Thomas Company, of Catasauqua. In 1880, under the instruction of H. H. Riegel, M.D., of Catasauqua, he began to read medicine. In the fall of the same year he entered the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated three years later. In May, 1883, he opened an office at Slatington, but a few months later removed to Hokendauqua. Thence, in 1884, he settled at West Catasauqua, where he built up a large practice, following the profession until his death on March 9, 1912. He is buried on the family plot at the Mickleys church, where a monument marks his grave. He was a Lutheran member of Mickley's congregation.

Dr. Scherer took a keen interest in agriculture, fruit-growing, and trucking. He owned several tracts of land in Whitehall township of 20 and 7 acres respectively. He planted a large part of both these tracts in fruit trees which are now bearing large crops. He owned valuable horses, the Fairview Farm in Whitehall, real estate about Catasauqua, and had large holdings in mining, oil, and lumber companies.

Dr. Scherer was united in marriage in June, 1888, to Miss Emma J. Seaser, of Catasauqua. She is a daughter of Ferdinand and Dorothea (Frederick) Seaser, natives of Germany, who settled at West Catasauqua, Pa., in 1854. Ferdinand and Dorothea Seaser had seven children, viz: Ellemina, Emma J., Alice J., and Mary J. twins; William F., Julianna, and Edward H.

**WILLIAM H. SCHERER**, undertaker, of Catasauqua, son of Henry and Anna Maria (Steinberger), Scherer, was born at West Catasauqua, June 30, 1859. He received his education in the public schools of his native place and from 1870 to 1873, he attended the schools of South Bethlehem, where he resided with his grandparents. At an early age he learned the carpenter trade and in 1879 he assisted his father in the millwright business, and continued with him until 1887, when his father retired. In February, 1887, he entered the employ of Henry A. Steward, who was in the furniture and undertaking

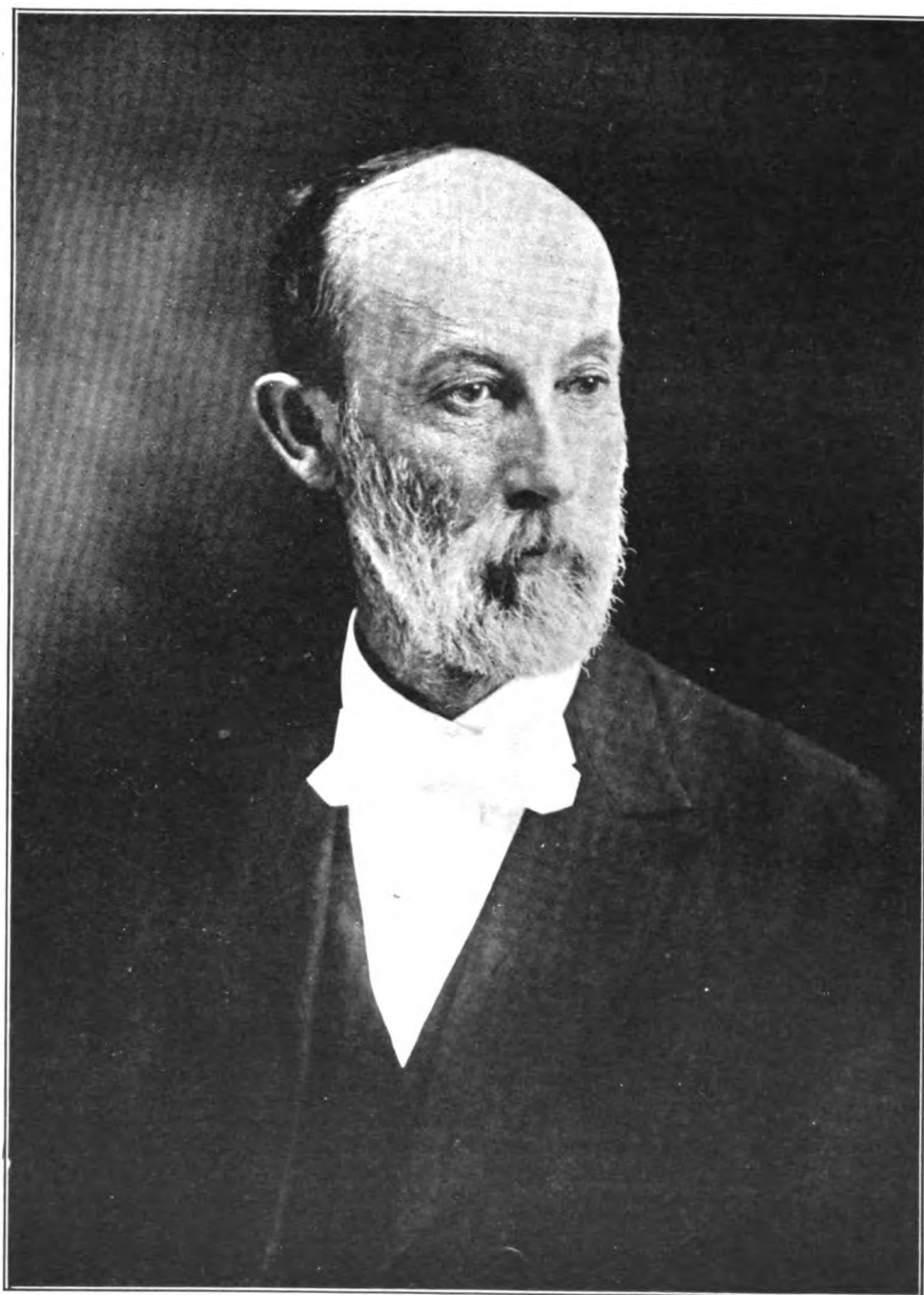
business at 208 Front street, Catasauqua, and remained with him until Mr. Steward's death in April, 1897. For a number of years Mr. Scherer did all the embalming work for Mr. Steward. On May 10, 1897, Ogden E. Frederick and Mr. Scherer purchased the furniture and undertaking business from the Steward estate, and have ever since conducted the business very successfully under the name of Frederick and Scherer. Mr. Frederick has charge of the furniture business and Mr. Scherer has complete charge of the undertaking department. From May 10, 1897 to Feb. 4, 1904, Mr. Scherer has conducted 2,325 burials, being the leading undertaker of Catasauqua. He and wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of Catasauqua, of which they are liberal supporters. He is affiliated with the Democratic party, but owing to business activities has always declined public office. In 1887 he was married to Lydia Becker, daughter of Frederick W. and Sarah (Schmeck) Becker. They reside in their beautiful home, 208 Fuller street, West Catasauqua.

John Scherer was a tailor by trade, and lived in Lowhill upon a small farm now owned by Peter Haas. He and his wife, Margaret Mosser, were Lutherans. Their children follow: Nathan, Jonas, Solomon, Elias, Joseph, John, and Polly, who was unmarried.

Jonas Scherer was a carpenter occupying the homestead of the family in Lowhill, upon which stood a log house, until 1878, when it was torn down. He married Sallie Deibert, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Haas) Deibert. Their children were: Mary Ann, married John Berger; Frank; Sallie, married Cyrus Kuhns; Carolina, deceased, was the wife of C. Minnich; Calvin; William; Phaon; Menno, and Louisa, both deceased. The latter died unmarried, aged thirty-two years.

#### SCHERTZINGER FAMILY.

The progenitor of this family in the upper section of Lehigh county was Gordian Schertzinger. He was born Nov. 19, 1819, in the Black Forest, Baden, Germany, where he learned the trade of jeweler and followed it until he emigrated to America in 1850. He landed at New York, and took a railroad train to Easton; from there he proceeded by stage-coach to Kutztown, and thence he walked to Reading, where a fellow-countryman advised him to go to Saegersville, in Lehigh county, and he reached that village the same year. He was engaged at his trade there for fourteen years; then he removed to Slatington and followed it until he died, Aug.



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17, 1891. He was married to Hilaria Blessing, a native of the same place, before he emigrated, and she followed him a year afterward. They had twelve children: Edward, deceased; Mrs. Rebecca Gebhardt, of Trenton; Diva, m. Wm. Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Amelia, m. Daniel Walp, of Lehigh; Henry A.; Charles, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary, m. James Williams; Minnie, m. Alfred Whetstone, of Mt. Carmel; Julius, of Slatedale; Edward F.; Lillie, m. Wm. Reazor, of Waverly, N. Y., and Stella, m. Calvin Kocher. The widow is still living at Slatington, over 80 years of age.

EDWARD F. SCHERTZINGER, the youngest son, jeweler at Slatington, was born at Saegersville, July 4, 1863. He received his education in the public schools and learned the trade of jeweler under his father and afterward followed it in his father's employ until he died, when he became his successor; and the son has continued the business until the present time, having been in the same building for fifty years. In 1882, Mr. Schertzinger was married to Clara M. Huff, a daughter of David and Messina (Deibert) Huff, of Allentown, and they had five children: Walter J., Harold and Julia, who died in infancy; Paul E., who learned the same trade and is assisting his father, and Adele H. They are members of the Lutheran Church, which he served as a deacon, and he also acted as a Sunday school teacher for upward twenty-five years. He has affiliated with the Free Masons at Slatington, becoming a member of the Lodge and Chapter, also with the Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum.

Henry A. Schertzinger, an elder brother of Edward F., and Justice of the Peace of Slatington since 1895, was born at Saegersville, April 27, 1855, and upon learning the trade of jeweler, he followed it in his father's employ until the family removed to Slatington. Then he entered the employ of the L. V. R. R. Co. and continued with the company for nine years, after which he learned the trade of cigarmaker and he carried on the business until 1895, traveling about as a salesman to sell the product of his own factory. In 1891 he was elected assessor of the borough and he served four years; and in 1895 he was elected justice of the peace; and he has served since by re-election. In connection with this office he has conducted an insurance business by representing a number of companies. In politics he is a Republican. He has become identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Slatington Social Club. In 1896, he was married to Emma C. Heintzelman, a daughter of David Heintzelman, and they have four children: Caroline, Carl, Leah and Marie. They are members of the United Evangelical Church.

#### SCHINDEL FAMILY.

This family has been traced in Germany, Austria and Denmark as far back as the second half of the thirteenth century. The name was first written "Von Schindel," but later the "Von" as well as in some families the "c" was omitted and is written Shindell, Shindel, Shindle, and Shingle.

The Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio Schindels come direct from the Province of Erbach, in Odenwald, Germany. The records show that in 1678 there lived in Gemmelsbach, Conrad Schindel and wife, Barbara. To them was born, Oct. 18, 1685, a son, who was named Hans Conrad. He was

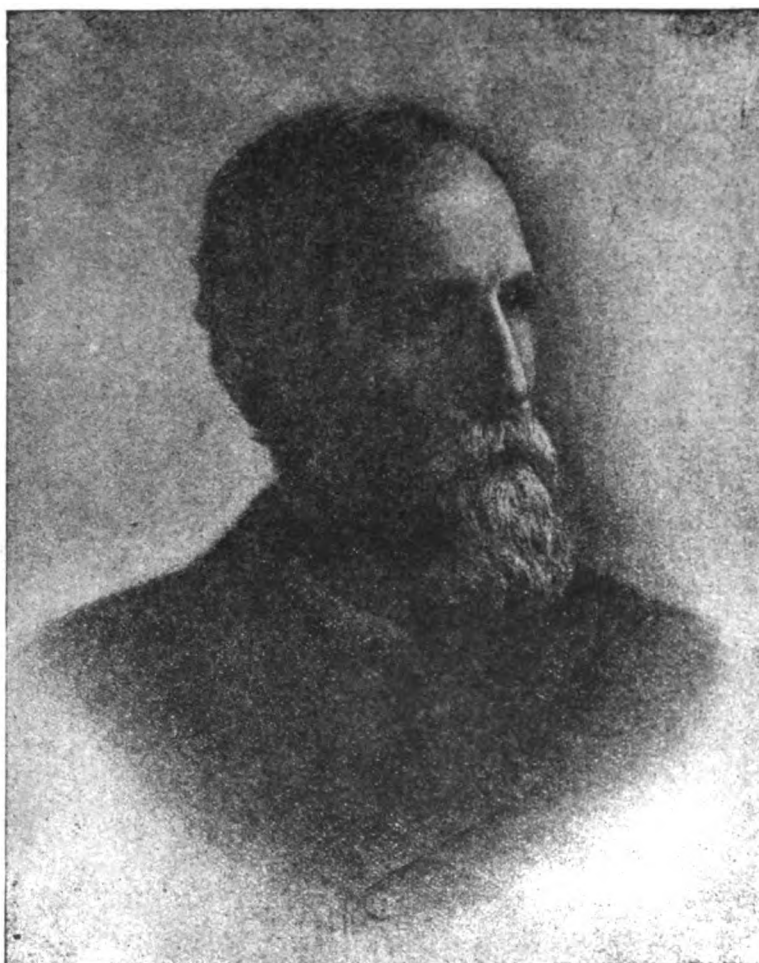


COAT-OF-ARMS, SCHINDEL FAMILY.

married Jan. 10, 1710, to Susanna Trexler, of Euerlebach, also a Province of Erbach. There were born to them six sons and four daughters, the youngest of these being Johann Peter, born Feb. 28, 1732. In 1751 he came to Pennsylvania, landing in Philadelphia Sept. 24, having been a passenger on the ship "Neptune," Captain John Mason, from Rotterdam. He settled in what is now Lebanon, then part of Dauphin county. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and died at Lebanon May 29, 1784. He had been married to Anna Margareta Gebhart and had two sons and six daughters. The one son, Johann Adam, died in infancy, and the other, Johann Peter was born at Lebanon, Aug. 21, 1766, and died there Sept. 17, 1829. He was

married to Anna Maria Menges, of Union, now Snyder county. He took part in the Revolution, served in the legislature of Pennsylvania, was justice of the peace and chief burgess of the borough of Lebanon from 1823-1826. They had six sons and five daughters, the oldest son being

lough, when they moved to Sunbury, Pa., where he served the Lutheran church to his death, Oct. 26, 1853. They had eight sons and four daughters. Of the sons, three were Lutheran clergymen: Jeremiah, John Peter, and Martin Luther, D.D.



*J. P. Schindel*

named John Peter. This son was born in Lebanon, Oct. 3, 1787. When of proper age he studied theology, being ordained in 1812. The same year he was married to Susanna McCol-

The oldest son of Rev. John P. and Susanna Schindel, was Rev. Jeremiah, who was born in Lebanon May 15, 1807. When seventeen years of age, he went to Harrisburg to learn the prin-



ter's trade. During his service here, he was influenced by Rev. D. Lochman to take up theology. Returning home, he studied under his father, being licensed to preach June 10, 1830, and ordained June 1, 1831. On May 13, 1828, he was married to Elizabeth A. Masser, who died at Allentown Jan. 22, 1892, nearly eighty-seven years old. The first charge of Rev. Schindel consisted of congregations at Bloomsburg, Danville, Catawissa, Mifflinburg, Roaring Creek, Berwick, Conyngham and other places. In 1837 he was called to Lehigh county, serving the congregations at Jordan, Union, Heidelberg, Lowhill, Weisenberg, Trexlertown, Lehigh, Ziegel, Fogelsville, Macungie, Tripoli, Long Swamp, Friedens near Slatington, Mickley's, Catasauqua, Morgenland and Cedar Creek, the latter four he organized. From 1859 to 1861 he served as State Senator, representing Lehigh and Northampton counties. In 1861 he resigned his charge and moved to Allentown. In the fall of 1861 he entered the United States Army as chaplain of the One Hundred and Tenth Regt. Penna. Volunteers, serving until 1864. In 1865 he again assumed charge of congregations in the Lykens Valley, where he served until March, 1870, when sickness compelled him to lay down his work and return to Allentown, where he died July 2, 1870. His family consisted of four sons and five daughters: Mary M. (married to Joseph M. Eisenhart); Susan H. (married to John Snyder); Sarah H. (married to Sylvester Weiler); Martha M. (married to George J. Snyder); Emma E. (married to Peter S. Beary). The sons were: Martin Luther (died in infancy); Captain Jeremiah P. (married to Mattie P. Bayard); Jacob D.; Edward M.

Rev. Jacob D. Schindel, D.D., son of Jeremiah, was born Jan. 11, 1841, died June 27, 1908. He graduated from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, 1864, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1867. He was married to Ellen A. C., daughter of Aaron and Sarah E. (Breinig) Schmoyer, her grandparents being Solomon and Catharine (Schmeyer) Schmeyer, on July 2, 1868, Rev. Schindel was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Catasauqua for twenty-one years, thirty-nine at Mickley's, thirty-three at Coplay, and nineteen at Egypt, Laury's and Cementon. In 1898 Muhlenberg College conferred the honorary degree of D.D., of which institution he served as trustee since 1874. There were two children born to them: Mary E., deceased, wife of Reuben Butz, Esq., and Jeremiah J.

REV. JEREMIAH JACOB SCHINDEL, son of Rev. Jacob and Ellen (Schmoyer) Schindel, was born

at Allentown, Pa., Oct. 25, 1876. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1896, with degree of A.B., '99, A.M. Thereupon he studied theology at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., graduating in 1899. On ordination, he became assistant to his father, and



REV. JEREMIAH SCHINDEL.

since the latter's death, is serving the congregations at Mickley's and Coplay. On Nov. 14, 1900, he was married to Jessie Appel, daughter of W. A. and Ida Hausman, from which union were born: Isabel Hausman and Mary Hausman Schindel. He is a Republican, also serves on a committee which is engaged in translating the works of Luther. He resides at 124 S. Fifth St., Allentown, Pa.

#### SCHIFFERT FAMILY.

John Schiffert arrived at Philadelphia September 5, 1743, on the ship "Charlotte," on October 29, 1844, he secured a warrant for 50 acres of land in Pennsylvania.

John and Maria C. Schiffert had a daughter, Anna Maria, born March 30, 1748, baptized at the Jordan Lutheran Church.

Jacob Schiffert, son of John, is mentioned as the owner of two horses and a wagon in Upper Milford township in 1758. In 1772 he was taxed 1£ 5s 4d. In 1788 there are mentioned in the tax list Andreas and Adam Shiffert, cord-

wainers; Jeremias, a weaver; Jacob Schiffert and Jacob Schiffert, Jr., farmers, having 70 and 80 acres respectively.

John Schiffert, son of Jacob Schiffert, was born April 10, 1776, died July 7, 1846. He was a farmer, having 60 acres of land in "Old Milford." He was also a distiller. He married Elizabeth Rothenberger, daughter of Jacob and Maria Barbara Rothenberger, born Oct. 7, 1779, died Dec. 1, 1854. Issue: Lydia, Phebe, married Daniel Mohr, of Upper Milford; Sophia, married William Soliday, of Macungie, and John of whom below.

John Schiffert, son of John and Eliza (Rothenberger) Schiffert, was born May 23, 1801, in Upper Milford township. He was a farmer and in politics a Republican, and in 1841 was one of the organizers of Solomon's Reformed Church at Macungie, of which he became a member. His death occurred April 5, 1881.

He married Catharine Mattern, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rice) Mattern. Issue: Eliza and David, died young; John F. M., and Sarah, who married Frank Shimer. Issue: Kate, Olive and Emma Shimer.

JOHN FRANKLIN SHIFFERT, son of John, was born June 22, 1842, at Millerstown, Lehigh county. He attended the public schools at Macungie, and Muhlenberg College. After completing his education, at the age of 17, he entered the hardware business and continued for ten years, when he became a traveling salesman for Johnson & Schwartz, wholesale grocers, covering Bucks, Montgomery and Lehigh counties.

In politics he was a Republican; served six years as assessor and tax collector; and is now health officer of Upper Milford, a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the K. of P., and of the Solomon's Reformed Church at Macungie. His present home was the second house built in the village of old Zionsville.

He married Dec. 4, 1865, Aravesta J. Oberly, daughter of Rudolph and Sallie (Uberoth) Oberly, of Easton, Pa. Issue: Herbert Olanda, Willis D.; Frank J. R.; Estella, and Sallie Schiffert.

Dr. Herbert O. graduated from the medical school of Kingston, Pa., and entered the U. S. navy as a surgeon on the S. S. Nashville and Vermont, being at sea over three years, but is now stationed at Annapolis, Md. He married Martha O'Connor, of Brookville, Pa.

Willis D. married Amanda Brobst. Issue: Ralph, Lillian, Catharine, Miriam, and John. He resides at Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Frank J. R. married Annie Mohr. They have three children: Estella, a graduate of the Kingston Normal School; Sallie, also a gradu-

ate of the same school, in 1912 was appointed chief clerk of the Rittersville hospital.

John Schiffert, the great grandfather, lived where Schreiber's Grist Mill was located and owned the land around the location of the fine spring. He was a farmer, was married and had these children: Jacob, Aaron, Reuben, Henry, Lydia, who married George Quier, and a daughter who married a Mr. Furry.

Henry Schiffert lived at Snydersville, Pa., and was a wheelwright. He died in the fall of 1904, aged 91 years, 7 months and some days, and is buried at the Jordan Lutheran Church. He was the oldest man in his section at the time of his death. He served as supervisor for a number of years. His wife was Salome Kuntz, a daughter of George Kuntz, of Lehigh county. They had eight children as follows: Lilanda, who married George Fricker and resides in Coplay, Pa.; Henry; Elmira, who married Wm. Baer, they resided in Allentown where both died; Edwin, of Snydersville, Pa.; Joseph, of Allentown, Pa.; Lizzie, deceased, who married Jesse Guth; William, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Henry G. Schiffert, a citizen of Allentown, Pa., was born July 24, 1842, at Snydersville, where all the children were also born. He was a carpenter until June, 1907, when he lost his left foot on the trolley track at South Allentown, and since then lived retired.

In 1868 he was married to Matilda Amey, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Oberbeck) Amey, of Bucks county, and late of Allentown. She died on September 22, 1902, aged 54 years, and was buried on Fairview cemetery, Allentown, Pa. They had one son, Robert L.

ROBERT L. SHIFFERT, alderman of Allentown, Pa., was born September 4, 1870. He was graduated from Allentown high school in 1888 and in the fall of that year registered as a law student in the offices of Henninger & Dewalt, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1891. He practiced until 1899, and in that year was elected alderman of the Ninth ward; was re-elected in 1904, and again in 1909. His offices are located at 461 Hamilton street, the northeast corner of Fifth and Hamilton streets. He was active in politics, but previous to his election as alderman, never aspired to office. Up to March 7, 1911, Alderman Schiffert tried 2,950 civil cases, 2,975 criminal cases, married 225 couples and has the best record of any alderman in the city. He instituted a regular system of bookkeeping and is a thorough business man, as well as an able administrator of the law.

He is a member of Constantine Lodge, No. 1113, I. O. O. F., and is the present Noble

Grand of this lodge; is a member of Lecha Tribe, No. 185, Order of Red Men, and is a trustee of Livingstone Castle, K. G. E., No. 258, since 1895, and is popular in social circles of Allentown.

He was married in 1895 to Lillian I. Richter, late of Catasauqua. They have an only daughter, Marian P. Schiffert.

GEORGE SCHIFFERT, engineer, was born March 13, 1868, in the borough of Macungie, and there attended the public school until he was ten years old. After working for a time at an iron-ore mine, he went to Allentown and was employed in the Lewis Foundry for four years. He then engaged in the contracting business and followed it until 1912, when he was appointed engineer at the Lehigh Bleach and Dyeing Co. works, and he has filled the position until the present time. He was married to Amanda Blank, daughter of John Blank, of Emaus, and they have the following children: Edith, Emma, Esther, Mary, and Flossie. They are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church, at Macungie.

John Sylvester Schiffert, his father, was born May 2, 1847, in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. He was engaged as a contractor at iron ore mines in the vicinity of Macungie for a number of years; then he moved to Northampton and carried on a stone-quarry until he met with an accidental death there on Sept. 29, 1903, his son, William, having been killed at the same time. He was married to Mary Rothenberger, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Wagner) Rothenberger and they had nine children: George; Anna Cora, m. John Hoffman; William, who was killed in a stone quarry with his father; Victor D.; Esther S., m. Charles Martz, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Carrie; Jennie, m. Morris Laudenslager; Mary Alice, m. Chester Leidy; Sallie May, m. Robert Miller, also at Brooklyn; and Preminda, who died in infancy. They were members of the Lutheran church at Macungie, where the deceased members of the family were buried.

#### JOHN SCHLAFER.

John Schlafer, a native of the Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, spent his entire life there. He was a manufacturer of shoes, and later a retail dealer of shoes. He married Margaret Buck. They had a son, John.

John, son of John and Margaret (Buck) Schlafer, was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 27, 1867. Until the age of fifteen he remained in his native land, where he acquired a good, practical education. He then emigrated to America, landing at the city of New York, and there

worked in a candy and confectionery establishment until he had completely mastered the business. Having accepted a position as pastry cook at the Grand Union Hotel, New York, he remained there some time, then went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he also followed his calling. Returning to New York, he was connected with W. F. Cushman for a period of four years, these being among the most prominent bakers in the city. He next went to Atlantic City as a baker and pastry cook, and from there to New Haven, as head baker at Yale College, where he remained eight years. During the summer months he would always go to the White mountains, never experiencing any difficulty in obtaining a position as head baker at one or another of the finest hotels in that well known section. By this time he had amassed a considerable capital, and he decided to establish himself in business independently. This he did, and for the next five years he conducted bakeries at New Haven, Connecticut. He then established a bakery at Danielsville, but this was destroyed by fire. In September, 1910, he removed to Allentown, where he purchased his present business at the corner of Sixth and John streets, from Stephen Kline, and has given it his personal attention since that time. He is a progressive and reliable business man. He has four teams constantly in his employ, and is the owner of his place of business and his home. He is a Democrat politically, and an official member of Grace Lutheran church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Modern Woodmen of the World. Mr. Schlafer married Sarah A., a daughter of Edwin and Lucy (Schlegel) Seip, of Klecknersville, Northampton county, and they have had children: Florence; Gertrude; John; Theodore, deceased.

#### SCHLECHTER FAMILY.

William Schlechter was born April 18, 1818, in Ludwigsburg, Wurtemberg, Germany. He came to America alone in 1854, and settled at Newark, N. J. On Jan. 1, 1856, his family also came to America, and joined him.

In 1856 he moved to Easton, Pa., and followed carriage painting and later opened a shop and conducted a sign and house painting business, following this line until the breaking out of the war of the rebellion. He then enlisted in Co. A, 47th Regt., Pa. Volunteers, and he served for over three years, when he was honorably discharged. He then resumed working at his trade. He died Oct. 30, 1897, and was buried in Easton, Pa. William Schlechter married Catharine Bausch, born April 3, 1818. Issue: William Frederick; Louisa C., married Emil E. Rinn;

Gustavus A., of Reading Pa.; Emma A.; William J. Pohl; Charles E., deceased; Mary C., single.

WILLIAM F. SCHLECHTER, son of William and Catharine (Bausch) Schlechter, was born Nov. 7, 1844, in Ludwigsburg, Germany. As a boy he attended the schools of his native place, up to the age of ten years, when he came with his mother to America. After his parents moved to Easton, Pa., he finished his education in the public schools of that city.



*Wm F. Schlechter.*

At the early age of fourteen years he became a clerk in the store of John Pollock, in Easton, where he remained until 1862, when he learned cabinet making, which he followed until July 8, 1875, when he removed to Allentown, where he and his brother-in-law, Emil E. Rinn, purchased of E. B. Horlacher his printing and publishing plant, having an office at 629 Hamilton street, where they continued to publish the weekly paper, the *Unaghaengiger Republikaner*, for several years. They then bought the property at 607 Hamilton street, and used the same for their printing establishment.

On March 1, 1886, they dissolved partnership

and Mr. Schlechter became the sole owner of the printing plant. In the spring of 1892 he bought the property at 540 Hamilton street, where he is still located. Mr. Schlechter has been in the printing business in Allentown for over thirty-eight years and is the oldest publisher in this city. *The Republikaner* was established in 1810, and is the oldest German newspaper in Pennsylvania to-day.

He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, and was a member of the vestry. He is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allen R. A. Chapter, Allen Council, No. 23, Allen Commandery, No. 20, a past officer in all of these bodies. A member of Anne Penn Allen Chapter, No. 145, O. E. S., Rajah Temple, A. A. O. M. S., of Reading; of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., Unity Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., and treasurer and past officer of Red Hawk Tribe, No. 55, I. O. R. M.

William F. Schlechter married, April 17, 1869, Mary J. Koos, of Phillipsburg, N. J., daughter of Frederick and Theresa Koos, of Phillipsburg, N. J. Issue: Catharine L., deceased; Edward H.; Mary E.; William G.; Emma A.; Paul; Caroline A.; Frederick C.; Clarence R.; Helen A., married to William J. Erdman.

EDWARD H. SCHLECHTER, eldest son of William F. and Mary J. (Koos) Schlechter, was born April 30, 1871, in Easton. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown and the Allentown Business College, and at an early age entered the employ of his father, in the printing business where he continued until 1903, acquiring a thorough knowledge of all branches of the work.

In the latter years of his service, he was manager and foreman for his father.

In 1903 he engaged in the manufacture of badges, metal, and celluloid buttons, etc. He has built up a large and successful business. He holds membership in the following organizations, viz: The Masonic Fraternity; Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F. (Past Grand); Red Hawk Haymakers Association, No. 55½, I. O. R. M.; president of Goodwill Fire Company for past five years and a member for twenty years; president of the Four County Firemen's Association; member of Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania; Modern Woodmen of America; Moose. In politics, a Democrat, was the organizer and first president of the Lehigh Democratic Club.

In religious matters, was first a member of St. John's Lutheran church; is now a member of Christ's Lutheran church, of which he was one of the organizers, and ever a liberal contributor thereto.

Edward H. Schlechter married, June 15, 1893,

by Rev. S. A. Repass, in Allentown, Elizabeth M. Shaffer, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth (Roth) Shaffer. Issue: Edward W., born in 1895, now a student at Muhlenberg College; John, who died, aged nine years; and Elizabeth J., born in 1904.

JOHN MARTIN SCHLEGEL.

John Martin Schlegel, a native of Lauffen, Wurtemberg, Germany, was born in 1801, and died in 1893, aged 92 years. He was a miller. He married Barbara Klaessley, who died, aged about 90 years. Issue: (1) John Martin also a miller; (2) Christiana; (3) Christian; (4) Maria, who died single; and (5) Anna Schlegel.

Christian Schlegel, son of John Martin, was born Sept. 24, 1832, in Wurtemberg, Germany. He learned the art of making cream cheese, which was an important part of the dairy industry. He emigrated to America in 1863 and first located in Waterbury, Conn., where for two years he was an employee of a brass goods company in the foundry department. In 1866 he located at Allentown. For twenty-six years he was employed in the rolling mill. He and family are members of the Lutheran church.

He married (first) in 1862, Christina Schlegel, daughter of George Schlegel, who was an inn-keeper, a brewer, a baker, and farmer in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he had much property. She died in 1871. Issue: four children: John, George, and three who died in infancy. Christian Schlegel married (second) in 1873, Margaret Seabold, daughter of Heinrich and Otilia (Parsch) Seabold, who resided near Zwei Brucken, Bavaria. Issue: (1) John Martin; (2) Elizabeth; (3) Annie, (Mrs. Wilhelm Fimmel); and (4) Henry W. Schlegel.

JOHN MARTIN SCHLEGEL, son of Christian and Margaret (Seabold) Schlegel, was born Feb. 16, 1857 in Wurtemberg, Germany. He emigrated to America in 1871, locating at Allentown, where he learned the bakers' trade with Christian Hohl. In 1885 he went to work at his trade at Bethlehem, where he continued for three years. He then returned to Allentown, and again entered Mr. Hohl's employ, where he remained about twenty years. In 1907 he established the "City Bakery," at 411-13 Ridge Avenue, Allentown. In politics he is a Democrat and served as a member of the common council. He and family are members of the Lutheran church, and active in all its various departments. He has served as librarian, treasurer, and teacher in the Sunday school.

John Martin Schlegel married July 19, 1877, Hannah C. Hohl, daughter of Christian Hohl, with whom he learned his trade. (See Hohl

biography elsewhere in these volumes). Issue: four children, all connected with the baking business, viz: (1) Emma Sarah, married (first) Charles H. Frank, and (second) to Richard A. Pervo; (2) William J.; (3) Harvey S., married Annie Nickey, and (4) Anna Augusta Schlegel.

GEORGE J. SCHLEGEL.

George John Schlegel, engineer of refrigerating plant at Rittersville State Hospital, was born at Allentown on Sept. 20, 1869, and educated in the public schools until he was thirteen years old, when he was put to work. He was employed in a furniture factory, and silk-mill, and Allentown rolling-mill, until he became of age, learning to operate a stationary engine while at the rolling-mill, and then acted as the engineer for six years until the mill was suspended. He was next employed at the city water works for three years, and at the Horlacher Brewery, for seven years, after which he was appointed to the position of engineer of the refrigerator plant at the Rittersville State Hospital, and he has since filled this position in a satisfactory manner. He is a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers.

In 1891, Mr. Schlegel was married to Catharine Trump, and they had seven children: Lillian Catharine, died young; Rose and Gertrude, both fore-ladies in Bonty's cigar factory; George Frederick, clerk with Lehigh Valley Trust Co.; Paul; Margaret; and Frederick.

His parents were born in Wurtemberg, Germany and emigrated to America, landing at New York. They first resided at Waterbury, Conn., four years; then removed to Allentown, Pa., where his father was employed in the Allentown rolling-mill for thirty years.

JOHN SCHLEICHER.

Andrew Schleicher, a native of Saxe Weimar, Germany, was born in 1835, and emigrated to the United States in 1858; and in 1863 he settled at Catasauqua, Pa. He is a gardner and was employed by John Thomas seven years, and by James W. Fuller for thirty consecutive years. He married Margaret Mader and they had issue: Lovina (married Andrew Gley, who live at Phoenixville, Pa.); John (of Providence, R. I.); Emma (single, who lives with her father); and Annie (the wife of Edwin Steacher, who reside at Royersford, Pa.)

John Schleicher, a brother of Andrew, was born January 25, 1843. In 1863 he emigrated from the Fatherland, settling at Catasauqua, where he followed his trade of garden- ing until 1905, when he became too old for



the work. For a period of thirty-six years he was gardner for the Hunt family at Catasauqua, first for Joshua Hunt, then David Hunt, his son. He has always lived at Catasauqua. In 1905 he accepted a position as watchman at the Dryden Horse Shoe Works.

He and his family are Lutherans. He has served his church faithfully, both as deacon and elder for many years. His first wife was Bertha Richter, a daughter of Charles and Clara (Stech) Richter. She died on April 25, 1886, aged 39 years and 15 days. They had ten children: Charles, William, Frank J., Clara, Reuben, George, Fred, Lizzie, Helen, and John (who died in infancy). He married as his second wife, Rebecca Greenawalt, the widow of Joseph Herpel, and they have a son, John D.

#### SCHLEIFER FAMILY.

The Schleifer family came from the Palatinate, Germany, to America about 1732, and are now numerously represented in the state of Pennsylvania. The deeds still extant to the Schleifer farm, were originally given by King George II, to William Penn. The first of this branch of whom we have record is Henry Schleifer, who lived at Zion Hill, where he was a farmer all his life.

Peter, son of Henry Schleifer, was born on the old Schleifer homestead near Zion Hill, died at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the Mennonite church cemetery at Coopersburg. In his earlier years he was the owner of a farm of sixty-three acres, to which he added by purchase until it consisted of one hundred and four acres at the time of his death. He was also a large dealer in cattle, and was considered an expert in this line. A life-long member of the Mennonite Church, he held, at various times, all the offices in it. He married Mary Newcombe, who died at the age of sixty-nine years, and is buried in the Mennonite churchyard at Coopersburg. They had children: William, deceased; Mary, married John Urmey, a farmer, now deceased, and she is living at Center Valley; Ellen, married William Menninger, a retired cigar manufacturer of Quakertown; Peter, who was an invalid, died at the age of thirty-two years; Henry Newcombe, of further mention; John, a farmer and truck gardener at Zion Hill; Charles, also a farmer there.

Henry Newcombe, son of Peter and Mary (Newcombe) Schleifer, was born in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, between Coopersburg and Center Valley, Feb. 27, 1857. He worked on the farm until he had attained the age of nineteen years. He then learned the trade of milling under the auspices of Abner Wilt, at

Hosensack, remaining with him one year, then, in the spring of 1876, he became the assistant miller, with William Younger, at Catasauqua, and finally, until 1891, with the Catasauqua Flour Mill. On Dec. 16, 1895, became the owner of the Whitehall Roller Mills, in Whitehall township, and conducted this industry until Feb. 14, 1914. The mill is located at North Sixth street, Allentown, and Mr. Schleifer has made numerous improvements since it came into his possession. The staples handled are flour, feed, grain, and all kinds of poultry and pigeon food. For some time ice has also been one of the commodities handled, and Mr. Schleifer is a large stockholder in the Allentown Merchants' Ice Company. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, at Catasauqua.

Mr. Schleifer married Anna M., a daughter of Richard and Eliza (Nagle) Snyder, of Catasauqua, and they have children: Charles Franklin, of further mention; Minnie, who married William Ketchel, chief machinist of the Laurance Cement Company, at Siegfried.

Charles Franklin, son of Henry and Anna M. (Snyder) Schleifer, was born at Catasauqua, June 13, 1880. He received a sound, practical education in the public schools of his native town, and this was supplemented by a full course at Wood's American Business College, from which he was graduated about 1897. He then commenced working for his father in the Whitehall Roller Mill, formerly known as the Strauss Mill, and there learned the trade of milling under the supervision of his father, with whom he was associated for a period of eighteen years. He had full charge of the mill for fifteen years, and is now also connected with his father in the ice business. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and a member of Salem Reformed church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

He married, in October, 1902, Lottie S., daughter of William and Amelia (Miller) Ziegenfuss, and they have one child: Dorothy Catherine. William Ziegenfuss was a soldier during the Civil War, and was one of the first to volunteer his services in defense of the Union. He was a cabinet maker at Allentown.

#### SCHLESMAN FAMILY.

This family was founded in Pennsylvania by Hans Christoph, John Heinrich and John Nicholas Schlesman, who came to this country from Germany on the ship "Phoenix," which qualified at Philadelphia on Nov. 2, 1752. That they were related cannot be doubted. In the year 1759, the name of Nicholas Schlesman appears

among the list of taxables of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and then he paid a tax of three pounds. John Schlesman, son of John Nicholas, in 1790, lived in Tulpehocken township and was the head of a family consisting of one son, and three females. John Heinrich Schlesman settled in Philadelphia (tradition) and there in 1790, one Henry Schlesman, a tailor, was the head of a family made up of three sons and five females.

Peter Schlesman, son of John, was born in 1805. He was a farmer at Rehersburg, Berks county, Pa., and there he married Eva Bomberger, born Nov. 20, 1808. Their children were Augustus B. (mentioned later); Isaac (mentioned later); Mary (married John Peiffer, a farmer, near Myerstown, Pa.; and Adam (who left home when quite young and for some years lived in Texas, but now removed to Oklahoma. Eva Schlesman survived her husband many years and died at the age of 96 years.

Augustus B. Schlesman, was born at Rehersburg, Berks county, Pa., on June 18, 1832. In 1865 he moved to Girardville, Schuylkill county, at a time when coal mines were being opened, and he erected many coal breakers. He followed the contracting business until about 1880, and at the same time he carried on the painting and paper-hanging business, to which he gave his entire time after 1880. He was captain of the police department at Girardville during the reign of the Mollie Maguires in Schuylkill county after the Civil War; and there, assisted by "Jack" Green, arrested the notorious "Mollie," named "Jack" Kehoe, and took him to the Pottsville jail before any alarm could be spread. Kehoe was one of the Mollies who was tried, convicted, with others and hanged.

Mr. Schlesman and family were members of the Lutheran church, which he served as a deacon and trustee. He was married March 27, 1852, to Rebecca Hix, of Upper Barn township, Berks county. She was a daughter of Michael Hix, born Aug. 15, 1786, and his wife, Catharine, nee Schade, born May 15, 1789. Augustus B. Schlesman and wife had four children: William (who died at Girardville, aged 48 years, having been especially skilled in graining wood and decorating); Alice (died at York, Pa., was the wife of a Reformed clergyman, Rev. G. W. Stebitz, who is now at Tiffin, Ohio); Emma, (married R. H. Jasper, and resides at Weatherly, Pa.); and Dr. Charles H., (mentioned later).

Isaac Schlasman, son of Peter, used the letter "a" following the "l" in the spelling of the name. He was a cabinet-maker until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he became an em-

ploye of the government. His wife was Mary Livengood (daughter of James, a constable for 20 years at Stanchsburg, Pa.). They had eight children: Kate E. (married H. E. Kauffman; Eva (married John Schmebl); Mary E. (married E. Kurr); James F., (proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Mt. Aetna, Pa., since 1890); Isora (married M. C. Bordner); Harry Augustus, a carpenter of Reading); Anna M. (married Walter Walters); and Margaret A. (a twin of Anna M., and married to C. C. Berger, of Reading, Pa.).

CHARLES H. SCHLESMAN, M.D., of Allentown, Pa., was born at Girardville, Schuylkill county, Pa., Jan. 14, 1871. He was educated at the public schools at Girardville; at Ursinus college, where he received the degree of B. S.; and at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the medical department in 1897. He located at Aquashicola, Carbon county, Pa., and there was a general practitioner until 1901, when he moved to Allentown and continued his practice until 1910. Then he went to Great Britain to specialize in Abdominal Surgery, Diseases of children and Obstetrics and upon his return to Allentown he resumed his general practice, but paid special attention to the above branches. For a period of ten years he was the physician for the F. O. E., of Allentown.

Dr. Schlesman is a member of the Red Men; of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. & A. M.; of Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; of Allen Commandery, K. T., No. 20, both of Allentown; and of the Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa.

He and family are members of the Reformed church. On Oct. 30, 1900 he married Mary M. Hecker, born March 29, 1872, daughter of Lewis P. and Elmina (Lentz) Hecker, of Allentown and they have two children: Carlton H. and Ruth L.

#### SCHLOUCH FAMILY.

The Schlouchs came from Betsen, Province of Wurtemberg, Germany. According to the Federal Census of 1790, there were seven heads of families in this state.

John Jacob Schlouch lived in Lancaster county, Pa. Coming to Allentown at an early age, he here followed the tailor trade. He was a mineralogist and the first person to locate the zinc ore at Friedensville. But being poor, he could not raise capital to develop the same. People termed him crazy saying that there was no zinc. These mines later enriched many men and developed into a large industry. In Allentown he resided where is the present location of Apple's jewelry store. Later he put up many

awnings for people. He had been a Whig, and a member of the Reformed church. He married Fortunetta, daughter of John Miller, of Allentown, the issue being: Mary E., m. to Edward Wilt, who had been a seaman aboard the *Kearsage* at the time the *Alabama* was captured (Mr. Wilt is buried at Allentown); (2) Henry R.

Henry R. Schlouch was born in Allentown, July 27, 1837. First he was engaged as a tobacco-stripper, later clerking in a hardware-store. Then for three years, he was conductor and superintendent of the Allentown Passenger R. R. Afterwards he conducted a general collecting agency up to July 1, 1881, when he entered the wholesale liquor business at 11 South Seventh Street, which he has conducted ever since. He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, F. & A. M., Allen Chapter, Allen Commandery, being its treasurer since 1906, Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., of which he is a member since October, 1858. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church. In 1877 he married Ida, daughter of John Kepp, the issue being: Howard E., and Fortunetta M., wife of John W. Lees, who resides at Indiana Harbor, Ind., where he is superintendent of a Steel Co.

HOWARD E. SCHLOUCH, a native of Allentown, was born Oct. 29, 1877. Receiving his education in the public schools, Muhlenberg College, and the American Commercial School, he afterwards, in 1900, became affiliated with his father's business, managing the same for some time. Fraternally he belongs to Greenleaf Lodge, Allen Chapter, Allen Commandery, Allen Council, Rajah Temple, and F. O. E. He has been a member of the Allentown Band since 1890, in which organization he plays the cornet.

On Aug. 6, 1909, he was married to Carrie Pauline, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Stuber) Lentz.

#### SCHMOYER FAMILY.

The first Schmyer ancestor was Philip Schmyer, who, together with his wife, Maria, and two children: Johann and Elizabeth, came from the Palatinate (either Zweibrücken or Mannheim). They sailed on the brigantine *Pennsylvania Merchant*, of London, John Stedman, master, and arrived at Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1733.

Oct. 7, 1749, a Michael Schmyer also arrived, but nothing further has even been discovered about him.

The name has been variously written—Schmyer, Schmeier, Schmyer, Schmoyer, and Smoyer. Philip Schmyer was granted a land-warrant for 200 acres, situated in Macungie township, Bucks

county, on Dec. 3, 1735, in which it is stated "whereon he has been about two years settled," showing that he came very early to dwell on the Little Lehigh, in what is now Lower Macungie township, near Spring creek. A patent deed for above land, called "Shmeyerhausen," was granted to his son, Daniel, March 9, 1789.

On April 11, 1743, Philip Schmyer was naturalized at Philadelphia. Besides the aforementioned children, there were Peter, Daniel, Christian, b. 1741 died May 10, 1761; Anna Margaretha, Michael, and John Philip. Philip's date of death is not positively known, although it must have occurred around 1750, or early in the fifties, for in 1755, when Daniel and Christian were confirmed, they were noted as stepsons of Wilhelm Figel (Fegely).

Daniel Schmeier, son of Philip, and Maria Catharine, was born in Macungie township, Bucks county, about 1738 or 1739. He is said to have been married twice: the first wife being Elisabeth Scherer, from which were born Daniel and Philip; the second wife, Catharine Barbara Keiser, born Sept. 3, 1756; died June 9, 1843, the issue being: Maria Catharine, b. June 25, 1776, m. to John Butz; John, b. July 20, 1779, m. Sarah Weitzel, no issue; Peter, m. (1) to Maria Barbara Moser; (2) to Maria Lick; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 18, 1785, m. to Peter Butz; Solomon, b. April 25, 1788, m. to Catherine, only child of Jacob Schmyer; Sarah (Salome), m. John Heist; Susanna, m. Dewald Albrecht; Benjamin; Joshua, b. March 24, 1796, m. Dinah Trexler; James, b. Jan. 14, 1801, who went to Ohio, m. to a Miss Jacoby.

Daniel was a blacksmith by trade, residing along the road from Trexlertown to Macungie. His shop stood in the meadows at the iron bridge across the Little Lehigh. He also traded largely in real estate, buying at one time a large tract of land in Upper Macungie township, from the Wister estate. From 1799 to 1801 he held a license for an apple-jack distillery, paying a duty of six cents per gallon. When the Second Lutheran church, at Lehigh was built in 1784, he was one of the building committee. Likewise served during the Revolution in the militia of Northampton county, became a member of the *Deutschen Gesellschaft*, of Pa. (a society existing in Philadelphia, to-day), in 1780. Daniel died in 1812, aged 73 years. When his widow died in 1843, she was survived by ten children, 81 grandchildren, 101 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Benjamin Schmyer, son of Daniel and Catharine Barbara, was born in Macungie township, Northampton county, Oct. 25, 1793. He was a farmer, and one of the committee, when

the Lehigh church was renovated in 1843. Jan. 8, 1814 he wedded Maria, b. March 3, 1793-d. April 16, 1838, a daughter of Jacob Kuntz, the issue being thirteen children: Daniel, who went West; Maria A., wife of Jacob Trexler; James, deceased; Samuel, m. to Elizabeth Jaeger; Mrs. Leah Yeager; John B.; Jacob Tilghman; James Henry, m. Rebecca Schneider; Sarah E., wife of Jonas Bauer; Anna Maria, wife of Caspar Hinkle; Emeline A. A., wife of Levi Butz; Sarah A., wife of Henry Ruth; Elizabeth, deceased. Benjamin, died Nov. 3, 1878, and is buried at Lehigh church.

John B. Schmeyer, son of Benjamin, was born in Macungie township, Lehigh county, Dec. 19, 1822. Taken to be raised, when a child of three years, by his uncle and sponsor, John Schmeyer, he later inherited from him the latter's farm. The stone farm house had been built by his uncle in 1809, and has the remarkable record of never a death nor funeral having been held from it to date. On Dec. 17, 1843, he married Maria, b. Dec. 23, 1824, d. Dec. 15, 1906, daughter of Jacob Lichtenwalner, the issue being: John Benjamin Jacob, and Susan C., wife (1) of William H. Wagenhorst; (2) of Hon. Cyrenius Kutz. John B. Schmeyer was a farmer, for many years, a director and treasurer of the Trexlertown Mutual Fire Insurance Co., one of the organizers of Lehigh Sunday school, and one of its first superintendents. He died Aug. 11, 1893.

J. Benjamin J. Schmoyer was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, Feb. 14, 1848. He farmed on the homestead, which he owned till 1900. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon and trustee for many years. Nov. 3, 1867 he wedded Matilda E., born Feb. 2, 1849, daughter of Charles and Maria (Waltman) Meyer, the issue being Rev. Melville B. C., and Dr. Herbert J., who is a graduate from Muhlenberg College, '01, and University of Pennsylvania (Medical) '05, and practises at Bethlehem. J. Benjamin J. Schmeyer died May 12, 1913, and is buried at Lehigh church.

REV. MELVILLE B. C. SCHMOYER, oldest son of Benjamin J. and Matilda E. (Meyer) Schmoyer, is a native of Lower Macungie township, born Oct. 12, 1871. Entered the academic department of Muhlenberg College, January, 1888, graduating with honors from Muhlenberg, June, 1893, receiving the degree of A.B., and in 1896, A.M. Thereupon he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, graduating May 26, 1896. June 1, 1896 he was ordained to office of the ministry in St. John's Lutheran church, Allentown, and became pastor of St. John's Lutheran church,

East Mauch Chunk, Pa. (June 1896-April 6, 1902); West Hazleton-Sheppton parish, April 1902-Dec. 1909; general secretary of Slav Mission Board, Dec. 1909-July 1, 1911. Since then he has been regularly supplying vacant congregations. He was the founder and editor of *The Monthly Lutheran* (Hazleton edition), for three years; president of the Upper Lehigh Valley Lutheran League Central; is actively engaged in research work; historian of the Schmoyer family; compiling history of Lehigh church, and assisting on the Lehigh county history. Member of the Pennsylvania German Society. He married Oct. 6, 1897, Anna Kramer, daughter of Rev. George W. and Rebecca (Hinkle) Frederick, of Philadelphia. Rev. Frederick was lieutenant-colonel in the Civil War, serving on Gen. Hartman's staff. The issue is Philip Frederick, b. at West Hazleton, May 24, 1906. Resides R. D. No. 1, Macungie, Pa.

Samuel Schmoyer, son of Benjamin and Maria (Kuhns) Schmoyer, was born on the homestead, Dec. 20, 1820, and died at Macungie, Pa., April 10, 1894, aged 73 years, 3 months, and 20 days. He is buried at the Lehigh church. Early in life he was a farmer and about 1854 began conducting the "Schmoyer Mill" situated on the Little Lehigh, near Alburtis. He conducted this mill for fifteen years, then came to Macungie and carried on a coal and grain business until 1875, when he retired. Mr. Schmoyer was a prominent business man, and his first wife was Elizabeth Yeager, daughter of Daniel Yeager, a farmer of near Lehigh Church. They had five children, viz: Clara, who married Solomon Schmoyer, a second cousin, and lived near Lehigh church, but later moved to their present residence at Palm, Pa.; Euallen J.; George, who lives at Schmoyer's Mill; Morris, a merchant of Menconee Falls, Wis., and Leah Arabella, who died in childhood. He was married a second time to Mrs. Leah Yeager, from which union was born Hattie, deceased, wife of William N. Decker.

EUALLEN J. SCHMOYER, proprietor of Schmoyer's livery stable of Allentown, Pa., was born on his grandfather's homestead, July 6, 1849. He and his daughter, Elizabeth, were killed while crossing the railroad at Northampton, on Sept. 1, 1914. He was educated in the local schools and later attended the Reading Business College. He was located in Illinois for two years, returned to his native state and assisted his father in the coal and grain business for more than a year. In 1875 he engaged in the butcher business at Macungie and continued there for ten years, after which he became a cattle and horse dealer and continued in this profession until 1891,

when he removed to Allentown and engaged in the livery business, which he continued until he was killed by accident. He had twenty-five head of horses.

His wife is Rosa Weiler, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Keck) Weiler, of Macungie. Mr. and Mrs. Schmoyer resided at 103 North Eleventh street, and had these children: George W., Howard S., Fred P., all of whom are single; and Elizabeth, deceased. Mr. Schmoyer and his family were members of the Lutheran church at Macungie, Pa.

Jacob Tilghman Schmeyer, son of Benjamin and Maria (Kuntz) Schmeyer, was born in Macungie township, Lehigh county, Jan. 19, 1825. He received his education in the public schools, and afterwards assisted his father on the farm. He also taught school for several years. For about fifty years he was engaged as a dealer in marble and granite, many a tombstone surrounding Allentown bearing testimony to his workmanship. He is a Republican. For many years he had been a member of the Lutheran Church, but later became affiliated with the U. B. Church. Dec. 20, 1846, he married Elizabeth Wickert, born July 17, 1827; died Oct. 18, 1877, a daughter of Henry Wickert. Their children being: Massianna M., died in infancy; Alfred L., died in childhood; Alavesta R., deceased, wife of Rev. Henry V. Mohn; Llewellyn E., died in childhood; Almond W.; Ida V., wife of Sylvester D. Rohrbach, of Tipton, Pa.; Flora B., wife of Edward J. Balliet, of Allentown; Bella J., died in childhood; Harvey L., m. to Mabel L. Smith, of Plainfield, N. J.; William H., residing with his brother, Almond, at Allentown.

ALMOND W. SCHMEYER, son of J. Tilghman, of the firm of H. W. Schmeyer & Co., proprietors of the Star Laundry at Allentown, was born at Allentown, Jan. 31, 1857. Educated in the public schools and the Allentown Business College, he afterwards learned stone cutting and sculpturing, which he followed for a quarter of a century. In 1900 he engaged in the laundry business as solicitor, which he followed for nine years. In 1909 he became proprietor of the Star Laundry, which business is conducted under the firm name of H. W. Schmeyer & Co., employing fifteen people. Fraternally he is a member of Unity Encampment, Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., Patriarch Militant Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F., Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., Camp 406, P. O. S. of A; Modern Woodmen, Heptasophs, Order of Buffaloes. He belongs to Christ Lutheran church.

June 30, 1881, he married Louisa H., daughter of William and Sarah Ann (Butz) Deisher,

the issue being: Harry W.; Elizabeth F., of Allentown; Sadie E., b. Jan. 31, 1889; d. July 28, 1889; A. Willis, m. to Frances P., daughter of Richard Peters, of Allentown; Paul D., of Allentown; and A. Russell, of Allentown. Mr. Schmoyer resides at 1136 Walnut street, Allentown.

HARRY WILLIAM SCHMEYER, son of Almond W., was born in Allentown, Pa., June 20, 1882. He received his education in the public schools of the city, graduating from the Allentown high school, class of 1900, afterwards attending the Allentown Business College, from which he also graduated. He served as assistant manager of the Woolworth Store, at Allentown, from 1903 to 1905, and then of the Market street store, at Philadelphia, from 1905 to 1908. Being promoted, he assumed charge, as manager, of the same firm, of the Phoenixville store, where he served for about a year and a half, when he resigned in order to enter the laundry business with his father. He is a member of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., Unity Encampment, No. 12, and Loyal Order of Buffaloes. He is a member of Christ Lutheran church, the Sunday school of which he has served as secretary for the space of three years. On June 28, 1905, he was married to Martha W. Keiser, of Pottstown, their children being: Frederic L.; Kathryn B.; Eleanor L., deceased; and Harriet E. He resides at 1041 Walnut street, Allentown.

John Philip Schmeyer, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Scherer) Schmeier, was born in Macungie township, Northampton county, Dec. 28, 1769. By vocation, he had been a farmer in the township, and a member of the Lutheran Church. About 1793 or 1794 he married Catharine Braus, having nine sons and one daughter born to them. Amongst these were: Daniel, David, Judith, wife of George Hiskey; Philip, Jonathan, Amos, and William. He died May 10, 1841.

Daniel Schmeyer, son of John Philip, was born in Macungie township, Northampton county, May 4, 1794. After receiving his education in the public school, he had a small tract of 14 acres, which he operated and at the same time followed carpet-weaving until 1867, when he retired, moving to his son Daniel, at Breinigsville. He had been a member of the Lutheran Church. He was married, Nov. 16, 1826, to Maria Pauley, b. Dec. 25, 1803—d. June 6, 1886, there being 6 children: Aaron, b. Oct. 5, 1827, d. Aug. 15, 1899, m. to Mary Steibinger; Mary Amanda, b. Oct. 1, 1829, d. April 13, 1911, m. March 18, 1849, to Aaron Gaumer; Jonas, b. Dec. 23, 1830, d. March 16, 1904, m. Oct. 8, 1864, to Catharine A. Elvina, (b. March 20, 1842, d.



March 20, 1904), a daughter of Stephen Schmeyer; Julia, b. Dec. 23, 1833, d. June 23, 1913; and Daniel, Jr. Daniel, Sr., died April 17, 1872.

Daniel Schmoyer, Jr., son of Daniel, Sr., was born in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, Oct. 10, 1840, died Sept. 15, 1903. After having received his schooling, he learned the carriage-making business, conducting a plant of his own for many years at Breinigsville, where he also followed the undertaking business in connection with the manufacturing of carriages. He was a Republican, serving as school director for three terms, and a member of the Trexlertown Lutheran congregation. He was married, June 8, 1867, to Amanda Kuhns, the issue being: Albert I.; Richard D. L., b. June 28, 1871, d. March 14, 1873; Wilson, b. Dec. 2, 1873, d. Dec. 10, 1874; Clinton L. A. Mr. Schmoyer is buried at the Trexlertown Church.

ALBERT ISADORUS SCHMOYER, son of Daniel, was born in Breinigsville, Pa., Jan. 7, 1868. He attended the public school to the age of 16. In the spring of 1884 he began to attend the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown, teaching during the winter months in the public schools. He graduated from the normal in 1895. Continuing to teach for two years in Upper Macungie, he then moved to Allentown, and taught for two years in Hanover township. In 1900, he began to teach the boy's secondary in the Seventh ward of Allentown, where he continued to 1907, when he assumed the principalship of the Eleventh ward school. Politically, he is a Democrat; fraternally, belongs to Washington Camp, No. 467, P. O. S. of A.; Covenant Commandery, No. 61, K. of M.; Continental Castle, K. G. E.; Beacon Council, Royal Arcanum; Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; Union Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F.; Lady Lincoln Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Canton, No. 39, P. M., I. O. O. F.; Bangor Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon for a number of terms. On Sept. 7, 1889, he was married to Bertha I., daughter of Dr. Nathaniel and Louisa (Bean) Ritter. He resides at 1329 Turner street, Allentown, Pa.

CLINTON L. A. SCHMOYER, son of Daniel, undertaker at Breinigsville and a member of the firm of Schmoyer and Wagaman, was born at Breinigsville, Aug. 7, 1879. Being educated in the public schools, he afterwards graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in 1900. He taught school for nine terms in Upper Macungie township. In 1903, he succeeded his father in the undertaking business at Breinigsville, being also engaged in the carriage business at the same time, but in 1909 he sold out the latter, and devotes his time to the present

business. He has served as Past Grand of the Odd Fellows and Past Chief of the Encampment, I. O. O. F., and also is a member of P. O. S. of A.; Knights of Malta, Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M. He belongs to the Trexlertown Lutheran church, which he served as deacon. On Feb. 20, 1904, he married Mary S., daughter of Frank and Katie (Weida) Spohn, the issue being: Kenneth Daniel, b. April 29, 1904, d. June 14, 1904; May B. S.; Carl F.; and Arline Julia, b. June 29, 1913.

Amos Schmoyer, son of John Philip and Catharine (Braus) Schmeyer, was a tailor and lived near Breinigsville, Upper Macungie. He followed his trade all his life in his home near Breinigsville. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and is buried at Ziegel's Church. His wife was Diana Lorish. Their children are: James; Charles; Alfred; Maria, who married Alfred Peters; Carolina, who married William Diehl; and Angelina, who married Charles Merkel.

Charles Schmoyer was born in Upper Macungie, November, 1836. He was a carpenter all his life and at one time employed a number of people. He lived in the vicinity of Breinigsville the greater part of his life, but since 1909 resides near Dorney Park. He is a Lutheran member of Ziegel's church and served as deacon and elder. His wife was Catharine Folck, a daughter of Samuel and Miss (Diener) Folck, of Weisenberg township. They have nine children, as follows: Mary, who was twice married—first to Wesley Ziegler, and second to Frank Merkel; Oliver; William, who died at the age of 26 years; Benjamin D.; Charles, deceased; Albert; Katie, who married Joseph Lobach, of Dorney Park; Eva, deceased; and Frank.

BENJAMIN D. SCHMOYER, a baker of Allentown, Pa., was born in Upper Macungie, Nov. 24, 1875. He obtained his education in the public schools and worked on the farm until 18 years of age, and then learned the baking trade in Allentown. He followed this trade as journeyman until 1900 and on April 1 of that year engaged in business at 514 Law street. He remained at this place for four years, and then removed to 429 Gordon street, remaining there for another four years. In March, 1908, he purchased the southeast corner of Seventh and Chew streets, which he greatly remodeled in 1912, and there conducts a prosperous business, employing six men.

Mr. Schmoyer is a member of the F. O. E., Aerie 115; the Livingstone Castle, K. G. E., and the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

Mr. Schmoyer and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He was married April

25, 1900, to Nora K. Kroninger, daughter of Noah and Hattie (Dunkel) Kroninger. They have one son: Martin H. R.

Michael Schmeyer, son of Philip and Maria Schmyer, was born in Macungie township, Northampton county, Jan. 1, 1745. When his father died, he still was a minor. Later he turned to farming and owned about 400 acres in the township. He had been married to Maria Magdalena Küchel, born March 18, 1748, d. Oct. 23, 1814, the issue being: Catharine, m. to Conrad Fenal; Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1770, m. to Frederick Fenal; Gertrude, b. July 28, 1772, m. to Abraham Schwartz; Maria Loves, b. July 28, 1772, m. to Adam Brouss; John Jacob; Magdalena, b. April 22, 1778, m. to Jacob Steffy (Stephen); Abraham; and Rachel, b. Oct. 19, 1789, m. to Samuel Yeager. Michael Schmeyer was apprehended and tried at Philadelphia for having participated in the Fries Rebellion, being sentenced to 9 months imprisonment and a fine of \$400. Yellow fever broke out while the men were imprisoned in Philadelphia and they were removed to Norristown, where Michael died Nov. 5, 1800. Both his wife and himself were members of Lehigh Lutheran church, and their bodies lie interred on the adjoining cemetery.

John Jacob (although commonly only known by the name of Jacob) son of Michael, was born in Macungie township, June 25, 1774. He owned and operated a farm near Trexlertown, now owned by Samuel G. Schmoyer. On Aug. 3, 1794, he was married to Maria Susanna Nein, b. Sept. 12, 1775, d. Oct. 4, 1841, the issue being: John; Rachel, b. June 9, 1800, d. Jan. 12, 1883, m. to Samuel Schwenk; Jacob, b. Feb. 5, 1803, d. Oct. 17, 1828, m. to Catharine Straub; Henry, b. July 16, 1808, d. May 23, 1854, m. to Lydia Lichtenwalner; Lydia, b. May 19, 1811, d. Jan. 15, 1859; Barbara. He also followed the vocation of being a veterinary. He died Oct. 11, 1842, and is buried at Lehigh Church.

John Schmeyer, son of John Jacob, was born in Macungie township, Feb. 10, 1797. He farmed on his father's farm, which he also later owned. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. On April 14, 1828, he married Elizabeth Bieber, b. Jan. 25, 1794, d. Oct. 8, 1874, the issue being a son, Charles B. He died June 26, 1869, and is buried at Lehigh Church.

Charles Benjamin Schmoyer, son of John, was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, Feb. 21, 1832. Receiving his education in the public schools, he afterward tilled his father's farm, which he also later owned. Politically he was a Republican. On April 5, 1862, he was married to Rosa M., daughter of Samuel Albright, b. Feb. 9, 1844, d. June 10, 1885, the

issue being: Anna M. E. O., b. April 10, 1863, d. Oct. 14, 1871; Kate L. A., b. March 25, 1864, d. April 21, 1874; John J.; Samuel G., m. to Annie M. Koch; Charles W., m. to Jennie Bastian; Henry E., b. March 2, 1872, d. May 16, 1874; Gertie R., m. to Elmer J. Schmoyer, of Allentown; and Peter D.

JOHN J. SCHMOYER, son of Charles B., was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, July 25, 1865. Receiving his early schooling in the public schools, he then during 1882 and 1883 attended the Kutztown Normal School. Afterwards he assisted his father, and subsequently conducted the farm and also for a time operated the Albright mill. Having purchased the Barner farm, in the spring of 1900 he moved thither and resided there until 1911, when he removed near Macungie.

In politics he is a Republican, served as school director of Lower Macungie for two terms (1905-1911), is a director of the Trexlertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company since December, 1912. Fraternally he is a member of the K. of M. He is a member of Lehigh Lutheran church, which he has served as deacon for one term, trustee for 4 years, and elder for 2 years, as well as secretary of the council. On Jan. 8, 1887, he married Kate E., daughter of David Barner, the issue being: Harry E., b. June 23, 1887, d. Aug. 17, 1913; Warren E., m. to Sadie M., daughter of Frank Schmoyer; Morris Raymond, m. to Miriam C., daughter of Oliver J. Schmoyer.

PETER DANIEL SCHMOYER, son of Charles B., was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, July 12, 1877. Receiving his schooling in the public schools, he afterwards became porter at the Grand Central Hotel at Allentown, which position he held until 1898. Thereupon Mr. Edwin C. Merkle and he conducted the Orpheum Cafe for 9 months, and since then it has been conducted by Mr. Schmoyer alone. Politically he is a Republican; fraternally, he belongs to K. G. E. and F. O. E. He is a member of Lehigh Lutheran church. On March 5, 1901, he was married to Rosa L., daughter of George and Dina Smith, there being no issue. He resides at 29 North 14th street, Allentown.

Abraham Schmeyer, son of Michael, was born in Macungie township, Northampton county, July 10, 1783. He attended the public schools. Later he owned and operated what is now the Fusselman farm as well as a part of the farm of Elias Schmoyer, in Macungie township. He had been a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Susanna, daughter of Jacob Stephen, the issue being: Jacob, b. Dec. 6, 1802, m. to first, Lydia Danner, then his brother Solomon's

widow, Mrs. Anna, nee Biery; Esther, b. April 2, 1804, d. Jan. 6, 1884, m. to Jacob Diefenderfer; John, b. Aug. 20, 1805, d. Feb. 9, 1871, m. to Sally Neitz; Solomon, b. March 23, 1809, d. Nov. 23, 1834, m. to Anna Biery; Lydia, b. Feb. 17, 1811, d. Nov. 14, 1879, m. to David Leibensperger; Maria Polly, b. April 26, 1814, d. April 10, 1886, m. to Peter Sell; David, b. June 17, 1816, d. May 31, 1894, m. to Anna Matilda Steininger; Abraham; Salome, b. March 23, 1819, d. Nov. 23, 1834; Michael, b. Jan. 18, 1822, d. April 13, 1895, m. to Eliza Mohr. Abraham died Nov. 20, 1848 and is buried at the Trexlertown Church.

Abraham Schmoyer, son of Abraham, was born in Macungie township, Lehigh county, Dec. 28, 1817, died Oct. 26, 1891. Having received his public schooling, he learned the carpenter trade, and worked for a number of years as a journeyman. Subsequently he turned to farming, which he followed to 1868. He had been director of the Trexlertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company for many years, was a Republican, and a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served in various capacities. He was married to Maria, daughter of David and Catharine (Lichty) Gingenier, b. Feb. 10, 1818, d. Sept. 26, 1891, the issue being: Massiann M., m. to Reuben Mohr, deceased; Elias A.; Alfred D., b. June 10, 1847, d. Sept. 15, 1849; Elizann V., b. July 1, 1855, d. June 8, 1870.

Elias A. Schmoyer, son of Abraham, was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, April 15, 1844. After his course in the public schools, he attended the Bucks County Normal and Classical School at Quakertown in 1859. He farmed his father's farm up to 1902, when he retired. Politically he is a Republican, and a member of the Trexlertown Lutheran church, which he served as deacon, elder, and trustee. On Nov. 12, 1867, he married Mary E., daughter of Samuel G. and Catharine (Moser) Albright, b. May 1, 1848, d. Sept. 17, 1887, the issue being: Adam A., b. April 14, 1869, d. Jan. 4, 1874; Jacob A.; K. Elenora V., m. to Charles A. Huff, of Allentown; Ulysses A., m. (1) to Annie C. Grim, deceased, (2) to Cora E. Roth. He married a second time Mrs. Mary A. (Roth) Weickel, and resides in Lower Macungie township.

JACOB A. SCHMOYER, son of Elias A., was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, Nov. 11, 1870. He attended the public schools to the age of 16. During 1888, he attended the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown. Thereupon he worked for 3 years on his father's farm, then for 3 years he clerked with E. M. Loux & Co., at Allentown. Returning

to the farm after that time for another period of 2 years, he, on March 29, 1897, began work on the repair-section of the Catasauqua & Fogelsville R. R., of which gang he is the present foreman. Politically he belongs to the Republican party; fraternally, he belongs to P. O. S. of A., and is a member of the Trexlertown Lutheran church, which he has served as a deacon. On Jan. 1, 1895, he was married to Annie S., daughter of Jonas and Eliza (Smith) Bastian, from which union there has been no issue. Mr Schmoyer resides at Trexlertown, Pa.

John Schmoyer, a son of Philip, lived in Northampton county, near Kreidersville. His father is said to have once upon a time been a gunsmith near Coopersburg. John Schmoyer was born Jan. 4, 1775, died Oct. 10, 1854. He is said to have been married twice. His second wife being Maria Eva Dietrich, b. May 8, 1788, d. June 19, 1853, whom he married and with whom he had six children: Jacob, who moved to Greenville, Pa., and later to Tiffin, Ohio; Samuel, who lived near Kreidersville; Joseph; John, who in 1852 moved to Medina county, Ohio; Kathryn, m. to Thomas Graffin; and Sarah, who married Samuel Miller and resided in Berks county, Pa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schmoyer are buried on the Zion's or Stone Church cemetery at Kreidersville.

Joseph Schmoyer, son of John, was born in Allen township, Northampton county, Pa., Aug. 12, 1812. He had been a farmer, residing in the vicinity of Bath, Pa., where he owned two farms, one of which is now owned by Cyrus Marsh, whose wife, Sarah, was a daughter of John Edwin Smoyer. Joseph Schmoyer was prominently identified with the community, serving local offices. He had been twice married. His first wife being Maria Latschar, b. April 21, 1817, d. Nov. 23, 1868, with whom he had lived 32 years. His second wife was a Miss Scheiry. His children were: John Edwin; Thomas, m. to Susanna Edelman, of Bath, Pa.; William; Emma, m. to Abraham Fehnel, who reside on the other farm of Joseph Schmoyer; Mary A. E., m. to Lake Erie Huber, of 828 Washington avenue, Northampton, Pa.; Mantana, m. to Samuel Lapp; Amandus, b. Nov. 19, 1845, d. Aug. 5, 1846; Henrietta Eva, b. May 23, 1847, d. Aug. 15, 1847; Christian Stephen, b. July 25, 1850, d. Sept. 15, 1850. Joseph Schmoyer died Oct. 28, 1888, and is buried at Kreidersville.

John Edwin Smoyer, son of Joseph, was born at Kreidersville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1838. He was a farmer, his farm being now the property of Cyrus Marsh. He belonged to the Kreidersville Reformed congregation. He had been married to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of John and Salome (Dreisbach) Dieter, the issue being: Sarah, m.

to Cyrus Marsh; Alfred, deceased; Israel; Wilson; Sylvanus; Andrew, deceased; Aquillas; Louisa, b. Nov. 30, 1861, d. Feb. 2, 1865; John, of Altenau; Mary, wife of William Roth; and Joseph, b. Oct. 11, 1877, d. April 4, 1908. Joseph E. Smoyer died Oct. 28, 1888, and is buried at Kreidersville, Pa.

Wilson Smoyer, son of John E., of Ormrod, was born near Bath, Pa., Feb. 26, 1862, and followed farming until in 1897, when he accepted the position of stable-foreman with the Atlas Cement Co., continuing there until 1902, when he accepted a position under his brother, Aquillas F., with the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Red Man. In 1885, he married first, Jane Peters, who died without issue in 1898. He was married a second time to Lizzie Reichard and they have: William J., Blanche E., Alice M., and Ida R.

AQUILLAS F. SMOYER, son of John E., of North Whitehall township, was born near Kreidersville, Northampton county, May 27, 1873. When quite young he began working at the cement mills as stable foreman, and since 1898 he has charge of the forty odd horses of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. He owns an old Ritter homestead in North Whitehall township, consisting of 62 acres, upon which is a stone house, built over an excellent spring of water, about the time of the Revolutionary War. One house is still in a real good condition. Mr. Smoyer also has a property and nine acres of land at Balliettsville, which he possesses since 1911. He is a member of the Knights of Malta and the Loyal Order of Moose. In 1893, he married Ellen M., a daughter of Joel DeLong, of Schnecks-ville, the issue being: Edwin J.; Grace A.; Robert; Earl D.; and Dorothy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smoyer are members of the Reformed Church.

#### FERDINAND SCHMALDIENST.

Ferdinand Schmaldienst, of Allentown, was born April 6, 1861, at Eisenburger, Comitatus, Hungary, and there was a farmer until he emigrated to America, landing at New York, early in May, 1900. He went to Allentown on May 18th and began working as a laborer. During 1902, 1903 and 1904 he was engaged in the mercantile business at 222 Chew street, but rheumatic attacks compelled him to follow less strenuous employment. For seven years he was a salesman, the last four years selling books in Lehigh county. In 1910 he engaged in building operation and now owns four dwellings on Railroad street, which he built.

He resides in his own home at 328 North Front street, which he purchased in 1907.

He and family are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic church. He is also a member of the St. Joseph's Society, and the Supreme Lodge Knights of Honor.

In 1887 he was married to Anna Pfistl. They had four children, three dying young; the fourth, a daughter, Hannah, married Charles Schuler, who is mentioned in a succeeding sketch.

Andreas Schmaldienst, father of Ferdinand, was born in 1832 at Eisenburger, Comitatus, Hungary and he died there in 1887. He was a farmer; also an official of the church. His wife, Julia Waxwenter, was born in 1833 and died in 1872. They had six children, three of whom died small. The surviving children are: Ferdinand; John (a shoemaker, who emigrated to America in 1908 and resides with his elder brother); and Theresa (who remained in her native country).

Charles Schuler, a native of Eisenburger, Comitatus, Hungary, was born in June, 1863. He is a shoemaker by trade. His wife Theresa Lagler, was born in September, 1862, and died August 28, 1911. They had five children, two of whom are living, namely: Charles and Theresa.

Charles Schuler, son of Charles, was born January 7, 1888. He came to this country, landing at New York, February 28, 1906, and on March 30th he went to Allentown. He is a carpenter by trade.

On September 4, 1909, he was married to Hannah Schmaldienst. They have two sons: Charles, Jr., and Alfred. He is a member of the German Beneficial Union and the Allentown Turner Liederkranz.

#### SCHNEIDER FAMILY.

Casper Schneider, the first of the Schneider family to come to the United States, was a native of Reiskirchen, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. With his two children, Philip and Elizabeth, he emigrated to America in the year 1846, and settled at Reading, Pa., where he followed his trade of cutler, in the employ of different people. Subsequent to his making his home in Reading, he was married a second time. His death occurred somewhere about 1875, and he now lies buried in the Aulenbach cemetery, at Reading. His daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Frantz Apple, a native of Germany, and the two resided in Reading.

Philip Schneider, a son of Casper Schneider, was, like his father, a native of Reiskirchen, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where he was born

July 10, 1838. Coming with his father to the United States in 1846, he passed most of his childhood in Reading, and there later learned the trade of shoemaking. He removed to Allentown, Lehigh county, on election day, 1872, after first casting his ballot in Reading. In Allentown he was employed by John E. Lentz and Company for a number of years and later by D. A. Fluck, at Richlandtown, for five or six years. After this time he engaged in business for himself upon a small scale, making his shoes by hand for many years, until, in 1892, he introduced the use of machinery. Mr. Schneider was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of Allentown, and was active in church affairs, serving as deacon and elder for many years. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Mathias, of Boyertown, Berks county, where she was born in 1836. Mrs. Schneider died in 1878, at the age of forty-two years, and Mr. Schneider's death occurred April 8, 1908, at the age of seventy-one years. He now lies buried in the Union cemetery, of Allentown. To Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were born seven children, as follows: Elemina, married Mrs. Henry M. Erb, of Allentown; James M., of whom forward; Kate, later Mrs. Frank Nickum, of Allentown; Lizzie, later Mrs. William Peters, of Allentown; William M., of whom forward; Mary, later Mrs. Milton Kline; and Annie, later Mrs. Howard F. Weaver. Both Mr. Kline and Mr. Weaver being residents of Allentown.

JAMES M. SCHNEIDER, son of Philip and Sarah (Mathias) Schneider, was born Aug. 21, 1861, in Reading, Pa., and received his education in the parochial school of St. John's Lutheran church, of that place. When he was but eleven years of age he began assisting his father in the manufacture of shoes, and continued to work for him after the establishment of the new shoe factory. He is now the senior member of the successful firm of Philip Schneider Company, of Allentown. Besides his interest in the shoe business, he is prominent in the financial circles, being a director of the Merchants' National Bank since 1909. He is a member of the Democratic party, and active in politics, having served for six years in the city councils, for two years on the common council and the remaining four in the select council. Mr. Schneider was married and has two children: George and Margaret Schneider.

WILLIAM M. SCHNEIDER, the second son of Philip and Sarah (Mathias) Schneider, was born at Stony Creek, near Reading, where for a time he was engaged in farm work. After the removal of his parents to Allentown, he entered his father's shoe factory until the latter's death

and the adjustment of the estate. Since that time he has travelled a good deal both for the good of his health and for pleasure. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

#### CHARLES SCHNELL.

Charles Schnell, a plasterer by occupation, was born in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, on Dec. 1, 1856, and while reared on a farm attended the public schools and also the school at the Blue Church. He then learned the trade of plasterer under O. Bitting at Coopersburg, and there he has followed it and also did contract work until the present time. In connection with plastering, he owns and conducts a farm of fourteen acres, which is situated along the "pike" between Lanark and Centre valley.

In 1881, Mr. Schnell was married to Matilda Mack, a daughter of Daniel D. and Selina (Brunner) Mack, of the same township, and they have three children: Oliver F.; Wallace D., and Carrie T., m. S. J. Walbert, of Allentown. They are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church. He is a Democrat.

His father was Charles Schnell, who was born in Germany and when twenty-eight years old emigrated to America, locating in the Saucon valley, where he worked in stone quarries and iron-ore mines for many years. He then purchased a farm of ten acres in Upper Saucon township and carried on farming there for a time. After living in retirement several years at Bethlehem, he died in 1904, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Coopersburg. He was married to Mrs. Rose Stoyer, widow, *nee* Hill, a native of Germany and they had ten children: Abbie, Charles, Rosa, Lydia, Emma, Matilda, Sallie, Amelia and two died in infancy. They were members of the Mennonite Church. In politics, he was Republican.

#### SCHNELLER FAMILY.

Dr. John S. Schneller, of Catasauqua, is a great--great-grandson of the celebrated Moravian missionary, George Charles Schneller, who was born in Dresden, Saxony, March 19, 1740. His wife, Hannah, *nee* Miller, was born April 28, 1754, and died at England March 7, 1832.

They were sent as missionaries by the Moravian Church to the West India Islands, and were stationed at St. Johns, Antigua and St. Kitts. They came to St. Kitts Jan. 23, 1788, where they lived and labored until 1813, when he returned to Europe, where he died on the 15th of September of the same year. They had



issue: Rachel, born at Antigua, Dec. 13, 1785, and died April 10, 1848; David P., born at St. John's, Sept. 3, 1787, and died Sept. 21, 1842; John Thomas, born July 27, 1789, and died Sept. 29, 1789; George Charles, born at St. Kitts, Nov. 26, 1790, and died Dec. 25, 1874, and John, born Aug. 16, 1793, and died Sept. 25, 1793.

George Charles Schneller, Jr., was educated in the Moravian schools at Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Lititz. As a young man he worked at the Luckenbach Grist Mills. At one time he carried letters in Bethlehem, but for many years was a lock-tender at the Lehigh Canal. He was married to Mary Brown. She was a daughter of Gottlieb Brown and his wife, Rebecca, *nee* Otto. Mr. Brown was born Oct. 16, 1760, and died Jan. 21, 1825, and Mrs. Brown was born April 30, 1765, and died Jan. 4, 1828. Mrs. Schneller had a brother, John, living at Bethlehem. He was born Dec. 14, 1792. She was born Dec. 22, 1800, and died Oct. 2, 1860. To them was born thirteen children: Charles; George; Sidney; Samuel, b. Nov. 3, 1822, and died May 8, 1886. He was an undertaker, lived at Bethlehem and was a prominent member of the Moravian congregation; John Gottlieb, born 1828, and died 1848; Amelia C., born Aug. 24, 1833, was married to M. A. Day, a Methodist Episcopal minister, died July 25, 1903; Adalaide A., born June 18, 1839, at Lock No. 42, died April 15, 1841; Rebecca R., born April 20, 1836, and died Jan. 5, 1910; James O., born May 13, 1845, at Lock No. 42, died Aug. 4, 1845; Louisa P., born April 2, 1838, and died Aug. 2, 1838; Sarah Sophia, born March 18, 1831, was married to Wm. Nash of Connecticut, and died Oct. 3, 1907; Thomas, born February 10, 1835, died March 30, 1835; Matilda, born Jan. 9, 1825, died Aug. 5, 1832; Hannah Amelia, born June 6, 1826, died July 17, 1832; Peter O., born Oct. 22, 1842, who is post master at Mount Brook, Florida, had his name by act of assembly changed from Schneller to Sneller.

George Charles Schneller, Jr., died December 25, 1874, aged 84 years. Charles George, son of George Charles, was born Nov. 10, 1821, and died at Catasauqua July 13, 1909. He was educated in the schools at Bethlehem. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a tinsmith and served for seven years, at the end of which he was given credit to the amount of one hundred dollars with a neighboring blacksmith for faithful service for which amount he could order the tools necessary to carry on his trade. He started in business for himself at Springtown, Bucks county, from where he

moved to Pleasant Valley, and soon thereafter to Catasauqua, and opened a place of business at the corner of Second and Mulberry streets, and continued there until he removed to the corner of Front and Strawberry streets, where he remained until in 1887 he retired from business. In connection with his trade he also sold stoves. He was a public spirited man and helped to build up Catasauqua. He held numerous borough offices, besides serving as school director for a period of 16 years. He was a director of the Catasauqua National Bank from 1878 until the time of his death. In politics he was a republican. He was an active member of the Evangelical church and solicited the funds for the erection of the first church building in Catasauqua. He served the congregation in almost every capacity and was a delegate to the Conference at Indianapolis in 1894. At the time of his death he was not only the oldest, but one of the most highly respected citizens of Catasauqua. In 1849 he was married to Mary Huebner. She was born December 16, 1823, and died Jan. 8, 1892. Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery. To them were born six children: Henry D., died at the age of 16; John P.; Emma E.; Charles; Laura, died in infancy, and Mary M. The latter was married to Richard A. Heilman and was the mother of four children: Charles G., Ruth, Endy and Mildred, of whom Endy and Mildred have died.

John P. Schneller, son of Charles George, was born at Catasauqua, Sept. 16, 1852. He learned the trade of a tinsmith in his father's shop, worked journeyman for seven years and in 1880 engaged in business for himself. In 1885 he sold out and traveled through many of the states in the Union. In 1887 he returned to Catasauqua, and in 1888 built his present place of business, 120 Front street, where he conducts a tinware store in connection with his general trade. He was married three times. In 1874 to Sarah J. Bliem, a daughter of J. C. Bliem, an Evangelical minister. She died in 1876, in her 23rd year, leaving one child, Robert H., who died in his 15th year. He was married a second time in 1878 to Mary A. Hower, a daughter of Harrison and Maria Kleppinger Hower. She died in 1882, aged 23 years. She bore him two children: Ella, a stenographer in the Catasauqua National Bank, and William H., an attorney at the Lehigh County Bar. He was graduated from Schuylkill Seminary 1905 and from the University of Pennsylvania 1908, and was in the following year admitted to the Lehigh County Bar. On March 12, 1912, he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He has his office in

the Lehigh National Bank building. In 1885 he was married a third time to Louis Elisabeth Croll, a daughter of Henry C. and Sarah (Seep) Croll, of Krumsville, Berks county. To them were born four children: Jennie M.; Henry D., who died in his sixth year; Stanley G., and Nelson K. Mr. Schneller is one of the leading members of Emanuel Evangelical Church, and an ardent prohibitionist in politics. He has served his party as county chairman, state delegate, advisory committee, and was one of the nominees for presidential electors in the campaign of 1908.

Charles William Schneller, the father of Dr. John S., and brother to John P., is a hardware merchant in Catasauqua, and enjoys a large trade, and also a director in the Lehigh National Bank. He is married to Mamie C. Schaffer, a daughter of Conrad and Mary (Schwartz) Schaffer. This union is blessed with two children, Dr. John S. and Charles, who is associated with his father in business.

Dr. John S. Schneller, M. D., was born in Catasauqua, Dec. 31, 1885, attended the borough schools, was graduated from the Catasauqua High School in 1902, Muhlenburg College in 1906 with the degree of B.S., and University of Pennsylvania in 1910 with the degree of M. D. After graduation he was elected resident physician of the Allentown Hospital and continued in that capacity until in July, 1911, when he opened an office for general practice at Catasauqua. In his practice, which is rapidly increasing he is meeting with more than ordinary success. He is a member of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Alpha Kappa medical fraternity. He is a member of Lehigh County Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the National Medical Association.

#### SCHNECK FAMILY.

Along the Slatington trolley line, situated in North Whitehall township, is the town of Schnecksville, which perpetuates the name of *Schneck*. The family homestead which was built by the progenitor, Adam Schneck, in 1773, is still standing and a cut of it is herewith produced. It is situated about one mile northwest from Meyersville, in North Whitehall, on the fine farm now owned and occupied by Franklin Henninger. In the year 1766, Adam Schneck took up this land and it remained in possession of the family for more than 100 years. Among his children were: Peter, Henry, and Yost G. Schneck, who were assessed as property owners in 1781, presumably in North Whitehall township.

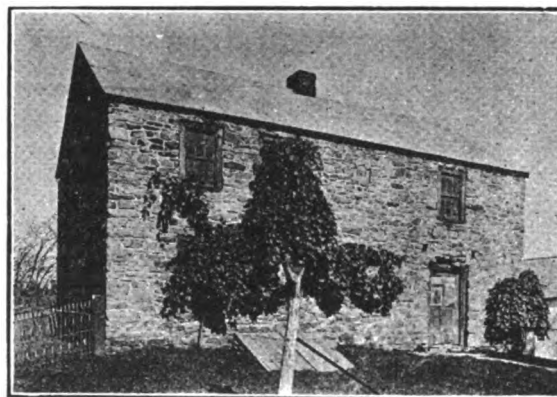
John Schneck, a grandson of the pioneer, was

born Sept. 15, 1783, and died Dec. 9, 1845. He owned and occupied a large farm situated east of Schnecksville and he also conducted a distillery.

He was married for thirty-seven years, to Maria Bahr, and they had fifteen children, viz: Joseph, James, Gideon, John, who obtained the homestead, and died from smallpox; Samuel, Thomas, David, Abraham, Lydia, m. M. Handwerk; Sallie, m. Jonas Peter; Elizabeth, m. Stephen Hunsicker, and Catharine (1824-1845) died in her first confinement. Three children died small.

Joseph Schneck, son of John and Maria, was born in 1808, died Feb. 19, 1892, aged 82 years, 8 months, and 5 days. He was a shoemaker and later a carpet-weaver, and he wove all kinds of linseywoolsey.

His wife, Maria Hunsicker, inherited a farm situated in Lowhill township, and this tract they occupied until a terrible tragedy occurred, in



SCHNECK HOMESTEAD, BUILT 1773.

November of 1875, when Mrs. Schneck was murdered, apparently, while her husband was away attending a public sale. The fiend, who committed the deed was never fully apprehended.

Joseph and Maria Schneck had an only son, Nathan H., who was born Feb. 7, 1838, and he was educated in the country pay schools for four months in a winter and later in 1857 and 1858 he attended the Allentown Seminary and the Freeland Seminary. He taught school for three winters and also two summer terms of select school. His compensation for teaching school was two and one-half cents per day from each pupil. but for the last two terms he was paid three cents per pupil, but the last year, because of the increase of pay, he had to find his own wood. Later he clerked in the store in the Mahoning Valley, in Carbon county. He was married, in 1861, to Sarah Ann Peter, and they farmed in

Lowhill until their removal to North Whitehall where they continued until on Thanksgiving Day, of 1884, when they moved to Allentown, locating in the residence at the southeast corner of Eighth and Chew streets, and there he since resides. Mr. Schneck served as a school director in North Whitehall for several terms, also was a tax collector in the Fourth ward, Allentown.

He is an able mathematician and an exceptional fine penman. He and his wife are Lutherans. They had an only daughter, Elmira R., who married Dr. Daniel Hiestand, of Allentown. They have one daughter, Elmira R., who is a trained nurse and she has her home with her grandfather Schneck.

James Schneck, son of John and Maria (Bahr) Schneck, was a farmer at Iron-ton, in North Whitehall. He was married to Lydia DeLong, of Lowhill, and they had three children, namely: Eliza, married to W. B. Kern; Ella, married to Elias Best; and Tilghman F.

Tilghman F. Schneck was born in 1853, in Lowhill, and in 1858 his parents moved to Iron-ton where he attended the local schools. During the eighties he engaged in farming in North Whitehall and he continued to farm there until in 1911, when he sold his property and retired to Neffs. He served North Whitehall township on the school board for six years.

He was married; had four children, namely: Clara A., married to L. E. Smith; Samuel J., married to Minnie Oswald; Magdalena E., who died in 1906, aged 31 years; and George F. Schneck, whose history follows.

GEORGE F. SCHNECK, a salesman of Allentown, was born at Iron-ton, April 12, 1871. He was educated in the public schools, the Schnecks-ville Academy, and the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown; taught school two terms (in 1888 and 1889), in North Whitehall township. In 1890 he became a salesman of stationery and school supplies for C. H. Schmid, Allentown, and continued in his employ for nine years. Afterwards for five years he represented the Butler, Sheldon & Co., publishers of school and college text-books. He resigned this position to accept a salesmanship with Hunsicker & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, Allentown.

He had served the Eighth ward, Allentown, as a school director; is a past master of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; and a past grand Allen Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F.

He was married in 1894 to Nettie A. Henninger, a daughter of Simon Henninger, a farmer of South Whitehall township. They have an only daughter, Helen E. Schneck, a student in the Allentown high school. They reside at No. 416 North Ninth street.

Henry Schneck was a farmer near Schnecks-ville. His wife, Elizabeth Schlosser, bore him these children: Jonas; Abraham, who died at Berlinsville; and Solomon, who died in Ohio.

Jonas Schneck, son of Henry and Elizabeth, was born July 3, 1808, and his sponsors were John and Maria Schneck. He married Magdalena Frey, who was born in Heidelberg township, Aug. 21, 1806. He was a carpet weaver until his removal to Crawford county, Pa., and there he farmed until he was killed in a runaway in 1842. The accident occurred while he was driving to the barn from the field. He was buried at the Saegerstown church, in Crawford county. His wife died, aged 65 years, and she was buried at Allentown. Their children were: Sarah Ann, m. Eli Shirey; Levi, of Berlinsville; Paul, died in 1911, in Great Bend, Kansas; and Samuel H., who was born Aug. 26, 1840, in Crawford county, Pa. He was one of the First Defenders, having enlisted on April 18, 1861, in Co. G, 25th Penna. Regiment Vol. Infantry, for three months; re-enlisted Sept. 31, 1861, in Co. A, 9th Penna. Cavalry; was discharged Dec. 31, 1861; re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864, in Co. A, 9th Regiment Pa. Vol. Infantry, and was discharged at the end of the war.

After the war he settled at Slatington and there is engaged in the furniture business to this time. He was burgess of Slatington for two terms, also a councilman and a school director. He married, in 1867, Maria, a daughter of Charles Crossley, of Pleasant Corner. They have seven children, viz: Ella, Clinton, Frederick, Winifred, Lula, Frank, and Lawrence.

John Schneck, who had a brother, Daniel, was born on the homestead, near Meyersville, in 1790. He was first located in Lowhill, but later moved upon a farm situated about two miles northwest of Egypt in the direction of Schnecks-ville and farmed until his death on June 28, 1874, in his 84th year. His farm was a Ritter homestead, but after his death it was divided into two tracts which were owned by his sons, John and Jeremiah. John, Jr., was succeeded by his son, Joseph Schneck. John Schneck was married to Elizabeth Ebert and they had twelve children, viz: John, m. Carolina Frey; Jeremiah, m. Sally Ann Deibert; Sally Ann, m. William Kern; Susan, m. Stephen Wright; Mary, m. Paul Troxell; Lovina, m. Menno Deibert; David, remained single; Henry, died small; Elias; Rebecca, m. Josiah Kohler; Jonas, died single; and one whose name is not remembered.

John Schneck, the oldest son of his father, John, Sr., was born Oct. 17, 1827, in North Whitehall. He was a blacksmith, farmer, and road supervisor, for a number of terms. He died

Nov. 13, 1896, aged 69 years, and 26 days. His death was due to a stroke of apoplexy which occurred while on his way home from Egypt with a load of coal. He was found dead on the road.

He was married to Carolina Frey, born April 22, 1827, and died on Sept. 20, 1896, in his 70th year. She was a daughter of Michael and Susanna (Scheirer) Frey. They had nine children and thirty-one grandchildren. The children follow:

James, born Nov. 12, 1852, m. Mary Kern.

Joseph, born Jan. 4, 1855, m. Jane McQuade.

Agnes, born Aug. 16, 1857, m. Oscar Clauser.

John W., born Sept. 9, 1859, not married.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 18, 1861, m. Frank Coleman.

Francis, born Oct. 28, 1863, m. Savannah Wotring.

Emma, born May 24, 1866, m. Jeremiah Keiser.

Frank born June 25, 1868, m. Laura Stabley.

Ella, born June 25, 1868, married Frank Sourwein.

James Schneck was born on his father's farm in North Whitehall, Nov. 12, 1852. He resided at Egypt, and follows the carpenter trade, having however worked in the orebeds, stone quarries, and cement mills for a number of years.

He and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of the Egypt church. Socially he is a member of the Whitehall Beneficial Association.

In 1873 he married Mary Ann Kern, a daughter of Reuben and Rachel (Kern) Kern. They have two children: Wilson H. and Minnie I., who died on Dec. 3, 1887.

WILSON H. SCHNECK, a merchant at Egypt, was born in North Whitehall township, Oct. 25, 1873. He was educated in the common schools and in the American Business College. Afterward he was employed by the E. E. Long & Co., at Egypt, for a period of five years, and later for two years he worked in the Egypt bakery. Later he became a clerk and afterward a partner with J. W. Peter, an Egypt merchant, under the present firm name of J. W. Peter & Co.

Mr. Schneck is a Lutheran member of the Egypt church, having served it as a deacon and trustee and is now the financial secretary of the church council. He has also served the Sunday school as librarian, teacher, president, and superintendent. He is the present president of the school, also a teacher. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A. at Egypt, and the K. G. E. at Allentown.

He is married to Katie Huber, a daughter of Adam and Amelia (Hess) Huber, and they have

these children: Elsie V., Amelia S., and Mary C.

Jeremiah Schneck, the second son of John, was born Oct. 5, 1824, died April 6, 1898, and is buried at Unionville. He owned and occupied a 47-acre farm near Scheidys, which is now occupied by his son, Wilson. He served his district as a supervisor. He was a deacon of the Lutheran congregation of the Unionville church. He married, in 1853, Sally Ann Deibert, a daughter of Peter and Susanna (Newhard) Deibert. She still lives and is a well-preserved old lady. Their children are: William Peter, who died from diphtheria, aged six years; Alice J., m. James Folk; Jeremiah, is a blacksmith, and he lives on a lot which is a part of the homestead; Milton; Annie, died from diphtheria, aged six years; Elmer F.; and Mary, m. Benjamin Wieder.

ELMER F. SCHNECK, a blacksmith at Ironton, was born in North Whitehall, March 16, 1869. He was reared upon the farm and at the age of twenty-two years, learned the blacksmith trade from his brother, Jeremiah D. In 1894 he located at Ironton, being the first blacksmith to locate in that village, except a shop which was conducted by the Ironton railroad and one which stood near Ironton, which one Deibert conducted and later Samuel Lobach worked in it.

During 1899 and 1900 Mr. Schneck built his residence at Ironton; and in 1904 he built another dwelling in Ironton.

He is a Lutheran member of the Unionville Lutheran congregation and he served it as a deacon.

He is a Democrat and in 1909 was elected one of the school directors of North Whitehall, and in 1911 he was re-elected for the four years' term under the new school code.

In 1895 he married Minnie A. Ritter, a daughter of William and Alphena (Wotring) Ritter. They have no issue.

David Schneck, son of John, died upon his 58-acre farm in North Whitehall. He also owned an 85-acre farm in Washington township. He was a deacon and an elder of the Lutheran congregation of the Unionville church. His widow, Fianna Handwerk, continues to live in North Whitehall. Their children are: Didama; Jane; Franklin D.; Senator; Mantana; Idella, and Edwin, of North Whitehall.

Abraham Schneck, son of John, was an extensive agriculturist, in North Whitehall. He was a Lutheran member of the Egypt church. His wife, Elizabeth Handwerk, bore him these children: Manasses; Rosa, deceased, was the wife of Elias Hantz, and they lived in Indiana; Fianna, m. H. Leibenguth; Rebecca, m. James

Kauffman, of Indiana; Mary, m. Calvin Peter, (and they occupy the Abraham Schneck homestead); Robert, of Catasauqua; Benjamin, of North Whitehall, and Harvey A., a cigar manufacturer, of Allentown.

Franklin D. Schneck, a farmer in North Whitehall, was born April 29, 1861. In 1885 he married and the following spring he began farming on a 30-acre tract which he bought from his father. In 1904 he bought eighteen acres of land lying adjacent to his farm. In 1885 he married Ellen Newhard, and they have these children: Henry; Morris; Etha; William; Helen; and Mamie.

Jonas Schneck, who died in 1856, is buried on the Unionville cemetery. He was a farmer in North Whitehall, owning part of the homestead of his father. His wife was Elizabeth Peter, a daughter of John Peter. They had these children: David and Fietta, who died young; Carolina, m. Reuben Deibert; Eli J.; and Israel.

ELI J. SCHNECK, a furniture manufacturer and successful business man of Allentown, was born on the family homestead, near Schnecksville, May 9, 1840. At the age of fifteen years he learned the cabinet making trade, which he pursued as a journeyman until 1881, at which time he became a member of the firm of Schlegel, Ziegenfuss and Co., manufacturers of parlor frames and marble top tables. In 1884, after a disastrous fire the firm went out of business. Mr. Schneck formed a partnership with G. H. Baer, under the firm name of E. J. Schneck & Co. They continued until in 1887 when Mr. Baer withdrew from the firm and Mr. Schneck admitted his sons: H. G. and C. J., under the present firm name of E. J. Schneck & Sons. Their factory is located at 1025 and 1027 North street, and the firm employs upwards of thirty people.

Mr. Schneck and family are actively identified with the Trinity United Evangelical church, of Allentown. He was married in 1860 to Susanna C. Baer, a daughter of Charles Baer. The following children are born to them: Harry G., Charles J., m. to Lizzie Kutz, and they have Florence and Myrtle; George U., m. to Annie Kohl, and they have a son, Charles; and Ida, who died in 1862.

Moses Schneck was born at Schnecksville, in 1828. He was a son of Daniel Schneck, who was a grandson of the pioneer. Moses Schneck manufactured buggies and wagons at Schnecksville until his removal to Allentown where he was the proprietor of the old Eagle Hotel, at Seventh and Hamilton streets for many years. In 1868 he moved to Philadelphia, and rented the St. Charles Hotel, on Third, near Arch street, conducting the same for twenty-five years.

He sold out there and rented the Davis Hotel at Delaware avenue and Market streets, and this hostelry he conducted until his death on March 28, 1903, aged 75 years. He was one of the oldest hotel men in Eastern Pennsylvania. His family, including his father and son, Oliver J., have been continuously in the hotel business in 1800, a period of 114 years.

He was married, first, to Elizabeth Gross, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Peter) Gross. She died in 1857. They had four children of whom Margaret, Richard, and Joseph died in infancy; and Oliver James, whose history follows. Moses Schneck was married to his second wife, Mrs. Leanna (Kern) Kleppinger, the widow of Tilghman Kleppinger. They had Joseph, who died, aged three years; and George, who died, aged 42 years, unmarried, and was a hotel-keeper in Philadelphia.

OLIVER JAMES SCHNECK, a retired citizen of Allentown, was born at Schnecksville, this county, Aug. 15, 1851. After the completion of his education in the common schools he entered the hotel business with his father at Allentown, and later at Philadelphia. In the year 1887 he located in Oklahoma where he was engaged in the cattle business for five years when his father died and he removed to Philadelphia, to assume charge of his father's business and he continues to conduct that hotel up to the present time. Mr. Schneck also deals in real estate in Eastern Pennsylvania. He owns the old Kline farm of ninety-four acres, situated on the Little Lehigh river, and there he carries on the poultry business in connection with general farming. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, the B. P. O. E., and in politics is a Republican.

In his extensive travels over the county he acquired large real estate holdings. In Coke county, Texas, he owns a section one mile square, comprising 640 acres; in Lee county, Texas, he owned 225 acres, up to 1913, when he sold it. In Cawley county, Kansas, he owns a section of land, comprising 640 acres. At one time he had leased 60,000 acres of land from the Cherokee Indians, located in the Cherokee strip, now embraced in Oklahoma. He paid a rental three and one-half cents per acre, and the lease was protected by the federal government. At one time he had the care of 20,000 head of sheep for Swift & Company, Chicago. They paid him 50 cents per head.

In the year 1887 he was married, at Philadelphia, to Mary A. Goldin, *nee* Stettler, of Allentown. She was the widow of Dr. Charles Goldin, and they had two children: Charles, m. Annie Brobst. They live at Allentown; and Gussie C., married to G. H. Wartman, deceased.



They have one son, George H. Wartman, Jr., who is the manager of Mr. Schneck's hotel at Philadelphia. Mrs. Wartman married, as her second husband, John H. Hartman, a real-estate dealer in Philadelphia.

Thomas Schneck, was a mail carrier between Allentown and Slatington. Later he engaged in the hotel business, conducting a hotel at Walnutport, Berks county, Pa., for many years. From there he removed private to Chapmans Station, where he lived about six months. In 1885 he bought the Sherersville hotel in South Whitehall township and this stand he conducted only four weeks when he died. He was succeeded to the ownership of the property and the business by his oldest son, Walter S.

The following were his children: Bella; Annie, m. Daniel Limebach; Walter S.; Laura, m. George Heist; Richard, of Hamburg, Pa.; and Ella, died unmarried, aged 23 years.

WALTER S. SCHNECK in earlier life was a clerk in a store at Slatington, after which he learned the painting trade and followed it in a number of the western states. After the death of his father in 1885, he became the owner and proprietor of the Sherersville hotel, which he conducted until his death on Sept. 5, 1891, in his 27th year of age. He is buried at the Jordan Lutheran church, and there his widow and children are still members.

On March 27, 1888, he was married to Jane A. Kuhns, a daughter of Elias and Hettie (Roth) Kuhns, of South Whitehall. Their children are Annie, a dressmaker; and Dilla, the wife of Frank Fenstermacher. They have a son, Lawrence W.

#### SCHNURMAN FAMILIES.

Meyer and Henry Schnurman, brothers, were natives of Schnieheim, Amt Ettenheim, Baden, Germany. Meyer was born in 1803, and died Dec. 20, 1865. He emigrated in the year 1854, and for a short time was a peddler and afterwards he sold merchandise from a wagon. He was an extensive horse dealer and had stables in New York. His salesmen operated in Canada and throughout the West. He sold horses to the government during the Civil War; and shipped many head annually to England and the different countries of Europe for a period of years.

It is said that his word was as good as a bond. He was a national bank director and owned much real estate in Allentown, where he lived for many years at 524 Linden street. His daughter, Hannah, now occupies the homestead.

He married Sarah Newberger, at Schnieheim, and there their oldest child was born. She died in 1886, aged 75 years. Their children were:

Mena, m. Morris Wertheimer; Samuel, became his father's successor and died, unmarried; Hannah, is a maiden; Carolina, m. George Nonnemacher, both deceased; and Barbara, widow of Frank Polaski, of Paterson, N. J.

Henry Schnurman was born July 8, 1809, and emigrated to the United States in 1830. He first located at Bunker Hill, Pa., and followed peddling of merchandise in Bucks county. There he married Clementine, daughter of Thomas and Ann Penrose, Quakers. Later he was a merchant at Bunker Hill and there two of his children died of scarlet fever of which there prevailed an epidemic in that section. The two children were buried on the Quaker cemetery at Quakertown. Early in the forties he engaged in the general store business in Allentown, at the corner of Seventh and Hamilton streets, on the site now occupied by Shankweiler & Lehr. Through the great fire of 1848, he became the originator of the famous fire sales. After the fire he purchased the property at the corner of Hall and Hamilton streets, a three-story brick building, which was at that time the largest mercantile house in the city. It is now occupied by Kuhns and Kerschner, leading clothiers. He was part owner with his nephew, Joshua Schnurman, in the ownership and operation of the well-known "Blue Jacket" flour mills, situated on the site of the horse bazaar and the Yeager Furniture Co., on Lehigh street. He also operated a gypsum mill which was situated along that creek, opposite the grist-mill. This product the farmers used extensively as a fertilizer.

He was also a part owner of the Zinzendorf flour mill at South Bethlehem; had large real estate holdings in the Eighth ward, Allentown; was a director of the Allentown National Bank, and one of the very substantial and able business men of Allentown. He died March 8, 1875, and is buried on the Union cemetery.

He was a Hebrew by faith, nevertheless very tolerant in his views. His home was frequently opened to meetings of the Friends Society, of which his wife was a member. He and his wife were pew-holders of the First Presbyterian church, where their children regularly attended the Sabbath school. His wife, Clementine, was born in 1810, and died Feb. 13, 1890. They had issue, viz: Araminda, m. Joseph Schnurman; Rachel, m. Bartholomew Wurtwaugh; Belle D., m. A. S. Grim; Henry F., of New York City; Anna Matilda, married Simon A. Feldman.

Joseph Schnurman, a nephew of Meyer and Henry Schnurman, came from the same place in Germany as his uncles. He was born in 1828, and emigrated to America in 1849, locating at Allentown, and there for some years followed

peddling. Later he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. He was an extensive horse dealer, selling thousands to the government during the Civil War. He had large sales stables in Brooklyn, in which city he lived twelve years. Upon his return to Allentown, after the war, he became associated with his brother, Joshua, in the conduct of the Blue Jacket and the Zinzendorf flour-mills. In 1877 he took charge of the clothing store of his father-in-law, which was conducted under the name of Schnurman, Roth & Co., and continued doing so until his death in 1893. He is buried on Fairview cemetery.

He was a successful merchant, and an extensive real estate operator and builder, erecting many houses during a depression in business in 1883. His laborers and the mechanics agreed to take merchandise in return for their hire. This marked the beginning of the trading system in Allentown.

His first wife was Jane Yerkes, daughter of Jonathan Yerkes, of Bethlehem, Pa., and a sister of the wife of Rev. Dr. A. R. Horne. She died about one year after their marriage, without issue.

His second wife was Araminda Schnurman, daughter of Henry Schnurman. She died in August, 1910. Their children were: Harry J.; William P.; Clementine A., m. Gerhard Meyer; Edith M., m. Joseph Sieger; and Carl H. They all reside in Allentown.

Harry J. Schnurman, the proprietor of the Allentown Trading Stamp Co., was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1865.

In 1897 he opened up the first trading stamp company in Allentown, and conducted the oldest trading-stamp company in the country. His business is located at 10-12 North Sixth street.

He is a member of the following orders: Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Woodmen; the Heptesophs; the Maccabees, and the I. O. B. B.

He married Mary I. Laudenslager. She died on May 28, 1912, aged forty-four years. Their two children are: Harold H., of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Joseph L.

Joshua Schnurman, another nephew of Meyer and Henry Schnurman, was born at Schnieheim, Germany, Oct. 16, 1821, and he came to the United States in 1849, locating at Allentown, and the following year he married Leah Hoffman, also of Schnieheim. He followed peddling for a short time and then started wholesale peddling by wagon, selling to the country stores. During the fifties he engaged in the wholesale and retail dry goods business at No. 710 Hamilton street, after being in business until about 1866 he and his uncle, Henry Schnurman, bought

the Blue Jacket flour mill. He continued in the milling business until the mill was destroyed by fire on March 23, 1882. In 1884 he went in the millinery and ladies' fancy goods business at No. 737 Hamilton street, where he continued until about 1895, when he sold it to his son-in-law, A. Samuels. He died on June 1, 1897. His wife died Feb. 24, 1894, aged 69 years, less 4 days. Their children were: Nathaniel, who died April 14, 1889; Llewellyn, who died May 14, 1895; Emily, m. Harvey Harlocher; Israel, of Allentown; and Maggie, the wife of Abraham Samuels. She is a graduate of the Allentown high school, class 1881, a member of the board of public charities; a member of the Playground Associations and a member of the Hospital Auxiliary.

#### SCHOCK FAMILY.

Johan Jacob Schock crossed the Atlantic on the ship "Neptune," which qualified at Philadelphia Oct. 7, 1755. In the list of passengers, as furnished the Provincial authorities, the name is given as Jacob Schock, the name Joh. or Johan before the Jacob (the name by which he was known) being omitted. He settled in what was then Bern township, Berks county, Pa., now included in the territory of Tilden township, near St. Michael's Church. In 1759 he paid one pound tax, and his name on the tax list is given as Johan Schock.

J. Michael Schock, son of the imigrant ancestor was a farmer and he owned the farm now a part of the estate of Daniel Loose in Tilden township. He was married to a Himmelberger, and their children were: Jacob (of Schuylkill county, who had three sons: Michael, Jacob and Thomas); Philip (of Union county, who reared a large family); Samuel (of Union county, who also had a large family); Daniel (of Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, whose daughter married Solomon Kemmerer); George (of Upper Bern township, who had seven children: Nathan, Benneville, Charles, Moses, Elias, William and Willoughby); John (of Snyder county, who reared a large family); and Michael.

Michael Schock, son of J. Michael, was born in 1788, and he died in 1865, at the age of seventy-seven years, two months and ten days. He followed farming, owning a tract of 160 acres in Upper Bern township, two miles from St. Michael's Church, now owned by his grandson, Frank Schock. This land has been in the Schock name since 1824. Michael Schock left an estate of \$32,000. He married Elizabeth Nunnemacher, born in 1797, died in July, 1883, aged eighty-five years, eleven months and one

day. Their children were: Jesse; Maria (born in 1821, married Israel Miller, and died April 2, 1907, aged eighty-six years, eight months and sixteen days); Elizabeth (born in 1822, died aged fifty-eight years, ten days); Caroline (born in 1833, died in 1886, aged fifty-three years, ten days); Frank (born in 1818, died in 1896, aged sixty-eight years); Reuben (born in 1824, and mentioned below); Elias (born 1830, died in 1904, aged seventy-four years, four months and nine days); and Amanda (married William Potteicher).

Reuben Schock, son of Michael, was born in Upper Bern township Sept. 5, 1824, and his long life has been active and useful. He was brought up to farming. He was but two years of age when taken to the Schock homestead, and there he lived until he was twenty-eight years old. Then he married and for four years he worked as a farm laborer, after which he spent a like period keeping a general store at Centreport. The next ten years he spent at farming in Bern township, and in 1872 he went to West Leesport where he lived retired for five years. In 1877 he again engaged in the mercantile business at that place, and six years later he retired again. He is one of the substantial citizens. He is a Republican, and has served in township offices.

He married Anna Maria Rentschler, daughter of Johan, and granddaughter of Johan George Rentschler. She was born March 19, 1832, and died in 1898. They had two daughters and one son: Isabella (married to Samuel K. Schrack) and Rebecca (who married Gideon Stoudt), and John (who married Sallie Kissel, and has six children: Charles, Minnie, Sallie, Cora, John and Helen).

Benneville S. Schock, son of George and grandson of J. Michael Schock, lived in Upper Bern township (now a part of Tilden). He married Susanna Faust, and of their eight sons two survive, namely: Pharus F. (of Sanatoga, Montgomery county); and Alfred S. (who resides on the old Schock homestead in Tilden, near St. Michael's Church).

Leonard F. Schock, son of Benneville and Susanna, was born Aug. 22, 1841, on the old Schock homestead in Upper Bern. His education was acquired in St. Michael's parochial school near home, and there he learned to read and write German. Between the ages of nine and eleven he attended school at Pottsville to learn English, boarding with his uncle, Frederick Ohnmacht. At the parochial school his teacher was Mathias Blatt, and here he was expected to attend regularly for three months each year,

except on such days as he was obliged to remain at home to ride the horses to tread out the wheat and oats. There was great rejoicing among the boys in the family when free schools were introduced and the school house was erected about a mile from the homestead, for then they could carry their dinner to school and have the noon hour to play. At the age of sixteen he was confirmed in the Lutheran church, and at eighteen his father gave him his time, permitting him to choose between learning a trade and going to school. He chose school, being anxious to obtain enough education to become a school-master, a profession which in those days was of more consequence than at the present. He afterward attended the Reading Institute and in 1860 taught his first school in Bern township, 100 days for \$100. He taught a few pupils in the German language and was obliged to set all copy books himself. The writing books were made from foolscap paper by either parents or teacher. In 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864 he taught in Penn township, where he received \$100 for 88 days. In the meantime he had advanced his own studies in Freeland Seminary now Ursinus College) at Collegeville, and in the Cumberland Valley Institute at Mechanicsburg. In 1865 he taught the Tuscarora High School at \$50 per month; 1866, New England; 1867, Lewistown; 1868 and 1869, New England, and received \$65 per month.

After serving for a time as clerk for Elias Leinbach, in Bern township he took charge of the Reading railway station for the towns of Leesport and West Leesport and did all the work as telegrapher and freight handler. Three men are now required to do this work. He continued in the employ of the railroad for nearly forty years until his death, which occurred in December of 1907, after a short illness from typhoid fever. During the time he became financially interested in a number of enterprises which were quite successful, and he left a large estate.

He was active in church and Sunday-school work. He was a member of the Free Masons, Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodges. He is buried at the Trinity Union church in Leesport, which he served as deacon and elder.

He was twice married, first to Lydia Kaufman of Center township, who died, leaving one child, Katie (married to Dr. C. O. Collins, of West Leesport); and second to Mary, daughter of Abraham Kaufman, who survives him.

Jesse Schock, son of Michael, was born in 1819, and he died in 1893, aged seventy-four years. He was married to Rebecca Heimmel-

berger, who died in 1882, aged fifty-eight years. They were Lutherans and are buried at Bernville, where they died. Mr. Schock was a farmer, and owned two large farms, one in Upper Bern and the other in Heidelberg township, Berks county. Their children were: Ellen (wife of Frank Staudt, who lived at Bernville); Theetta (who died unmarried); and Emerson F.

EMERSON F. SCHOCK was born near Bernville, Berks county, Pa., August 1, 1852; educated in the Bernville schools; graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1878; read law in the office of the Hon. Jacob Longnecker at Allentown, and was admitted to the Lehigh County Bar on June 5, 1882. He became the leading pension agent of the county, was alderman for several terms of the Fourth Ward, and an active member of the Liberty Fire Company of Allentown. He was a Republican. His death occurred April 19, 1909, aged fifty-seven years. He is buried on the West End Cemetery.

On May 15, 1880, he married Mary Elizabeth Bortz, of Lehigh county. They have two children: Florence R. and Robert R. Florence is a graduate of the Allentown High School, class 1898, and is an accomplished pianist. She resided in the homestead with her mother at No. 328 North Eighth street, Allentown, until 1912, when she married, and removed with her husband from the city.

#### CHARLES LINCOLN SCHOENLY.

Charles Lincoln Schoenly, of Allentown, Pa., is a grandson of Jacob Schoenly, who resided at Powder Valley, Lehigh county, where he followed farming and milling. Jonathan Schoenly, the father of Charles L., was born and raised in Lehigh county. He was a miller by trade and followed the huckstering business for a number of years. He and his wife, who was Hannah George, a daughter of Abraham George, of Montgomery county, are buried at Old Zionsville Lutheran church. They are the parents of the following children: Katie, deceased; David, salesman at Philadelphia; Anna, deceased; Rebecca, wife of John Schiffert; Irwin, deceased; Emanuel, printer of Allentown; Sallie, wife of Joshua Hill, a letter-carrier of Trenton, N. J.; Ella, deceased; Charles L.; Grant, a salesman at Dayton, N. J.; Cora, wife of Mr. Diener, of Topton, Pa.; and Emma, wife of Henry Fried, of Allentown. Charles L. Schoenly was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 25, 1866. He received his education in the public schools of Zionsville, Pa. He learned the harness-making trade with J. F. Smith, at Old Zionsville, and followed this occupation five years. For three years he was employed by the Ellis & Lessig

Steel Co., in the cut-nail department. In 1889 he entered the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company, of Allentown, where he was employed for twenty-one years, having been at the head of the galvanizing department for 18 years. For a short time he was employed as engineer of the West End Silk Mill, and in 1911 he became the engineer at Muhlenberg College, which position he has since filled. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and belongs to the following social organizations: P. O. S. of A. and Owls. In 1885 he married Catharine Sacks, daughter of Oliver and Catharine (Weider) Sacks. To them three children were born: Effie Jane, married to Harry Boyer, electrician, of Bethlehem. Issue: Harry Newton; Clyde Newton, mechanical dentist at Utica, N. Y., married to Pauline Carlson. Issue: Newton Carlson; Miriam Valaria, at home.

#### SCHOLL FAMILY.

Balthazar Scholl arrived at Philadelphia on the ship *Louisa*, which sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on Nov. 8, 1752, with a brother, John Peter Scholl. He settled in Milford township, now Lower Milford, Lehigh county, where he was assessed £5 in 1762. On June 10, 1759, Susanna, daughter of Balthazar and Maria Elizabeth Scholl, was baptized at the Lutheran church in Lower Milford, near Dillingersville, of which he and his wife were members. Services were held there from 1740 to 1793, and their names appear as communicants from 1760 to 1764. On this occasion the sponsors were David and Susanna Streib. About 1770, Balthazar Scholl removed to Salisbury township, where he is taxed in 1772, £2.5.4. He owned about 150 acres of land, purchased from James Allen, in the vicinity of the present borough of South Allentown.

His son, David Scholl, received the homestead from his father and resided there until his death. David Scholl married Elizabeth Diefenderfer and had children: Margaret, born Sept. 14, 1792; Catharine, born April 12, 1795; David, born 1797, and Jacob. David Scholl, Jr., married Mary Scholl and died in 1830. His son, Henry Scholl, married Adeline Moyer, and had children: Augustus H.; George P.; John W., of Creston, Wayne county, Ohio; Tillie, married William A. Rau; and Annie, married John Lynn.

AUGUSTUS H. SCHOLL, son of Henry, was born in Salisbury township, July 19, 1859. He attended the township schools and remained upon his father's farm until 1894, when he purchased a farm in Hanover township, commenced farming, and continued until 1903, when he sold it and removed to Allentown, where he remained

two years, and then removed to Hanover township, near Rittersville, where he now resides. In July, 1903, he was appointed carrier on rural route, No. 4, from the Allentown postoffice, which position he still fills, and serves 220 families, covering daily 24.8 miles of the best farming district in the county, in Hanover township. He is a member and deacon of St. Paul's Reformed church in the Fourteenth ward, Allentown, and has been for many years treasurer of Branch No. 35, Rural Carriers' Association.

Mr. Scholl married, in 1879, Mary Knecht, who died in 1884. They had two children: Clara M., wife of William Schultz, of Milford, N. J.; and Rachel D., wife of Harry M. Deibert, of Rittersville. He married the second time, in 1885, Aquilla E. Rudolph. They had five children: Jennie M., wife of Edgar T. Miller, a storekeeper, of Milford, N. J.; Adeline L.; Fred H.; Mary A.; and John H., deceased.

David Scholl, probably a son of John Peter, removed from the Cedar creek near Griesemersville to a small tract of land near Merkel's Mill, Richmond township, Berks county. Tradition has it that he was a millwright and that he was born in the Fatherland. He was married to Christina Ehro, and according to the Federal census in 1790 they had two sons, one of whom was above sixteen years of age, and one daughter.

Jacob, a son of David, was born in Richmond township, April 3, 1774, and was married to Anna Maria Adolph. He was a shoemaker by trade. They lived in Coxtown (now Fleetwood) where he kept the old tavern and made shoes. They were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a number of children, among whom were: George, William, Charles, Jacob, and Caroline.

Charles Scholl, son of Jacob, was born at Fleetwood, May 12, 1811, and died at Allentown, Oct. 15, 1881. He was a tailor by trade. In 1833, he came to Allentown and opened a merchant tailor store on Hamilton street, which he conducted for many years.

In 1848, he removed to Ohio, where he remained some years, but returned to Allentown and continued tailoring until 1854, when he removed to Worman's Spring, nearby, where he remained four years. He was subsequently employed on a railroad for five years and also conducted a hotel in the First Ward, Allentown. He served as a councilman from that ward as a Republican. He was at first a member of the Lutheran Church, but later joined the Reformed Church, and was affiliated with the Odd Fellows. He married Harriet, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Kerchner) Knipe, of Lehigh county. Mrs. Scholl died in October, 1906, aged 87

years. They had ten children: Jacob H., married Anna Trexler; Walter C.; Emma, married Joseph Seal; Griffith A.; Anna, married Winfield Snyder; William P.; Ella, married Dr. Filbert Van Buskirk; Theodore J.; Allen; and Mary, who died in infancy.

WALTER J. SCHOLL, a retired contractor of Allentown, was born in the city, Feb. 20, 1838. He was educated in the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen years; then he entered the printing office of A. L. Ruhe as apprentice to learn this occupation, and he continued there until he was nineteen years old. But this pursuit was too sedentary for him, so he was obliged to abandon it and take up the trade of carpenter, which he learned under David Schwartz, of Allentown, and afterward followed until 1863. He then enlisted for three months as a private in Co. D, of the 41st Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf., but the company was discharged after a service of eight weeks.

Upon his return home he resumed working at his trade of carpenter, which he followed as a journeyman until 1911, when he retired. During this time, however, he was engaged for three years as a building contractor.

Mr. Scholl has affiliated with Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., and E. B. Young Post, No. 87, G. A. R. He has been a member of the United Brethren church of Allentown since 1869, which he has served as a trustee. He has also taken an interest in the Sunday school and filled the office of treasurer.

He married, May 13, 1860, Sophia Focht, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Focht. She died in 1911. They had two children: Charles E. G., married Rosa Wieand, and has a daughter, Mamie; and Minnie A., married Frank A. Ruhe, and has two daughters, Florence and Irene. He and wife celebrated their golden wedding, May 13, 1910.

THEODORE J. SCHOLL, alderman of the First ward, was born in Allentown, Feb. 12, 1853. He received his education in the public schools of Allentown, the Allentown Academy, and Muhlenberg College. In 1869, he went to Reading to serve as a machinist apprentice. In 1871, he entered into the employ of Curtis & Fay, railway spike manufacturers at Allentown, and continued in their employ for twenty-eight years. In 1881, he was made foreman of the shop and continued until 1900, when the firm abandoned the making of spikes, and sold out to the American Steel & Wire Company. Mr. Scholl continued in the employ of the new company for one year, when he was elected alderman for the First ward. Five years later he was re-elected. Since his first election in 1901, he has heard many cases. His



office is located at 44 North Second street. In politics he is a Republican, and has served on the executive committee of the city for four years. He is a member of the Knights of Friendship, Knights of the Mystic Chain, and the Royal Arcanum. On June 18, 1870, he was married to Sarah A. Nagel, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hamilton) Nagel. They had eight children: Hattie, who died in 1878; Edward H., of Allentown; Mamie E., married to William F. Koch; Harry G., of Allentown; Robert C., of Allentown; Florence M., single, at home; Blanche E., married to Arthur Ueberroth; and George W. H., of Allentown.

Mr. Scholl and his family are members of Christ Reformed church. Their home is located 237 North Second street. Mr. Scholl is a resident of the First ward since March 28, 1865.

#### J. NICHOLAS SCHRADER.

The early members of this family used the forms of Schrawder, Schreader, Schroeder, and Schrader, and a number were active participants in the Revolutionary War, among whom were Philip Schrawder and Mark Schreader. The former named served three years from Northampton county, being discharged at Trenton, New Jersey, January 18, 1781; on Nov. 12, 1782, he was the captain of a company of thirty-six men from Northampton county, and in February and May, 1784, he is of record as the captain of a company in the corps of Pennsylvania Infantry. The latter named, of Northampton county, in 1778, drew pay for four days' service under Colonel Wetzell, at the rate of fifteen shillings per day. In the Federal Census Report of 1790 of Berks county, are found the following members of the family: Engel Schroeder, lived in Oley township, had five sons and three daughters. Anthony Schroeder lived in Oley township, the only other occupant of his house being his wife. Christian Schroeder lived in Reading borough, had one son and one daughter. Frederick Schroeder lived in Philadelphia county, had one son and one daughter. Peter Schroeder was born March 1, 1750, died on May 1, 1835.

Benneville Schroeder was a millwright and farmer in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, where he died in 1903, aged eighty-six years. He married Magdalena Hill, who died in 1902, aged eighty-four years, and they had the following children: Adam H.; Louisa, married A. H. Schmeck; Susan, widow of Wilson Bortz.

Adam H. Schroeder, son of Benneville Schroeder, was born May 18, 1861. He was connected with the Bard Hardware Company, Reading, for nineteen years, when he associated himself with A. L. Frame in the coal business, and in 1906

he purchased the old Frame coal yard which he has conducted to the present time. He is prominently identified with a number of lodges, and for fifteen years was secretary of the Washington Fire Company, Reading. He resides in Wyomissing borough, which he assisted in organizing, and which he is serving in the capacity of school director. He was married, and has an only son, Walter, a tailor, at Reading.

Captain Isaac Schroeder, in 1861, raised a company of men at Friedensburg, Berks county, which was known as the "Washington Grays," which was mustered into the three months' service as Company C, Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

George Schroeder was a farmer in Alsace township, Berks county. He was married and among his children was John S., of whom further.

John S. Schroeder, son of George Schroeder, died in 1891. He was a prominent man in his community, and served as sheriff of Berks county from 1848 to 1850. He married Susan E. Boyer, who died in 1868, and they were the parents of ten children, all of whom with the exception of one attained years of maturity, namely: George, John, William, Charles, Francis, Louis, all of whom are deceased; Martha, married Daniel S. Keller, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; Lucy, widow of W. G. Bryson, of Philipsburg, Center county, Pennsylvania; Joseph, of Reading; Daniel E., a prominent lawyer of Reading, born there in 1842; he has been in active practice for forty years; married Clara L. Clark; children: Harry F., George F., Estella H.

Jacob Schrawder was a native of Berks county, but moved to Snyder county, settling at McKees Falls, where he made shoes and also conducted a shoe store. He married and among his children was Henry H.

Henry H. Schrawder, son of Jacob Schrawder, learned the trade of stone mason and plasterer, which he followed for many years, but is now living retired at Port Treverton, Snyder county, Pennsylvania. He served in the Civil War. He married Mary Weaver, daughter of David Weaver. Children: David, E. E., William, and Mrs. Clarence Hershey.

E. E. Schrawder, son of Henry H. Schrawder, was born at McKees Falls, Snyder county, Nov. 2, 1874. His first employment was as clerk in a store; later for two years he served in a bank at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and since 1904 has been a successful merchant at Shamokin. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he attained high degree. He married Mamie Shuman, and they are the parents of two children: J. Merrill and Thelma.



*J. H. Schuader*



Jacob Schrader, a prominent resident of Union county, Pennsylvania, removing there from Berks county, was the owner of considerable woodland in Snyder county. His wife bore him five children, as follows: Charles, of whom further; Isaac, died at Alburdis; Richard, moved out West; Jacob, resided in Union county; Catharine, became the wife of a Mr. Hein.

Charles Schrader, son of Jacob Schrader, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, across the river from Sunbury, April 11, 1816, died April 4, 1888, at Allentown, aged seventy-one years, was buried in the West End cemetery. He came to Lehigh county before his marriage, and throughout the active years of his life was a farmer at Trexlertown. He was a member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon. He married Judith Fritch, born Dec. 1, 1811, died Dec. 17, 1897, aged 86 years and 17 days. She was a daughter of Henry Fritch, of Longswamp township. Children: William, a contractor by occupation, died at Allentown; Horatio, a farmer by occupation, died at Trexlertown; Jonas Nicholas, of whom further; Mary H., became the wife of James F. Hunsicker; Sarah P., widow of J. George Snyder.

Jonas Nicholas Schrader, son of Charles Schrader, was born on the line of Berks and Lehigh counties, in Upper Macungie township, Sept. 16, 1846. He attended the public schools of his native township, the public schools of Reading, a private school at Easton, and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he graduated in 1865. He began his active career as a teacher in the schools of Upper Macungie, and acted in that capacity for nine terms. In 1871 he engaged in an entirely different line, becoming an ore contractor and continuing as such for about thirty years, employing as many as eighty-five men at a time, his operations being confined to various localities in eastern Pennsylvania. Since 1909 he had led a retired life. He is the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres in Lower Macungie, this being formerly the Samuel Albright farm, and in addition to this is the owner of real estate in Berks and Lehigh counties. Since 1869 he has been a resident of Breinigsville. He is the official secretary of the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, serving since 1891, and he is a director and one of the organizers of the Merchants' National Bank at Allentown. He is also engaged in the automobile business, and has the agency for the Maxwell and Hub cars for Lehigh county since 1914. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Trexlertown, in which he served as deacon four years; member of Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, Free and Accepted Masons,

of Trexlertown; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Council, No. 23, Royal and Select Masters; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, the last three at Allentown. Mr. Schrader has traveled extensively over the country, and during the year of the earthquake in California was in that state, having just departed from the city of San Francisco.

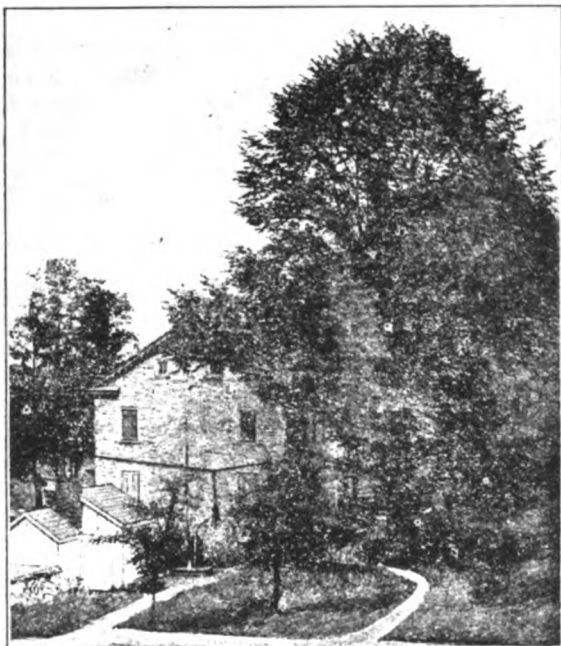
Mr. Schrader married, May 1, 1869, Sophia Helbert. Children: Ada M., first honor graduate of Allentown Female College, class of 1888; Minnie, died of diphtheria, aged three years, three months, three days.

#### SCHREIBER FAMILY.

John Jacob Schreiber, the ancestor of this family, was born in Niederbronn, Alsace, in 1699. In a record written by himself, it is stated that he married Anna Magdalena Roth on April 28, 1733, and left Niederbronn on May 4, 1733. In company with his wife's brother, Daniel Roth and his family, they sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship, "Hope," Daniel Reid, captain, and with 225 others arrived at Philadelphia on Aug. 28, 1733. He resided at Skippack, Montgomery county, several years before removing to Lehigh county, and his two eldest children were born there. His youngest son, John George Schreiber, was baptized in Lehigh county in 1740 and in that year, on September 22d, he secured a warrant for 150 acres along the Lehigh river, and on May 13, 1749, another for 100 acres. This land is now occupied by the borough of Coplay, and the plant of the Coplay Cement Company. John Jacob Schreiber died prior to Oct. 3, 1752, as on that day his son, Philip Jacob is described as the "son of the deceased Jacob Schreiber," in a church record. He was undoubtedly buried at Egypt, but the location of his grave is unknown. His widow, who was born in 1703, was still living in 1774, as on April 8th, of that year, she was sponsor at the baptism of a child.

Their children were three in number: Philip Jacob, Catharina Maria Magdalena, and John George. Catharina Maria Magdalena Schreiber was born in Skippack, Jan. 6, 1737. Her sponsors were John Shuck, and Anna Maria. She married, about 1755, John Peter Troxell, born April 3, 1719, died Jan. 25, 1799. Mrs. Troxell died March 9, 1806. They had seven children. Their names appear on the house built by Mr. Troxell in 1756 on his farm near Egypt. In 1768 he sold his farm to Peter Steckel and removed to Gwynned township, Philadelphia county. About 1777, he removed to Maryland and he and his wife are buried at Tom's Creek, Maryland.

John George Schreiber, youngest son of John Jacob, was born Dec. 6, 1739. He was baptized at the Jordan church, April 2, 1740, when his sponsors were: George Ruch and Eva Catharine, wife of Michael Hoffman. He settled in Allentown, where he was a shoemaker and also kept a store many years. He lived on South Seventh street, on the site of the Livingston Club. He died Nov. 6, 1800, and is buried in the old Allentown cemetery. He married Juliana Deshler, daughter of Adam Deshler. She was born May 7, 1746, and died March 12, 1840. They had no children.



SCHREIBER HOMESTEAD.

Philip Jacob Schreiber, eldest son of John Jacob, was born in Skippack township, Montgomery county, June 13, 1735, and was baptized on June 15th. The death of his father in middle age left him at the head of the family and responsibilities were early thrust upon him, which he readily met. He became one of the most prosperous farmers in Whitehall, and added to the holdings of the family. In 1764 he was assessed £10 on 250 acres of land and in 1768 he was taxed on 90 acres of cleared land and 310 acres of uncleared land, with three horses and three cows. He was a man of medium height, proportionately built, with auburn hair. A man of considerable energy, he possessed more than ordinary intelligence, and some of his account books still in existence show that he wrote a very neat

hand both in English and German. He was an elder and trustee of the Egypt Reformed congregation and in 1785 was a member of the building committee which erected the church, to which he contributed £20. In 1799, he erected a fine stone mansion on his property, which still stands. He died April 5, 1813, and is buried at Egypt. He married, May 1, 1759, Catharine Elizabeth Kern, daughter of George Kern, also of Whitehall township. She was born in Whitehall and baptized on June 28, 1741. She died Nov. 3, 1819. They had eleven children:

(1). Eva Catharine Schreiber, born May 7, 1761, died Sept. 16, 1846. She married, in May, 1788, Jacob Mickley, and had five children.

(2). John Peter Schreiber, born May 27, 1763, was a farmer in Whitehall and is said to have been the strongest man in his vicinity and at one time carried nine bushels of rye on his shoulders. He was six feet in height, and although a quiet and peaceful man, would frequently attend battalions and other entertainments, where he was invariably victorious over all comers. He died Aug. 24, 1834, and is buried at Egypt. He married, in 1803, Susanna Deshler, who died March 23, 1857. They had two daughters: Mary, married to Stephen Hagenbuch, who later removed to Ohio; and Amanda, wife of Aaron Dech, of near Rittersville.

(3). John Jacob Schreiber, second son of Philip Jacob, born July 1, 1765, died in childhood.

(4). Maria Magdalena Schreiber, born Jan. 29, 1767, married Oct. 16, 1790, Peter Deshler. She died Jan. 11, 1831. They had two sons and two daughters.

(5). Barbara Schreiber, born July 12, 1769, married, Nov. 27, 1798, Henry Miller, born April 24, 1768, died Aug. 30, 1833. She died Dec. 7, 1843. They had three sons: Jacob, Isaac and Henry, and two daughters: Mrs. George Lazarus and Mrs. David Meyer.

(6). John Schreiber, born Jan. 12, 1772, died young.

(7). Susanna Schreiber, born Feb. 4, 1775, died young.

(8). Susanna Schreiber, born July 14, 1777, married, March 13, 1801, Peter Ruch. He was prominent in militia circles, and became a brigadier general of militia. They had seven children: Elizabeth, died in infancy; Charles; William; David; Peter; Mary M., wife of Stephen Graff; and Capt. Thomas Ruch.

(9). Jacob Schreiber, born Jan. 3, 1780.

(10). Elizabeth Schreiber, born Sept. 7, 1782, died March 25, 1858. She married John Balliett, born 1784, died Feb. 1, 1854. They removed to Northumberland county, and had chil-

dren: Stephen, John, Jacob S., Levi, Josiah, William, Mrs. Nancy Straub, and Mary, married to John McNinch and John Clapp.

(11). Daniel Schreiber, born June 4, 1785.

Jacob Schreiber, son of Philip Jacob, was born in Whitehall, Jan. 3, 1780. When a boy, he, by an accident, lost the use of one of his eyes. After the death of his father, he became possessed of the homestead and half of the land, plus five acres, as that part of the farm was more hilly than the other part. As was customary, his older brother, Peter, should have received the homestead, but Jacob's choice of a helpmate with whom the father wished to make his home met his father's approval and he was favored. A release from his co-heirs shows that he paid £220 to each as their portion. Not being of robust health, he was obliged to lease much of the labor of the farm to others and later to his sons. He was a great lover of horses, and had quite a reputation as a horse doctor, being frequently called upon to relieve or cure animals in his own and adjoining townships. He also bought horses and took them to the New York markets. He opened up limestone quarries in the earlier days of iron manufacture and sold limestone to furnaces of the Lehigh Valley, transporting it by canal boats, and later by rail.

He was a strict disciplinarian and apt at times to be severe. After he became sixty years of age he became blind and remained so until his death. In the later years of his life he and his wife were fond of recalling old friends and relating incidents of the past. His abstemious way of living preserved him in fairly good health to his eighty-sixth year, and he died on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1865. He married Eve Catharine Leisenring, daughter of Conrad Leisenring and his wife, Catharine Grob. She was born Oct. 3, 1786, and died May 31, 1866. They are buried at Egypt. Mrs. Schreiber was possessed to an unusual degree of good judgment and common sense and was considered as a court of last resort by her family. She was a good house-keeper and skilled in the administration of the old household remedies. They had eight children:

(1). Anna Schreiber, the eldest child, was born Jan. 24, 1804. She married, Jan. 5, 1823, Jacob Roth, and died July 14, 1883. Their children were: Josiah, who married Salome Leisenring and had sons: Jacob P., and Alfred; Eliza Malvina, married (first) a Mr. Frankenhof, and (second) George Whitesell, of Bethlehem; Charlotte M., wife of Jacob Young; Jane, married (first) to Lewis Biery, and (second) to Matthew Kolb; Catharine, married to Thomas Kessler, of Bethlehem; Celia, married

to Reuben Snyder; and Sarah, wife of James Beers.

(2). Salome, second child of Jacob, was born Sept. 6, 1805. She married, April 3, 1831, Jacob Dillinger, who was a prominent citizen of Allentown, and held the positions of associate judge, member of the assembly, and president of the Allentown National Bank. She died at Allentown, Dec. 22, 1894. Their children were: Capt. John P. Dillinger; Margaret E., wife of Philip S. Pretz; Jacob S. Dillinger, Esq.; and Dallas Dillinger.

(3). Edward Schreiber, eldest son of Jacob, was born May 6, 1807. He was an ambitious and enterprising man, and after his marriage purchased a part of his father's farm, erected the necessary buildings and commenced farming for himself. He later built and operated a distillery in which he was very successful, and soon purchased a farm and distillery along the Little Lehigh at Allentown, which he conducted until about 1863, when the revenue tax became so high as to make it unprofitable. The distillery was then changed to a flour mill and did a large merchant milling business. In the meantime coal oil was discovered in western Pennsylvania, and he was one of the pioneers in that region and with his son, Peter, exploited several large tracts. Later, he purchased 5,000 acres of land in Minnesota, now Moorhead, opposite Fargo, at \$1.25 per acre, from the national government. In 1869, he travelled in Germany and France, bringing with him on his return, four stallions and one mare of the Percheron breed. This trip and a very stormy homeward voyage broke his heretofore rugged health, cancer of the stomach developed, and he died Sept. 18, 1871.

He married, March 26, 1833, Mary Magdalene, daughter of Peter Laubach. She was born Jan. 9, 1814, and died April 5, 1887. They had six children: Franklin J. Schreiber, born Dec. 23, 1833, assisted his father on the farm, and in the distillery, and in the milling business. In 1878 he removed to Moorhead, Minn., where he operated a farm of 2,080 acres. The principal products were spring wheat and oats. He also raised horses, cattle and hogs, and later installed a large dairy and made butter of the first quality, which he disposed of at fancy prices. He received prizes at the state dairymen's conventions, and was considered an authority in the agricultural councils of the state. He married Miss Sallie Harman, of Bloomsburg, Pa. They had no children. He met with an accidental death in 1889.

Peter Schreiber, second son of Edward, was born in Whitehall, Oct. 7, 1835. His earlier years were spent on his father's farm and in



1865 he entered the oil business, which he successfully followed for a number of years at Pithole, East Sandy, and Butler, and became one of the best known operators in the state. After a residence of several years at Pithole he removed to Oil City, where he remained until 1909, when he removed to Franklin. He died suddenly from apoplexy at his home on Feb. 13, 1913. His health had been seriously impaired from an injury received in a trolley wreck on May 30, 1910, from which he suffered intense pain, though he never complained and few were aware of it. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a manly man, loyal to his friends and a devoted husband and father. He married, May 20, 1874, Miss Caroline Foreman, at Milford, N. J. They had two children: Foreman H. Schreiber, of Frostburg, Md., and Mrs. D. Custer Moore, of Franklin, Pa.

John L. Schreiber, third son of Edward, was born Feb. 25, 1837. In early life he worked on his father's farm and later was engaged in slate and iron mining and lived at Shimersville. About 1890, he purchased the Mechling farm which he owned until his death. He was county commissioner for a term and a member of the State Board of Agriculture. For a number of years he managed farmers' institutes.

He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He married Mary, daughter of William Fenicle, and had five sons and two daughters: Edward, of Bangor; Margaret, who died aged 18; Jacob, who died at the age of 35; Alfred, of New York; Frank and Harry, of Shimersville; and Sallie. He died Nov. 10, 1902.

Amanda M., daughter of Edward Schreiber, was born Oct. 11, 1842. She married, Feb. 1, 1870, John E. Lentz, leading shoe manufacturer of Allentown. She died Nov. 30, 1885. Mr. Lentz was born Feb. 1, 1842, and died Nov. 19, 1902. They had two children: Mary E., married to John T. Little; and William S. Lentz, both deceased.

Mary Schreiber, daughter of Edward, was born Aug. 26, 1845, and died June 13, 1865.

Sarah J. Schreiber, youngest daughter of Edward, was born Dec. 19, 1847. She married W. H. Mechling, a wholesale dealer in spices, of Philadelphia, and has two sons: Benjamin and Edward.

Catharine Schreiber, third daughter of Jacob Schreiber, was born March 12, 1812. She married, in 1835, Joseph Eberhard, and resided many years on a farm along the Coplay creek in North Whitehall. They had three children: a son, who died in infancy, and two daughters: Maria, who married, Dec. 24, 1867, Jacob Lich-

tenwalner; and Amanda, wife of Josiah G. Albright.

Mrs. Eberhard was a woman of great strength of mind, fearless and resolute. She lived to the age of 95 years, less one day, and died March 11, 1907. She was blind for fourteen years, but notwithstanding this affliction, loved to converse about the past. She possessed a wonderful memory and the writer wishes to record his indebtedness to her for many facts concerning the old families of Whitehall.

Maria Schreiber, fourth daughter of Jacob, was born in 1816. She married, Oct. 18, 1853, Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs, D.D., one of the most beloved and well known Reformed pastors in eastern Pennsylvania. She was an invalid many years and died, Jan. 25, 1894. Dr. Dubbs died Nov. 7, 1897, aged 71 years. They had no children.

Owen L. Schreiber, second son of Jacob, was born Jan. 9, 1820. After the death of his father he obtained the old homestead, where he resided. He was twice candidate for state senator, and active in politics. He was one of the organizers of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society and served as treasurer from 1852 to 1855, and as president from 1860 to 1869, and again from 1871 to 1873. He was a lover of fine stock and a good horseman. He was active in the Reformed church, serving as elder, as delegate to the church councils and synods and was for some years a trustee of the theological seminary at Lancaster. He died July 27, 1886. Mr. Schreiber married, Dec. 23, 1847, Miss Louisa S. Dubbs, daughter of Rev. Joseph S. Dubbs, D.D. They had five children.

Jacob O. Schreiber, his eldest son, was born Oct. 3, 1849, and died June 23, 1861. A boy of eleven years, he assisted his brother in watering the cattle in the Lehigh river. The horse which Jacob was riding, wishing to cool himself, as it was very warm, went in deeper than usual, and the boy was lifted off by the current. Not being able to swim, he was drowned, and his body was recovered by a canal boatman.

JOSEPH DUBBS SCHREIBER, second son of Owen L., was born Feb. 9, 1852. After receiving a common school education in the schools of the vicinity, he was employed by his father until the age of twenty-six years, when he went to Moorehead, Minn., as foreman of a large wheat farm. He made the journey there in a freight train with a car loaded with nine horses household goods and farm implements, and was nine days on the way. He remained there five years, until December, 1882. Upon his return from the West, he purchased with his mother, a farm formerly owned by his great uncle, Peter

Schreiber, which he cultivated until 1890, when they bought the Yundt farm, north of Allentown. This farm he operated until 1907, when it was sold and he removed to 136 North Madison street, Allentown. Mr. Schreiber was at one time the owner of a fine herd of Red Polled cattle, which he established and bred, and which were much admired by stock fanciers. He has served as deacon and elder of the Reformed church at Coplay for eight years, and is now elder of Salem Reformed church, Allentown, and has been a delegate to classis and synod.

He married, in 1882, Miss Annie R. Rothacker, a daughter of Henry Rothacker, of Philadelphia. They had two children: Henry Jacob, born Dec. 2, 1885, and died Oct. 17, 1909; and Margaret Louisa, born May 9, 1892.

The remaining children of Owen L. Schreiber are: Susan E.; Mary E., wife of G. A. Merkle, who has two children: Katharine and Robert G.; and Emma L. Schreiber, who died Aug. 28, 1899, aged 30 years.

Eliza Julia Schreiber, fifth daughter of Jacob, was born July 15, 1822. She married, June 19, 1849, Aaron G. Reninger, a leading merchant of Allentown. She died Aug. 1, 1898. Mr. Reninger was born Nov. 27, 1815, and died March 29, 1894. They had five children: Jacob S.; Theodore D.; Lizzie S., married to Charles Bachman, deceased, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Edward H.; and Margaret, married to John E. Lentz, since deceased.

Malvina Schreiber, youngest daughter of Jacob, was born Jan. 23, 1826, and died Feb. 8, 1875. She never married, but ministered to the wants of her aged parents and was greatly beloved by all her relatives.

Daniel Schreiber, third son of Philip Jacob Schreiber, and brother of Jacob, was born June 4, 1785. He became the owner of the southern half of his father's farm which he cultivated until his death, Dec. 9, 1857. He married, June 19, 1808, Barbara Leisenring, daughter of Conrad and sister to the wife of his brother. She was born Sept. 20, 1788, and died Oct. 11, 1865. They had children: Reuben, Aaron, Maria, Theresa, Daniel, David, Peter, Abylonia, Sarah, Christiana, and Caroline.

Reuben Schreiber, eldest son of Daniel, was born Dec. 6, 1808, and died April 5, 1873. He became possessed of the larger part of his father's farm which he cultivated some time until he sold the land fronting along the river, with the buildings, to the Thomas Iron Company, at \$1,000.00 per acre, and erected new buildings on the remainder. He married, Feb. 10, 1833, Sarah, daughter of John Nicholas Troxell. She was

born Oct. 25, 1809, and died Nov. 22, 1879. They had eight children:

1. Caroline, born Feb. 19, 1835, and died Sept. 22, 1904.

2. Henry Peter, born Sept. 13, 1838, died Sept. 17, 1905.

3. Joseph Daniel, born Sept. 13, 1838, died Aug. 27, 1903. He was many years a salesman in dry goods stores, and at one time was in the business under the firm name of Miller & Schreiber. He married Miss Celia Boas, who died suddenly, Feb. 20, 1902. They had no children.

4. Edmund T. Schreiber was born in 1845, and died in 1889. As a young man he acquired a knowledge of the drug business in the drug store of Dr. Barnes, and later opened a drug store on North Seventh street, which he conducted successfully. He married Miss Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of Charles Weaver, and had two sons: Edmund R., and Franklin C.

5. William P. was born in 1846, and died suddenly in Philadelphia, Nov. 29, 1901, where he had resided since 1873. He was in business with his brother, John, and later in the men's furnishing store of Hahn, Wetherhold & Schreiber at 531 Market street, Philadelphia. He never married.

6. John D. Schreiber was born in 1847, and died Nov. 20, 1902. In 1862 he came to Allentown and clerked in various stores for four years. He formed a partnership under the firm name of Miller, Schreiber & Company, who conducted the first store for the sale of dry goods exclusively, in Allentown. Subsequently as Schreiber Brothers, located at 634 Hamilton street, the firm was burned out in 1870 and discontinued business. He was then employed as a salesman and later as a druggist. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married, first, Miss Addie Schell, who died soon after marriage, and second, in 1889, Miss Alice Bear, who had one daughter, Edna May.

The two youngest children of Reuben were: Leanna T., who never married; and Martin N., a jeweler, born Feb. 28, 1852, died Aug. 14, 1877.

Aaron Schreiber, second son of Daniel, was born Aug. 12, 1810, and died Feb. 12, 1888. He cultivated a farm at Coplay and was also for a time in the butchering business. He married Catharine Biege, who was born Jan. 25, 1813, and died Dec. 2, 1887. They had two children: James T., and Maria B., of Coplay.

Salome Schreiber, daughter of Daniel, was born Dec. 5, 1814, and died April 17, 1873, unmarried. Daniel Schreiber, son of Daniel, was born Nov. 1, 1816, and died Sept. 14, 1875. He

owned and cultivated a farm of about forty acres which was the western part of the Schreiber tract. He was married, first, to Rebecca Meyer, born Nov. 4, 1817, died Dec. 12, 1857. They had seven children, four of whom died young. Those who lived to maturity were: Rosanna, wife of Charles D. C. Troxell; Josephine, wife of Thomas J. Butz; and Sabina, wife of Abel Witman. He married, second, Sarah Siegfried Smith. Their children were: Daniel I.; Ellen S., wife of Dr. A. J. Becker, of Catasauqua; and Minnie, married to Preston M. Snyder.

David Schreiber, son of Daniel, Sr., was born March 11, 1829, and died June 9, 1858. The other children of Daniel, Sr., were: Maria, born Oct. 11, 1819, died April 24, 1855; Christiana, born June 10, 1824, died Jan. 5, 1877, who married Joseph Troxell, of Catasauqua; Abbie, who married Samuel Koehler; and Theresa, born in 1821, died Dec. 4, 1898, who married William Borger, of Northampton, and had three sons: William J., of New York; Preston; and Alfred D. Borger.

DANIEL I. SCHREIBER, street commissioner of Coplay, son of Daniel, was born in Whitehall township, Sept. 4, 1860. His youth was spent upon his father's farm, until he was eighteen years of age, after which he was employed for two years by his uncle, Aaron Schreiber. He was also employed for two years in the Northampton car shops. In 1884, he commenced to farm for shares on the Oberly farm in Hanover township. Later he moved on the Owen Schreiber farm in Coplay. After conducting this farm for five years it was purchased by the Coplay Cement Company, for which company he conducted it seventeen years. Retiring from the farm in 1910, he moved in his own house in Coplay, and he has since filled the office of street commissioner. In 1890, he was elected mercantile appraiser of Lehigh county, being the first Republican elected to this office in the county. In 1894, he was elected a member of the School Board of the borough and has been a member of the board ever since with the exception of the year 1904. He has frequently represented his borough at county conventions. He is the owner of a farm in North Whitehall, formerly the Edwin Leaser homestead. He is a member of the Reformed congregation at Mickley's, which he served as deacon and elder. Socially he belongs to the following organizations, Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., of Catasauqua; and Siegfried Lodge 1026, I. O. O. F. In 1881, he was married to Ida E. Wisser, a daughter of David and Susanna (Wright) Wisser. He was a director of the poor of this county for two terms, and county commissioner one term. The following children

have been born to them: Gertrude I., died aged 6 years; Sallie, married to William Johnston, chemist of the Coplay Cement Company, issue: Louisa S.; Alfred D., a graduate of the Coplay high school, 1905. He also attended the American Commercial School and Lehigh Preparatory School. He holds a prominent position in the office of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company.

The Schreiber family adhered to the church of their fathers and there is not any bearing the name who is not a member of the Reformed church. In politics, they affiliated with the progressive element, namely Federalists, Whigs and Republicans, to which they conscientiously adhered without hope of reward and solely from patriotic motives. In stature the members of the family were, as a rule, all above the average height, and the older generations were connected by marriage with the best families of the county.

#### SCHUBERT FAMILY.

William Schubert was born at Arnst Hauts by Neustadt, Germany, Feb. 19, 1815, son of John Gottlieb, and Christianna (Rörech) Schubert.

At an early age and in accordance with German custom he was sent to school, where discipline was very rigid. He was taught the simple branches and music, on the piano, organ, and violin. Later he studied languages at college. After he had graduated he worked in a grocery store at Welmar, Saxony. While at this place he heard of the greatness of America, and in 1836 sailed on the ship *Vesta*, arriving at New York, after 96 days' journey. After some weeks he left New York, and remained for a short time at each of the following places: Philadelphia, Easton, Weisenberg township, Sumneytown, where he worked in a powder mill, Ziegel's Church, Weisenberg township, where he became intimately acquainted with the Rev. John Helffrich, and a German schoolteacher, and they became his good friends. The former secured him employment as organist at Dunkel's church, Greenwich township, Berks county, where he remained nearly five years. While there he became one of the proprietors of the Hamburg-Schnell Post.

Finally he was elected organist of the Longswamp church, through the kindness of Rev. Helffrich, and he moved into the house belonging to the church, which he occupied for fifty-two years, in the meantime serving as organist. Besides being organist for this congregation he served in the same capacity at the Lehigh church, for twenty-two years, and at the Mertztown church for fifteen years. Besides having charge of a large choir, he taught the school connected

with the church. The term was five months and the branches taught were the "three R's," and the study of the Bible. He had as many as 100 pupils at times. Each was required to pay two cents per day. He taught Latin and French to some grown persons.

Later he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which position he held for forty years. At the same time he was notary public for five years, and revenue assessor for the district, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Kutztown, and Rockland, for five years.

He did some civil engineering, besides he gave instruction in vocal music, on the organ, piano, violin, and flute. He held weekly singing schools which were free. He had large classes of singers and had charge of an orchestra for some time.

Up to Nov. 22, 1889, he enjoyed the best of health, but on that day he received a stroke of paralysis, disabling him from further work. His son, Edwin, then took up the work as organist and had charge until the spring of 1894, when he resigned and moved to Allentown.

Prof. Schubert had two brothers, Lewis, of Allentown, and Gustave, of Reading, and one sister in Springfield, Ill.

He was married, Dec. 9, 1838, to Sarah, a daughter of John Gottlieb and Eva (Rörich) Zepp, of Sumneytown, Pa. Nine children were born to them, as follows:

Amelia, born April 6, 1839; died Sept. 28, 1884.

John, born May 19, 1840; died March 15, 1846.

William, born Aug. 26, 1841.

Sarah, born May 15, 1843.

Eliza, born Feb. 19, 1845.

Alfred, born June 30, 1847; died Dec. 20, 1847.

Martha, born Nov. 11, 1849.

Henry, born Jan. 17, 1851.

Mary, born Jan. 25, 1853.

He married, the second time, Oct. 8, 1857, Matilda Zepp, who was a sister to his first wife. Seven children were born to the second union, viz:

James, born Sept. 11, 1858; died Oct. 1, 1858.

Milton Z., born Nov. 1, 1859.

Harvey F., born Oct. 11, 1861.

Edwin L., born May 6, 1864.

Annie M., born Dec. 18, 1865.

Ellen J., born Dec. 10, 1867.

Rosa E., born Feb. 14, 1870.

Prof. Schubert was a member of Reading Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons. He died July 31, 1893, aged 83 years, 5 months, and 15 days. He was buried at the Longswamp church.

WILLIAM SCHUBERT, merchant at Allentown, was born in Greenwich township, Berks county, Aug. 26, 1841, son of William and Sarah (Zepp) Schubert.

He was educated in the common schools taught by his father, and when 18 years old the father taught him the stone-cutting trade, which he followed until 1867. On March 2, 1868, he became a clerk in a general store for B. Helffrich, at Trexler's, in Longswamp township. He remained there for four years. The following year (1873) he formed a partnership with Dr. J. F. Wertz, and they were engaged in the general merchandise business in Longswamp, for two years, when Mr. Wertz retired and William Weiler was admitted into partnership for one year. Mr. Schubert continued at the same place for one year more; then, on April 15, 1877, he removed into W. Trexler's store in the same township. There he continued until April 29, 1891, then removed private to his present address, No. 1135 Linden street, Allentown. On Dec. 22, 1908, he established a grocery store in his building, which business he has carried on up to the present time, under the name of Schubert & Son.

In 1890, Mr. Schubert had established another partnership concern, having as his associate, Menno Fegley. The firm trades under the name of Schubert & Fegley. He began business at Henningsville and conducted a general store there for six years. On April 1, 1896, they removed their stock to W. Trexler's place in Longswamp township, and continued there up to April 2, 1908, then removed their stock to Kutztown, Pa., where they have continued up to the present time.

William Schubert was a private of Company K, 47th Regiment of the Volunteer Corps of Pennsylvania; but was honorably discharged "on account of the effects of typhoid fever," at Camp Curtin, General Hospital, on Oct. 15, 1861.

Mr. Schubert has served the Lutheran congregation of the Longswamp church as treasurer for five years, trustee for five years, and was secretary of the Sunday school for thirty years.

In 1877 he married Caroline, a daughter of Nathan and Lovina (Rosenberger) Fegley. Six children blessed this union. All died young except the fifth child, a son, Harvey Franklin, born Jan. 23, 1892. He is associated with his father in the store business at Allentown, under the firm name of Schubert & Son.

MILTON Z. SCHUBERT, dealer in pianos and organs, at Allentown, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, Nov. 1, 1859. He received his education in the public schools of his native place and the Keystone State Normal

School, after which he taught in the public schools for a period of five years. He also taught music for a period of ten years. When but fourteen years of age he became a member of the Mertztown Band and later was a member of the Pioneer Band, of Allentown. He was organist of the Longswamp church, and later of St. Michael's Lutheran church, of Allentown. For several years he played in the orchestra of the Music Hall, and the Lyric Theatre. In 1884 he moved to Allentown, and worked in Loux's grocery store four years. For five years he was employed in F. F. Kramer's music establishment and one year by G. C. Aschbach. In September, 1901, he engaged in business for himself, being located at present at 31 North Sixth street, Allentown, where he carries a fine line of pianos, organs, and everything in the line of music. Mr. Schubert is a Republican and served the city as a common councilman of the Fifth ward, for five years. He is prominently identified with a number of fraternal organizations, among whom are the I. O. O. F. and Encampment; P. O. S. of A. and Encampment; Knights of Pythias, Knights of Golden Eagle, Knights of Mystic Chain; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Order of Owls; Order of Beavers; Order of Foxes and Lehigh Saengerbund. He and family are members of the Lutheran Church. In 1882 he was married to Annie E. Frederick, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Butz) Frederick, late of Longswamp. They are the parents of two children, Gertrude, married to Walter O. Hunsicker, and Raleigh, a business man of Allentown.

Edwin L. Schubert, musician, of Allentown, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, May 6, 1864. He assisted his father in the marble works and when seventeen years of age, after which he began to teach school in his native township, where he taught nine years. He received his education in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School. In December, 1894, he moved to Allentown, where he has lived ever since. He is engaged in orchestra playing and the teaching of music. He has membership in the P. O. S. of A., and he and family are members of the Lutheran church. In 1891 he married M. Louise Stettler. To them are born the following children: Paul W.; Martha M.; Harold D.; Grace L.; Mildred R.; Dorothy E., and Warren F.

#### CHARLES G. SCHUBERT.

Charles G. Schubert, carpet weaver at Mountainville, was born Feb. 19, 1846, in the Province of Breslau, Germany. He attended the public and elementary schools of his native village until

he became fourteen years, and then he was obliged to work to help support the family, because his father died when he was a youth, and continued to do so for five years. At the age of nineteen years he started to learn the trade of carpet weaver, and after serving his apprenticeship, he followed the trade for eighteen years; then he emigrated to America, landing at New York City on Feb. 24, 1883, and proceeding directly to Mountainville, in Lehigh county. He worked for a time in the ore mines and the Lehigh furnace, then secured employment in the Gabriel mill at Allentown as a weaver of bedspreads, and continued there upwards of four years. During this time he practiced economy and by the money saved he purchased a home at Mountainville, which he improved by adding a shop for weaving with several looms and here he has conducted the manufacture of rag carpets until the present time.

By a first marriage in Breslau he had four children: Augusta and Paul, and two died young. After the death of his wife, he married, on Oct. 2, 1882, a second wife, Maria Setberg, of the same place. She accompanied him to America and has been a most faithful wife and mother. They have had fifteen children, two of them having died young and three in infancy: Morris, Charles, John, Marcus, Emma, Amelia, Minnie, Clarence, Ralph, and Ray. They are members of the Lutheran Church. He served as a school director of the township.

His father was John G. Schubert, a weaver of Breslau, which trade he carried on until he died, aged thirty-eight years. He married Johanna Hahn and they had six children: Charles G.; Robert, who died young; Ernst, who resides in Germany; Pauline, married R. A. Gardiner; Edward, who died when 22 years old; and Reinhold, of Alsace-Lorraine, who served in the German army for twelve years and now fills a position under the government. The widow survived him many years, married August Moyer, and died at the age of 62 years.

#### A. R. SCHULER.

A. R. Schuler, son of Samuel and Catharine Schuler, was born Dec. 4, 1864, at Vera Cruz, Upper Milford township, Lehigh county.

He held his first position at Vera Cruz, as telegraph operator, for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, a period of six months. Later, with his brother Joseph, he purchased the present business from their father, which they conducted under the firm name of Schuler Bros., for eight years. In 1910, he purchased his brother's share, conducting it himself, since. The business is known as a general store, handling dry

goods, clothing, groceries, farm implements, etc., and employs eight people. He also conducts a creamery, known as Vera Cruz Creamery Company, and a farm of sixty acres; is treasurer and stockholder in the Vera Cruz silk mill.

In politics he is a Democrat, and was appointed postmaster at Vera Cruz under President Cleveland. His wife was also postmistress for two years. He also served as clerk of Orphans' Court for three years.

In 1893, he married Estella Kline, daughter of Charles B. Kline, of Salisbury township. They have four children: Edna, Mabel, Namor, and Samuel.

He and family are members of Old Zionsville Reformed church, of which he was deacon. He is a member of Knights of Golden Eagle, and Knights of Mystic Chain.

Samuel Schuler was born in Milford township and died in 1906. He is buried at Old Zionsville Reformed church, of which he was a deacon. He was a farmer and land owner. His wife was Catharine Roeder. The following children were born to them: Elizabeth, married Horace Schantz, and resides at Spinnertown; A. R. Schuler, of Vera Cruz; Jacob R., born Jan. 19, 1867, a resident of Allentown, and engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Reading, married Laura Moyer; Margaret, single; John, resides at Reading; Lydia, died young.

#### SCHUMACHER FAMILY.

Jacob Schumacher came from Germany about 1745. On the voyage across the ocean, they encountered a great storm and were nearly wrecked. Schumacher settled in "the back parts of Macungie," now Weisenberg. The farm where he settled on is situated near Seipstown. The family located temporarily in the vicinity of the Ziegel's church. The father then went out, accompanied by his son, George, to find a suitable place for a home. They came to the place owned later by Daniel Fenstermacher, and commenced to cut wood for building a house. After working there for several days, they came one evening on their way home to a large spring of pure water in a fine location. The next morning they abandoned the former place and went to put up a house by the side of the newly-found spring. Schumacher then took up 400 acres of land and called the place, "Affection."

Jacob Schumacher had two sons: John Jacob Paul and John George. The former went to the banks of the Jordan, about a mile below Bitner's Corner, where he settled.

John G. Schumacher, youngest son of Jacob, was born in Germany, March 31, 1731, and

came with his father to America. He married Susanna Weiss. He obtained his father's homestead on which he lived to the time of his death in 1801. He had 13 children, amongst whom were: John Jacob; Daniel; Job; Peter; Henry; Jonathan; Catharine, m. to Moses Cain; Margaret, m. to John Jacob Bear, and Elizabeth, m. to M. Falk. The rest of the children died young.

Jonathan Schumacher, son of John, was born March 12, 1796, and died Jan. 12, 1864. By occupation, he was a dyer and tanner, conducting an establishment on the Little Lehigh, at East Texas. Later he also turned to farming, which he followed for a great many years. He had been a member of the Evangelical Church. His wife had been Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Jarret) Eisenhart, with whom he had the following children: Mary, deceased, m. to Levi Mohr, of East Texas; Simon, deceased, m. to Sarah Desch, of Hazleton; Lydia Helena, m. to the late Stephen Acker, of East Texas; Charles, deceased, m. to Caroline Yeager, of Hummelstown; Enos, deceased, m. to Lucetta Wieder, of Allentown; Lucas E.; Lovina, m. to Emanuel Bitting, of Allentown, and Elizabeth, who died when small.

Lucas E. Schumacher, son of Jonathan, was born in Lower Macungie township, April 13, 1833. Receiving a limited schooling, he for a few years assisted his father on the farm, whereupon for 4 years he was a tanner, then for 5 years a slater, which he followed by jockeying for about four or five years. In 1860 or 1861, he took charge of the Exchange Hotel at Emaus, which he conducted for 7 years, whereupon he removed to East Texas, jockeying again for a couple of years, when he became stationary engineer at the ore mines for 4 to 5 years. This he followed by the butcher business for about 5 years, when he reverted to jockeying and the selling of horse and cattle powder for about 39 years. In politics he is a Democrat and a member of the U. B. church, which he served for ten years as steward. He was married in 1856, to Lucy A., daughter of Charles and Sallie (Wieder) Desch, the issue being: Lillie S., m. to Levi Field, of Allentown; Ellen F., m. to Frank Ohl, of Robesonia; Mary A., of East Texas, Sarah Estella, m. to Wm. Romig, of East Texas, and Edgar C. Mr. Schumacher lives, retired, at East Texas.

EDGAR C. SHOEMAKER, son of Lucas and Lucy (Desch) Schumacher, was born at East Texas, Dec. 7, 1868. Attending the public schools to the age of 15, he then clerked in the general store at that place for 8 years; then for 1½ years he clerked for Mr. Butterweck at



Allentown. In March, 1896, he began the milk business, continuing thereat to August, 1912. Since then he is following the painting business.

In November, 1887, he was married to Tilara A., daughter of Peter and Amanda (Schall) Dorney (b. March 20, 1868, d. April 11, 1904). Their children are: (1) Minnie, m. to Howard Knappenberger, of near Wescoesville; Frank, and Ray. Mr. Shoemaker resides near the County Home.

#### SCHUMAN FAMILY.

Philip Schuman came to America on the ship "Rowand," which landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1753, with 106 other passengers, among whom were Rev. Ludwig Lupp, a Reformed minister stationed at Lebanon, Pa., from 1786 to 1789, and Mathias Schitz, his brother-in-law. Pioneer Schuman sojourned to Lynn township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county. He was married to Anna Maria (Schütz) Schitz. [See Scheetz Family.] We have the record of an only son, Mathias.

Mathias Schuman, son of Philip, was born in Lynn township, April 25, 1760. His sponsors were his uncle, Mathias Schitz, and his wife. He was a weaver by trade. He was married to Magdalena Hamm, a daughter of Daniel Hamm. [See Hamm Family], and they had four children, namely: Christian, Solomon, Maria, and Polly. Christian Schuman was never married, Maria was the wife of Adam Freeman, and Polly was married to John Kerschner.

Solomon Schuman, youngest son of Mathias and Magdalena (Hamm) Schuman, was born Jan. 1, 1802; was baptized on the 6th day of March, 1802, by the Rev. Daniel Lehman, and at the proper age became a confirmed member of the Reformed Church. He had learned the weaving trade from his father and followed it for many years. He died on Nov. 30, 1860, and is buried at the St. Michael's church, in Tilden township.

On Dec. 17, 1830, he was married to Sarah Zweitzig, a daughter of Jonathan, and a granddaughter of Bernard Zweitzig, who emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1741. Unto Solomon and Sarah (Zweitzig) Schuman were born two children: a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Sarah.

Sarah Schuman was born Oct. 6, 1847, in Bern, Berks county. She was married to James K. Merkel [See Merkel Family], on Nov. 6, 1869. Unto them were born four children, two sons and two daughters, viz: Jonathan Franklin; Anthony Oliver; Ellen Victoria, married to Reuben Blatt, of Reading; and Sarah Matilda,

married to William J. Dietrich. [See Dietrich History.]

Mrs. Merkel died the 14th day of November, 1877, and is buried at the St. Michael's church.

Jonathan Z. Schuman, oldest child of Solomon and Sarah (Zweitzig) Schuman, was born in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks county, Pa., Feb. 23, 1844. He was baptized by the Rev. Isaac Muse, a Reformed minister, on the 10th day of April, 1844, and was admitted into church membership, May 6, 1860. He obtained a liberal education and taught school in a most successful manner for several terms. He owned and occupied his father's homestead near Berne, Pa., until about 1897, when he retired and removed with his family to Reading, Pa.

Mr. Schuman was married, Nov. 13, 1879, to Miss Mary Emily Smith, of Springfield, Illinois. Four children bless their union, viz: Arthur Garfield, Sarah Amelia, Carrie Rebecca, and John Franklin.

#### SCHWAB FAMILY.

Peter Schwab was an early settler in the territory now embraced in Lehigh county, and became an Indian fighter during the French and Indian War from 1755 to 1758, in the company of Captain George Wolf.

Melchoir Schwab, a descendant of Peter, from the earliest recollection and record, lived in Lynn township, Lehigh county. His homestead is now the property of Uriah Wertman, on which stands an old house that he built. In his earlier life he taught school. He was a carpenter by trade and assisted in building many of the houses and barns in the township. His wife was a Mantz. They had four children: Daniel; Gideon; Susanna (born in 1798, died in 1880, and was the wife of Jacob Everett); and Lydia (born in 1803, died in 1837, and was the wife of Samuel Everett). Both these sisters are buried with their husbands at Steinsville church.

Daniel Schwab, a carpenter, settled in New York State. He lived to be nearly ninety years old. Among his children were: Daniel, Charles and Levi.

Gideon Schwab, was born in Lynn township, on January 10, 1801. His homestead is now owned by his sons Reuben and William, the former born in 1845 and the latter in 1847. He was a carpenter and followed the trade for forty-two years. His farm was worked by his family. He died August 4, 1875, and is buried at New Tripoli. His wife, Polly Hunsicker, was born in 1822 and died in 1905. They had three children: Reuben, William, and Sarah (the wife of Sylvénus Oswald of Lynn).

SCHWENK FAMILY.

John Martin Schwenk emigrated from Germany on Oct. 7, 1749, and settled in Lower Milford township, on a tract of 88 acres, which he bought from Eberhard Roos, located about one and a half miles northeast of Dillingersville. On March 17, 1762, a patent was granted to him for the land and on Feb. 3, 1763, he sold it to George Welder for £350 and removed to Gwynedd township, Philadelphia county, where he purchased 173 acres. He died there in 1784. John Martin Schwenk married, March 6, 1750, Anna Maria, daughter of Henry William Dillinger. They had seven children: Anna Rosina, born June 25, 1751, married (1) Matthias Ochs, Jr., and (2) Henry Bergheimer; Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1753, died Feb. 20, 1818, married Daniel Dubs; John Jacob, born Feb. 5, 1756, died young; Anna Maria, born Jan. 15, 1760, married George Heist; Matthias, born about 1762; Jacob and Henry. Jacob Schwenk married Magdalena, daughter of John Adam Rothemberger and died Feb. 2, 1838. They had six children: Jacob, Henry, John, Thomas, Lydia and Mrs. A. Kleinsmith, whose sons, Henry and Daniel, went West. Jacob was a farmer and carpenter, was elected a county commissioner in 1831, and was a member of Great Swamp Reformed church.

Matthew or Matthias Schwenk, son of John Martin, was born about 1762. On June 4, 1784, he bought his father's farm in Gwynedd township, which he sold four days after to George Heist. He later removed to Allentown, where he was a wheelwright. He lived in the town until Dec. 4, 1810, when he sold his house and lot, on the west side of the first block of North Seventh street, to George Shaffer for \$600.00 and removed to Carbon county, where he died in 1813. He married Elizabeth Troxell and had seven children: (1) Margaret, married John Keiper; (2) Henry, who removed to Ohio; (3) Jacob, born Jan. 5, 1793, died March 29, 1875; (4) Martin; (6) John, born April 17, 1797, who died in 1853; (5) Elizabeth, born July 19, 1795, died April 22, 1837, married, first, Joseph Albright, and second, Daniel Snyder; and (7) Catharine, born Aug. 14, 1805, married Jacob Geisinger, and died July 10, 1889.

Martin Schwenk, son of Matthew, was born April 29, 1795. He was a butcher in Allentown and lived on Walnut street below Eighth, where he died Aug. 28, 1867. He was a member of Capt. John F. Ruhe's company in the War of 1812. He married Catharine Rieb, daughter of Adam and Susanna (Newhard) Rieb. She was born Feb. 11, 1798, and died Oct. 8, 1869. They

had twelve children: Marianna, born April 1, 1820, married Benjamin Burger; Henrietta, born Sept. 15, 1821, married Henry Seagreaves; William, born Aug. 15, 1823, died young; Rebecca, born Dec. 28, 1825, married Geo. W. Rathbun; Sarah, born Aug. 16, 1827, married Robert D. Kramer; Emmelina, born May 31, 1829, died unmarried at Colmar, Pa.; Catharine, born Aug. 30, 1830, married Isaac Benner, of Philadelphia; Susanna, born Aug. 30, 1830, married Abraham Gangewere; Matilda, born Jan. 17, 1833, married Henry Koons; Louisa, born Nov. 20, 1834, married a Mr. Mosser, of Iowa; Henry Adam, born Dec. 31, 1838, died in Kansas, and Anna Barbara, born Nov. 11, 1840, married Oliver Davis, of Colmar, and resided in Philadelphia and Iowa.

Adam Rieb, father of Mrs. Martin Schwenk, was a cabinetmaker in Allentown, and was born July 13, 1769, and died in 1833. He married Susanna, daughter of George Jacob and Anna Maria (Kohler) Newhard. She was born Oct. 20, 1779, and died Aug. 24, 1854. After Mr. Rieb's death she married John Romig.

Adam Rieb was the son of Andrew Rieb, who was born in 1740 and died Sept. 9, 1816. Andrew Rieb kept a tavern on Lehigh street, south of the Little Lehigh, during the Revolution and married Eve Catharine Crumbach, daughter of Conrad and Catharine Crumbach. Conrad Crumbach arrived in America from Germany on Oct. 17, 1749, and settled in Whitehall township, where he owned 150 acres and kept a tavern north of Schantz's Spring. He died in Allentown in 1781, where he then kept a tavern, which his widow retained for some years. He had five children: George Henry, married Esther Sewitz; Eve Catharine; Conrad; Margaret and Christina. Christina was a seamstress and purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, on Oct. 10, 1783, a lot on the south side of John street, now Walnut, between Seventh and Eighth, subject to a "yearly ground rent of two Spanish milled silver dollars on the first of June yearly forever." She subsequently married John Metzgar, a chemist, of Philadelphia, and in 1797 sold her house and two lots to Melchor Yeakle, for £82.

SCHWARTZ FAMILY.

The progenitor of this family is Nicolaus Schwartz who took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia, September 3, 1739. He settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, near the present borough of Topton. He was a shoemaker by trade. He was one of the organizers of the Longswamp Reformed congregation and assisted in the erection of the first edifice in 1748. At the time of his death, which occurred prior to

May 9, 1778, when letters of administration on his will were granted, he was possessed of considerable wealth as his will shows. He directed that his wife should receive annually: 18 bushels of good wheat, 100 pounds of pork and lard, 50 pounds of beef, 6 pounds of good wool, 10 pounds of heckled flax, 8 pounds of hemp, two barrels of good cider, and 3 gallons of Oyl. The following children are mentioned: Daniel, Sarah, Christian, Nicholas, Mary, Elizabeth, John and Samuel. The executors, Mary Elisabeth Schwartz, John Schwartz and Samuel Schwartz, are directed to make the following bequests: To Daniel, twenty-three pounds, to Sarah, two hundred pounds, to Christian, two hundred pounds and a mare not over ten years old, to Nicholas, two hundred pounds to Mary Elisabeth, one hundred pounds.

Daniel, son of Nicolaus, was born April 14, 1746. He was married to a lady from Lancaster county. She died leaving one son who became a miller and passed his days near Reading. After the death of his wife he returned to Lehigh county and married Elizabeth Ruth. She was born December 27, 1745, and died December 15, 1820, aged 74 years, 11 months, and 18 days. He died January 7, 1815, aged 69 years 1 month and 23 days. They had the following children: Samuel, Christian, Nickolas, Daniel, Peter, Elizabeth, Eva, Susan and Sarah.

Johannes, son of Nicolaus, retained the old homestead near Topton, where some of his descendants live to-day. Christian, the third son, moved to Northampton county and located at what is known as "Schwartz's Dam" near Cata-sauqua.

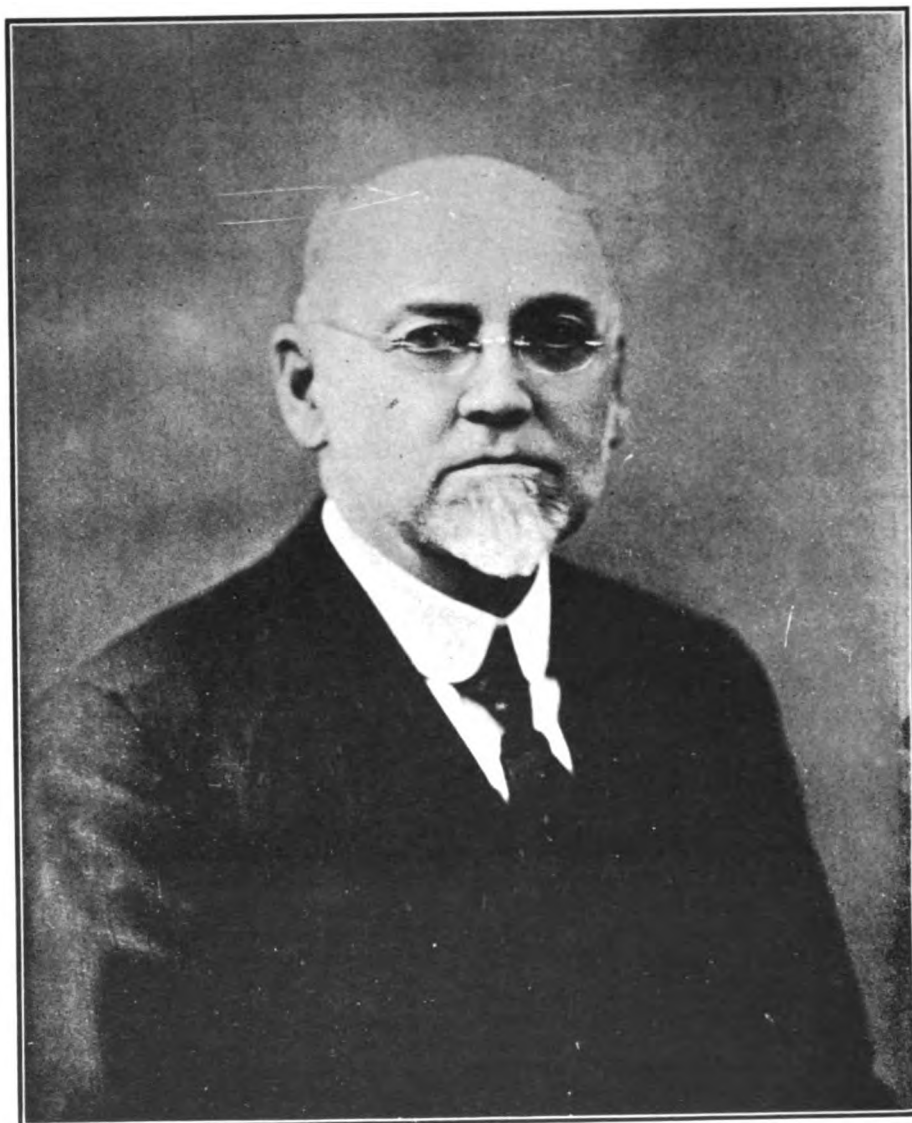
Samuel, son of Daniel, was born Dec. 3, 1773, and died unmarried Nov. 26, 1811. Christian, son of Daniel, born April 7, 1779, died Oct. 10, 1814. Nickolas, son of Daniel, was born January 21, 1779, and died March 4 1800. Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel, was born November 21, 1780, married Solomon Reiser, and died March 30, 1860. Eva, daughter of Daniel, married a Mr. Druckenmiller and removed to Milton, Pennsylvania. Susan, daughter of Daniel, married John Weaver, lived and died near Emaus. Sarah, daughter of Daniel, married George Gehman, lived and died near Seizholtzville, Berks county. They had children: George and Samuel, who passed their days at Reading, Pennsylvania, Rev. William, a Mennonite minister; Nathan, who resided at Macungie. Peter, son of Daniel, lived all his life near Emaus, and was the father of three children; Francis, who resided on a farm near Emaus, and had three sons, one of whom resided at Emaus, one at Bangor, and one migrated to

Ohio. Besides Francis, Peter had two daughters, one of whom was married to Samuel Kemmerer and the other one to a Mr. Weiss.

Daniel, son of Daniel, was born August 31, 1775, and died April 10, 1865, aged 89 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was baptized September 18, 1775 by Rev. Van Bushkirk, the witnesses were John Schwartz and Susan Beisel. He was married to Magdalena Webber. She died August 25, 1875, aged 89 years, 7 months and 27 days. Their children were: Lydia, Mary, John, Daniel, Sarah, Ruben, Peter, Charles, Elizabeth and Judith. Lydia married Joseph Herbst, was born July 11, 1804, and died December 30, 1863, aged 59 years, 5 months, and 19 days. She became the mother of two daughters: Maria (married Thomas Mohr) born 1832 and died July, 1911; and Angelina (married Mr. Oeberroth) born February 10, 1835, and died March 4, 1864, leaving one daughter, Mary, born December 5, 1806, died September 10, 1877 aged 70 years 9 months and 5 days. She was married to Andrew Wilt. Their children were: Francis, Andrew, Sarah, Lucinda, Maria, Emma. In 1844 they moved to Bradford county. Their son, Andrew, resides at Towanda and is a member of the Bradford County Bar. Francis lived for many years in Allentown. Sarah, daughter of Daniel, Jr., (married Daniel Lauer), was born in 1808, and died August 10, 1896, aged 88 years. They had two children: Jonas who died in his 77th year, in 1910, lived near Alburts and Frank, who resides at Waverly, Iowa.

John was born May 6, 1812, married Lucinda Christ and lived all his life at Emaus. He died March 5, 1885, aged 72 years, 9 months, and 29 days and she died October 15, 1872, aged 76 years, 9 months, and 11 days. Reuben was born November, 1819, and died October 15, 1872, aged 67 years, 9 months and 6 days. He was never married. Judith was married to Reuben Marks and became the mother of three children: Monroe, Thomas and Hannah, all deceased. Elisabeth was born March 25, 1810, and died July 5, 1889, aged 78 years, 7 months, and 10 days. She was married to Isaac Stahler. He was born March 9, 1913, and died September 3, 1893; aged 80 years, 5 months, 14 days. He was a shoemaker by trade and lived for many years at Allentown. Their children were: Henry, Irvin, Sarah, William and Mary. Henry was born March 13, 1837, and died Dec. 1, 1905. Irvin was born December 18, 1840 and died January 19, 1899. He was a member of the 47th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Both Henry and Irvin were shoemakers and lived and died at Allentown.





*Francis Schwartz*

William at the close of the war, moved to Polo, Illinois, where he resides a retired farmer. Sarah and Mary remained single and reside at Allentown.

Charles was born April 9, 1825, and died May 29, 1911, aged 86 years, 1 month, 20 days. He was never married and spent his days in and near Emaus.

Daniel, the son of Daniel, and father of Francis, was born December 29, 1813, and died August 11, 1896, aged 82 years, 7 months, 14 days. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed it for 36 years. He was married to Juliann Shuler December 26, 1843. She was born April 11, 1826, and died February 9, 1909, aged 82 years, 9 months, 28 days. Their children were: Francis, Amelia, Henry, and Eliza, of whom Amelia and Henry died in infancy. Eliza (married Eugene Miller), was born September 6, 1857, and resides at Allentown. She is the mother of two children: Eda and Ellis. Eda is married to Frank Walbert and resides at Allentown. She is the mother of two children: Eda and Ellis. Eda is married to Frank Walbert and resides at Allentown. Ellis, at home, is still single.

FRANCIS SCHWARTZ, son of Daniel, grandson of Daniel, and great-grandson of Daniel, and great-great-grandson of Nicolaus, was born May 3, 1846. He received a common school education, taught school four terms, having reached majority he engaged in the general store business at Vera Cruz on April 1, 1867, with J. H. Erdman, under the firm name of Erdman and Schwartz. In 1877 Mr. Erdman sold his interests to Mr. Schwartz, who continued the business until 1885, when he sold half his interest to Samuel Schuler. In 1888 Mr. Schwartz sold his entire interest to Mr. Schuler and moved to Allentown, engaging in the manufacturing of pants. After manufacturing pants for about three years he changed and began the making of boys' clothing. The products of Mr. Schwartz find a ready market, chiefly in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. The factory is located at 1013 to 1019 Linden Street, Allentown.

Mr. Schwartz was married November, 1866, to Susan Gehman. She was born September 13, 1847. This union was blessed with two children: Minnie and Edwin. Minnie was born February 20, 1869, and is married to Charles Bleiler, they reside at Allentown. Edwin was born April 1, 1874. He is partner with his father in the manufacturing of boys' clothing. They operate under the name of F. S. Schwartz and Son. He is married to Clara Hawk. She was born February 7, 1876. They have two

children: Dalton, born April 21, 1899, and Harriett, born December 2, 1900. Mr. Schwartz is deeply interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of his city, and is a faithful and devoted member of the Trinity United Evangelical church.

WALTER C. SWARTZ, secretary and treasurer and general business manager of the wholesale grocery company, trading under the firm name of Johnston, Swartz Company, Allentown, Pa., is a son of the late Christian Swartz and a grandson of John Swartz, born May 2, 1786, died October 5, 1854. The latter was born at "Swartz's Dam" about two miles northeast of Catasauqua, and was a son of Christian Swartz, who came from Longswamp township, Berks county, about 1786. He was a farmer and tavern-keeper. He was twice married, the first time to a Miss Mickley, with whom he had four children: William, Joseph, Nathan, and Isabella, and the second time to Elisabeth Heller. She was born August 13, 1803, and died July 19, 1879, aged 73 years, 11 months and six days. To them were born the following children: Eliza, Rebecca, John, Owen, Edwin, Daniel, Polly, Selinda, Christian, James, Frank and Sarah. Of these Edwin and Daniel died in infancy. All have departed this life, the widow of Rev. Christian Bliem, who resided at Allentown, was the last to survive, having died in Dec. 11, 1912.

Christian Swartz was born at Catasauqua in 1836 and died at Allentown in 1909. He was a very successful merchant, a man of staunch integrity, a sincere member of the church and a useful and public-spirited citizen. As a young man he formed a partnership with Thomas Johnston and opened a store at Mauch Chunk. After several years Mr. Swartz engaged with his brother, B. F. Swartz, in the mercantile business at Kenton, Ohio, trading under the name of Swartz Brothers. In the meantime his former partner came to Allentown and entered into a partnership with Mr. Seipel. Upon his return to Allentown in 1869 Mr. Swartz purchased the interest of Mr. Seiple and the firm assumed the name of Johnston and Swartz. Before the death of Mr. Swartz the firm was incorporated under the name of Johnston and Swartz Company. They are wholesale grocers and are located at Second and Hamilton streets.

Mr. Swartz in addition to being a man of large business ability was deeply interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of his city. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Linden Street M. E. Congregation, in which he served every office of church and was for many years the honored and esteemed superintendent of its large



and prosperous Sunday school. He was also actively identified with the Y. M. C. A. work of the city and for a number of years was chairman of the finance committee. The beautiful edifice of the Linden Street M. E. congregation and the spacious Y. M. C. A. building for both of which he labored unceasingly, and contributed liberally, help to preserve and perpetuate his exemplary life. To him and his wife Louisa, a daughter of Abraham Spinner, who survives him and resides at 525 Turner street, were born five children; Alice, Clarence, Mary, Walter C., and Mabel.

Walter C. Swartz was born in 1871 in the city of Allentown, with whose business interests he is now so widely and variedly connected. As a young man he received the necessary training so essential to a man of large responsibilities and varied activities. He was graduated from the Allentown High School in 1888. After which he attended Muhlenberg College for two years and then entered Lehigh University from which he was graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1894. Upon graduation he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railway Company for a period of two years, when he resigned and became assistant to his father in the management of the furniture factory of Johnston and Swartz. In 1908 Mr. Swartz purchased the interests of Mr. Johnston and together with the C. Swartz estate is the owner of the Johnston and Swartz Furniture Manufacturing Company. This firm manufactures parlor frames and fancy chairs. They employ upwards of fifty men. Their office and factory is located at 325-335 Union street.

Like his father, Mr. Schwartz is an active member of the Linden Street M. E. Church, and has been secretary of the Sunday school for 20 years. He was united in marriage in June, 1902, to Mabel Laury, a daughter of David Laury, grocer, of this city. She is of Scotch descent, her American ancestor is Michael Laury of Revolutionary fame, who was a direct line descendant of the House of Maxwellton, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and therefore of the same family as Annie Laurie, the Scottish lassie, of two hundred years ago, who is the heroine of the most famous of all love songs. This union is blessed with one son, Ralph Christian Swartz, and a daughter, Pauline Louise Swartz.

J. HIRAM SCHWARTZ, of Allentown, is a great-grandson of Isaac and Margaret (Rathmacher) Schwartz, of Upper Macungie township. Their children were: Jacob, John, Isaac, Elizabeth, Harriet, Kate, Mary and Esther.

John Schwartz was born at Schwartz's Spring in Upper Macungie township, March 13, 1804.

He was married to Hannah Keck, a daughter of Conrad and Catherine Moyer Keck, of the same township. They had issue: Honorable Hiram H.; John W.; Alfred B.; Eli G.; Amos E. D.; Catherine (married to E. L. Breinig), and Katurah, married to a Mr. Fulliger.

Honorable Hiram H. Schwartz was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, 1834. He removed with his parents to North Whitehall township, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1855. Subsequently he engaged in teaching, pursuing at the same time a course of study in law under Hon. S. A. Bridges. He was elected superintendent of schools of Lehigh county in 1857 which office he filled very acceptably for three years. In 1860 he opened a law office at Kutztown, Berks county and nine years later was elected as a Democrat to the state legislature, serving two terms. In 1883 he was appointed judge of the Orphans' court and at the successive election he was elected for a term of ten years. He was an earnest friend of education and for many years served on the board of trustees of the Keystone State Normal school.

John W. Schwartz, was born August 19, 1832 in Maxatawny township. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. For five years was engaged in butchering in Allentown, and for a period of six years kept a grocery store. He and his wife, Polly, a daughter of John and Sarah (Newhard) Miller, are members of the Egypt Reformed congregation in which Mr. Schwartz has served both as deacon and elder: They have issue: Victor B.; Elenora J., widow of Lewis J. Hausman, and J. Hiram.

J. Hiram Schwartz was born in Allentown November 27, 1866. He was educated in the public schools; Hokendauqua High School, Keystone State Normal School and Franklin and Marshall college, graduating from the latter institution in 1889. He was engaged in the profession of teaching for eighteen years, fourteen of which (1893-1907) he was the principal of the Allentown High School. During the later years of his principalship he devoted very successfully some time to life insurance in which he was associated with M. E. Kern, the well-known Democratic politician. In 1912 he became the proprietor of the Columbia Hotel, which under his able management is rapidly growing in popularity and favor. In 1911 he was elected a director of the Germania Security company of Allentown. He enjoys social fellowship in the following organizations: Barger Lodge, No. 336, F. & A. M.; of which he was master in 1904; Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 203; the B. P. O. E. No.





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130; I. O. O. F.; K. of G. E. and the Chi Phi College Fraternity.

He was married April 4, 1906, to Mamie E. Hunsicker, a daughter of Francis P. Hunsicker. They have two children: Elenora M., and John F. Mr. Schwartz and family are members of St. John's Reformed congregation.

VICTOR B. SCHWARTZ, the proprietor of the Siegersville Hotel, was born in North Whitehall township, November 29, 1859. He received his early training in the common schools of his native township, and at the age of fifteen began working in the ore mines. After working in the mines for about four years he entered the employ of the C. and F. R. R. as a trackman and in their employ for a period of three years, when he came to Mickley's and learned the art of making cigars. In the spring of 1888 he became the proprietor of the Walberts Station Hotel, and two years later the proprietor of the Mechanicsville Hotel. In addition to keeping hotel he continued to make cigars up to the year 1900. On November 17, 1903, he removed from Mechanicsville to Siegersville, having become the owner of the hotel at the latter place, which he remodeled and installed a hot water heating system. In politics Mr. Schwartz is a Democrat and has served his township as school director for nine years, holding at various times every office in the board. Fraternally Mr. Schwartz enjoys membership in the Catasauqua Lodge No. 269, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Schwartz was twice married; the first time to Rebecca C. E. Jacoby, a daughter of the late Ed. C. Jacoby, of Walberts Station. She died September 17, 1894, aged 30 years, 5 months and 22 days, and was buried at Egypt. This union was blessed with two daughters: Nettie M., married to Dr. Joseph N. Mertz, of Siegersville; and Florence F., born July 31, 1894, and died September 10, the same year. He was married a second time to Eva N. Troxell, July 22, 1899. To them were born two sons: Clarence H., born February 28, 1900, died April 6, 1903; and Guy F., born July 28, 1903.

JOHN SCHWARTZ, JR., the president of the Stuyvesant Silk Company, was born in Allentown, November 12, 1858. He is a son of Jonathan and Mary (Hecker) Schwartz, and is a grandson of Jonathan Schwartz, who lived to the ripe old age of ninety-five years and whose remains lie buried in the Allentown cemetery. Mr. Schwartz was educated in the schools of his native city. Upon the completion of the public school course he entered the employ of the old firm of Weinsheimer and Newhard, then located at Sixth and Hamilton streets, on the corner

now occupied by the clothing store of Breinig and Bachman. From there he associated himself with the firm of Grim and Renninger, in the building of the old Eagle Hotel, on the site of John Taylor and Company's store. After being in their employ for some time he became the dress goods buyer for Kramer and Company, located at Sixth and Hamilton streets, on the site now occupied by Gross's cafe.

Attaining his majority he in 1879 moved to Philadelphia, and engaged with the firm of Hood, Bombright and Company, who at that time were the leading jobbing house in Philadelphia. He remained with these people until 1898, a period of nineteen years, when he joined with Sweetser, Pembroke and Company, of 375-379 Broadway, New York City, and James H. Dunham and Company, of 342-349 Broadway, until April, 1906, so after a continuous service in the dry goods jobbing business for twenty-seven years, selling goods only through the Lehigh Valley, having always the distinction of the smallest territory, yet was one of the largest salesmen in the employ of these people, his annual sales ranging from \$75,000 in 1880 up to \$300,000 a year.

By mere chance in April of 1906 he was made a proposition in this city to sell the output of the various mills owned now by the United Textile Corporation, who conceived the idea that to reach the merchant from the mill was the only way to successfully get the fruits of their labors, thereby cutting out the middleman. From the start he was very successful, meeting with encouragement from every side, and up to 1910 sold the entire product of Unity Mills, besides attending to the selling end of Knickerbacker Silk Company, located in New York, as well as the John Schwartz, Jr., silk mills in Paterson, New Jersey. Mr. Schwartz claims the distinction of having the personal acquaintance of every silk cutting up buyer from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. In 1907 he moved the present Stuyvesant Mills, which then only had 20 looms, from Paterson, N. J., to this city and to-day they are running full with 100 looms and having more orders than they can get out up to January 1st, 1913. Besides they claim the distinction of selling to all the trade on equal terms for cash only, something no mills have ever attempted. In September, 1910, he resigned from the various organizations of the United Textile Corporation in order to devote his full time to his own interests in the Stuyvesant mills. In October, 1909, through Horace S. Fogel, of Philadelphia; ex-judge Frank Elliot and Thomas P. Conway, he became one of the four men to acquire the franchise of the Philadelphia National

League Baseball Club, which under the able management of Mr. Fogel became one of the most popular clubs of the national league.

Mr. Schwartz was married April 19, 1883, to Annie E. Siegfried, a daughter of Henry and Emeline (Benner) Siegfried. Mr. Siegfried for many years conducted a hardware store in Allentown. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz reside at Philadelphia and enjoy a wide circle of friends. Mr. Schwartz is a thirty-second degree Mason, being a past-master of Oriental Lodge, No. 383; a member of St. Mary's Commandery, Philadelphia Consistory, Lulu Temple and the B. P. O. E. Besides he is a member of the Philadelphia Athletic Club, Delaware Country Golf Club, Manufacturer's Club and the Union League of Philadelphia.

#### SWARTZ FAMILY.

Andreas Swartz was born in Bucks county, Jan. 20, 1757. At an early age he moved on a farm near Catasauqua, which was known as the "Irish Settlement." He was married to Elizabeth Ziegler, who was born in 1764, and died Nov. 18, 1836. Their children were: Abraham, Andrew, Jacob, John, Henry, Nancy, Mollie, Barbara, Elizabeth, Katie, Susan and Esther.

Abraham Swartz, son of Andreas, was born Aug. 13, 1797, and died July 9, 1842. He was married to Elizabeth Kurtz, born Aug. 13, 1803, died July 19, 1879. Their children were as follows: George; Elizabeth, married to Samuel Schelly; Lydia, married to Rev. Miles; Mary, married to Mr. Dawson; David; Sarah, married to Mr. Campbell; Abraham; and Andrew.

David Schwartz, son of Abraham, acquired his father's farm near Catasauqua, which he later sold to S. Scholl, who later sold it to Mr. Emanuel, Sr., of Catasauqua. He then moved to a farm near Snyder's Church, owned by his father-in-law, Captain John Laubach, where he resided for one year. In 1858, he purchased a farm from the Lerch family between Siegfried and Kreidersville on which he resided until 1889, when he purchased Dr. Weaver's homestead, where he remained until his death in 1898. He was married to Maria Laubach, who died in 1891.

Mr. Schwartz filled the office of school director for a number of terms, and elder of the Reformed congregation of Howertown church. They were the parents of the following children: Frank, Mary, and John.

Frank Schwartz was educated in the public schools of his native place and in 1889 he began cultivating his father's farm for shares. In 1890 he removed to Catasauqua, where he conducted a shoe store for five years, later he moved to Siegfried's, where he now resides. He was mar-

ried to Sabina Smith. They have a son, Leon D. Schwartz.

LEON D. SCHWARTZ was born Nov. 15, 1887. He was educated in the public school of Siegfried, Pennsylvania. After finishing the first year in the high school, he attended the American Business College at Allentown. For a number of years he filled an important position in the John Wanamaker New York store. On Jan. 7, 1911, he was married to Helen M. Biegley, a daughter of William Biegley. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz: Helen B., and Mary S.

#### OWEN SWARTZ.

Owen Swartz, son of John, was born at Catasauqua, Feb. 24, 1823. He was a carpenter by trade, but prior to 1853 he became a lumber salesman for John Stoddard, at Catasauqua. Some time before the Civil War he bought the business from Stoddard and conducted it alone until 1863, when he admitted into partnership Horatio Y. Yeager. In 1870 he sold his interest in the concern to F. W. Wint [See History of Catasauqua], and moved to Allentown, where he died, Nov. 17, 1876, in his fifty-fourth year of age. He was one of the very active and prominent men in the Evangelical Church, first at Catasauqua, and later at Allentown. In the year 1868, he was a member of the building committee that erected the Emmanuel church, at Catasauqua. In 1875, he was elected one of the first trustees of Zion's Evangelical church on Liberty street, Allentown. He continued to served the church faithfully until he died. He had been a class leader and exhorter for many years. His life was one of emulation.

He married Susan Peter, daughter of John Peter, whose full history appears in connection with the "Peters Family." "Mother" Swartz as she is affectionately known by her friends and acquaintances who are legion, is now nearly eighty-eight years "young." She is possessed of a clear mind, a retentive memory, and a sweet and kindly disposition. Among the Evangelical people generally, particularly among those of Seibert church, of which she is one of the few original members, she is held in sacred affection. Mother Swartz, aged, but lovable in the evening of life, is at the old homestead, No. 516 North Ninth street, Allentown, where her daughter, Minnie S., and all the other of her children administer unto her. This aged mother never misses church services, and with the Christian's unflinching hope to meet her sainted companion and deceased children in "that house not made of hands eternal in the heavens," she awaits the Master's call. Twelve children blessed this

union, as follows: Eleanor, widow of George Gross; Edwin V.; John and James, both deceased; Samuel P.; Laura, deceased; Sarah, deceased, wife of James Baer; Albert E.; Charles, of Palmerton; Minnie S.; Benton, deceased; and Owen S. W. J. D.

#### SCHWOYER (SCHWEYER) FAMILY.

The name Schweyer has been variously spelled by different branches and even by members of the same family. Tradition says the original home of the family was in France and that about the middle of the eighteenth century there came to America, four brothers, Christian, Heinrich, Samuel, and Esau Schweyer (Sweyer, Schweyer, or Schwoyer). But from authentic sources found in the Heraldic Library at Vienna we glean the following account of the Schweyer family, their origin and place of settlement.

"The Schweyer family sprang from Pomerania, the eastern province of the Kingdom of Prussia, and the founder of the same was living in the year 1172. His name was 'Edgar Schweyer,' which name, in the ancient Pomeranian language, meant 'saint.' He held the office of Fellerber (that is, 'high priest'), of the clan of Obetuter. His residence was on the island of Hiddensöe. His wife, 'Thorga,' was the daughter of a count from the island of Rügen. Edgar was a brave warrior. On his shield he bore an eagle with outspread wings, the symbol of courage and sagacity. On his helmet he wore two buffalo horns, the symbol of the god Woden, representing great strength. These symbols were also assumed by his descendants, as their coat of arms. Edgar, in the year 1172, was converted to the Christian faith and baptized by the German missionary Orosius. He died on the island of Hiddensöe, A. D., 1213. He had three sons, namely: Pelagin, Orosius, and Anagas; the two first named entered a monastery. Orosius had large possessions on the islands of Hiddensöe and Rügen, and his descendants were still flourishing in the same place at the time of the Emperor Sigismund. About the year 1412 two brothers of the family, Wendel and George Schweyer, were the only persons surviving of the name. Their descendants were still flourishing about the middle of the sixteenth century in Pomerania, and were still maintaining the old title of nobility. At the time when the good and glorious King of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, arrived at the court of Pomerania, two of the members of this family joined him at Hallem, these being Felix and Conrad Schweyer. Felix was killed in an assault on the city of Frankfurt, near the river Oder. Conrad remained in the army during the war, which lasted thirty years, and finally settled at Rebuick, in the Duke-

dom of Hessen. He married Francisca Kleinger, dropped his title of nobility and lived as a farmer at Rebuick. He died in the year 1672. The name of his son was Augustus Schweyer, farmer and hotel-keeper at Rebuick, whose wife was Elizabeth Homer. He died in 1713, leaving three sons, whose names were: Nicholas, Leopold, and Christopher Schweyer. From there the family spread over the Dukedom of Nassau, Hesse Frankland (Franklin) and the grand duchy of Baden."

Presumably from one of these sons comes the branch in Maxatawny township, through Nicholas Schweyer, great-great-grandfather of James M. Schwoyer. He was born Oct. 18, 1721, and died March 25, 1800. His children were: George; Jacob, who was recruiting officer in Philadelphia, and served as lieutenant in the Fifth United States Infantry, during the War of 1812; Peter, who died in 1828; Christian, mentioned below; Henry; Nicholas, whose son Nicholas was given the old family Bible by his grandfather; Valentine; and Barbara. Nicholas Schweyer, the great-grandfather, was an officer in the Prussian army. He was gathering arms and flannels to come to America to trade with the Indians, when he was arrested by the government and charged with inciting insurrection. He was disfranchised and his estate confiscated. He escaped and came to America, bringing with him the family Bible. His family followed him in care of a brother some years afterward. He was proven innocent and the franchise restored, but the estate was not looked after and was yet to be recovered.

From "30,000 names, German, Swiss, Dutch, French, Portuguese and other immigrants in Pennsylvania," edited by I. Daniel Rupp, Harrisburg, Pa., 1844, we learn that Nicholas Schweyer came to America Oct. 4, 1752, on the ship "Nep-tune." Johannes (John) Schweyer came Oct. 13, 1768, on the ship "Betsy."

Christian Schweyer, son of the emigrant, Nicholas, was born in 1780, and he made his home in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he was a farmer in early life, and later became an inn-keeper at Rothrocksville. His wife was Elizabeth Keyser, born in 1784. He died in 1856, and she in 1858, and both are buried at the Maxatawny Zion's church. Their children were: Jonathan; John; Peter; Christian; Elizabeth, m. Isaac Kemp; and Matilda, m. Peter Boger. The Kutztown cemetery gives the record of two other children, as follows: "Zwei kindern von Christian Schweyer & seiner Ehe Gattin, Elizabeth born Keyser," Jacob, born Oct. 19, 1805, died Jan. 11, 1827; and Esther, born Dec. 23, 1808, died Feb. 12, 1824.



John Schweyer, son of Christian, was born in Maxatawny township, in 800, and died in 1893, at the age of ninety-two years. In his youth he learned the duties pertaining to a farmer's life, and that occupation he followed during his active years. When he was nearing seventy years of age, he retired, living at Rothrocksville. He was a member of Maxatawny Zion's church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, and is buried there. His first wife was Elizabeth Helfrich, who died in 1844, aged thirty-four years. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hoch) Helfrich, of Lehigh county. Nine children were born to this union, as follows: James, Allen, Henry, Daniel, Jacob, Alfred, Francis, George and Mary who died in infancy. The Christian name of John Schweyer's second wife was Elizabeth.

Allen Schweyer was a prominent and influential citizen and for many years was a powerful factor in the Democratic politics of Berks county. He was engaged in the mining and contracting business and was widely known as a justice of the peace and tax collector, having held the office of justice of the peace for 30 years, and was a Democratic candidate for sheriff many years ago. For forty-five years he conducted Schweyer's Hotel, and ten years later opened a general store at that place. Mr. Schweyer was born in Maxatawny township, Nov. 29, 1830. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Oswald, who died in 1886 and is buried at Siegfried's church. They had eight children, as follows: Sallie, wife of Milton Weaver, of Allentown; Daniel E., of Allentown; John, who died at Schweyer's; Alfred; James M.; Ambrose, deceased, who is buried at Allentown; Ellsworth, of Allentown; and Peter, of Allentown. All the children were born near Siegfried's church. In 1865, Mr. Schweyer moved to Kline's Corner, where he continued to reside until he died.

He married a second time, Eliza Long. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's church, Maxatawny township; Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., of Trexlertown; Longswamp Lodge, No. 534, I. O. O. F.; and of Lyons Lodge, No. 102, K. of P.

Mr. Schweyer died Oct. 13, 1911, at his home at Schweyer's (also known as Kline's Corner).

JAMES M. SCHWEYER, a prominent business man of Allentown, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, in 1863. When only eight years old he began working in a neighboring ore mine at a salary of twenty cents per day, and continued thus until fourteen years old, when his salary was increased to seventy cents per day. At the age of seventeen years he was employed as a clerk in his father's general store and con-

tinued in this position until he was twenty years old, when he left home to begin life for himself. He located in Allentown in 1883 and occupied a clerical position with Farr, Haas & Company at a salary of eight dollars per week, and was thus employed for two years. In 1885 he became proprietor of Maple Grove Hotel in Berks county, conducting this with success for four and one-half years, when he returned to Allentown, and purchased the stock, good will, and fixtures of the grocery store at Seventh and Liberty streets. In 1894, he engaged in the wholesale liquor business at No. 129 South Seventh street, and in 1900 he removed to No. 104 North Seventh street, where he continues as a wholesale liquor dealer, and employs nine men.

Mr. Schweyer is a successful business man and has extensive business interests in Northampton, as well as Lehigh county. He had been associated with the Hon. Clinton A. Groman, in various large enterprises at Nazareth, Pa. They owned and operated an extensive lime-stone quarry and employed fifty men. They sold many thousand tons of lime-stone annually to the cement companies in the fertile Lehigh Valley. The farm on which the quarry is situated consists of 110 acres of valuable land. Mr. Schweyer is a director and the treasurer of the American Shoe Manufacturing Company, Allentown, which firm employs 76 people.

Mr. Schweyer has membership in the following lodges: F. O. E.; K. G. E.; Loyal Order of Moose; Order of Owls; Tigers of the World; Modern Woodmen of America; and the Knights of the Mystic Chain. He is a prominent and influential Democrat of Lehigh county, having been active in party welfare and a liberal contributor of the party for many years.

James M. Schweyer was married, 1885, to Miss Maggie Frederick, daughter of George and Marietta (Fretz) Frederick. Her maternal grandfather was Reuben Fretz. Mr. and Mrs. Schweyer are members of the Zion's Reformed church, Allentown.

#### JOHN W. SCOTT.

James M. Schweyer was married, 1885, to Hotel, Coplay, Pa., a son of John and Maria (Kelly) Scott, was born June 19, 1867. For a number of years he made his home in Philadelphia. Before his marriage he traveled over a large portion of Europe and Australia. In 1900 he became the proprietor of a Saloon at Seventeenth and Dickinson streets, Philadelphia. In 1907 he purchased the Columbia Hotel at Coplay, taking possession of it the same year. He has conducted it ever since. The hotel has twenty-one rooms. In connection with this business



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he also conducts a livery business, having from fifteen to twenty-five horses. He took an active part in the organization of the Coplay National Bank, of which he is a director. While he lived in Philadelphia he was a member of the school board. He is a member of the Red Men, the F. D. E. and the Elks. He was married April 18, 1894, to Annie D. Jennings, a native of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of the following children: James W., Mary T., Annie M., Margaret F., Gertrude E., Rose E., Viola C., and Evelyn D.

WM. H. SEAGREAVES.

William Henry Seagreaves, engineer at the Allentown Spinning Company, was born Aug. 18, 1858, at the borough of Macungie, in Lehigh county. After attending the public schools of Allentown until he was fourteen years old he followed the employment of developing and caring for racing horses under Samuel Schnurman, George J. Snyder and M. C. L. Kline for thirteen years. He then entered the Allentown Spinning Mill as shipping-clerk and after serving this position eleven years he was promoted to engineer of the mill which position he has successfully filled until the present time. He has become affiliated with the American Mechanics, Sons of America, American Steam Engineers and Rescue Hook and Ladder Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Seagreaves was married in 1879 to Annie E. Weaver, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth C. (Christine) Weaver, of Springtown township, in Bucks county, where the father followed farming, and they have an only child, Claude. They are members of the Salem Reformed church.

His father, James Seagreaves, was born at Allentown and followed shoemaking in the employ of Wm. Roney. He died at the age of twenty-five years. He was married to Sarah Smith, daughter of Jonas and Mary Smith. She died at the age of nineteen years. Both were buried in the Union Cemetery at Allentown. They had an only child, William Henry.

His grandfather, Peter Seagreaves, was a butcher and carpenter at Allentown and died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was buried in the Union Cemetery. He was married to Catharine Ritter, and they had nine children: Mary, m. Charles Fullentine; Annie, m. Geo. White; Emma, m. Frank Hodes; Sallie, died single; George; John; James; William and Charles.

Claude W. Seagreaves was born Aug. 5, 1884, and after attending the public schools learned the trade of machinist, being now in projectile

department of the Bethlehem Steel Company. In 1911 he was married to Eva Sefing, daughter of Christian and Ella (Craig) Sefing, and they have one child, a son named James Christian.

The parents of Mrs. Wm. H. Seagreaves had ten children: John; Charles and Quintus, who both died young; Amanda, m. John Campbell; Ellen; Annie E.; Sadie; Adam, died young; Elizabeth, m. Preston Daniels; and Elenora, m. Levi Randt. Her grandfather was Martin Weaver, who lived in Springfield township, Bucks county, where he followed farming.

SAEGER FAMILY.

The name Saeger, spelled in olden times Sager and Seger, is found in old records of Germany and Switzerland as far back as 1388, when Conrad Sager of Zug, was killed by Austrians, on a precipice. In 1402 Burki Sager was a councillor in Bern and in 1553 John Sager was Governor of Arberg.

John Nicholas Saeger, ancestor of the greater part of the family in this country, was born in 1694 and came from Reichenbach, Bavaria. His wife, Anna Barbara, was born in 1705, and with their seven children they sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, in the ship Richmond and Elizabeth, arriving at Philadelphia on Sept. 28, 1733. He settled upon a tract of 250 acres along the Coplay creek in Whitehall township, which he secured by a warrant dated March 28, 1737. The plant of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company is now located on this land. On Jan. 24, 1739, he secured by warrant a tract of forty acres adjoining his other land on the east. This land he farmed and improved until his death, when by his will dated October 22, 1753, and probated Feb. 5, 1762, it became the property of his two eldest sons. He was a Lutheran in faith and worshipped at the Jordan Lutheran church and at Egypt church. He died in January, 1762, ten of his thirteen children surviving him. Of his children, mention is made of each in order of age.

1. Anna Mary, was born in 1721 and was twelve and one-half years old on arriving in America. She married in 1740, John Frederick Snyder, of Heidelberg township.

2. Anna Barbara, born in 1723, married Peter Troxell, and died about 1750. She had two children, John Troxell, born Sept. 17, 1747, and died April 21, 1830, married Elizabeth Martin, and removed to near Emmitsburg, Md., with his father and Anna Barbara, born Sept. 12, 1748, died April 15, 1823, married Mathias Martin.

3. John Henry Saeger, born 1725, died in childhood.

4. Samuel Saeger, was born in 1727, and was aged six years on his arrival at Philadelphia. He became the owner of one-half of his father's land, which, with his brother, he patented April 6, 1762. He added to his land, and became the owner of over 200 acres. He was deacon in 1767, and treasurer of the Lutheran congregation at Egypt and one of the building committee that erected a new church in 1785, to which he contributed £22, or \$58.67. He was naturalized April 10, 1761, and was one of the leading men of Whitehall township in his day. He died in September, 1789. On Oct. 28, 1752, he married Anna Eva Eberhard, daughter of Frederick Eberhard. She was born in 1736 and died Jan. 9, 1792. They had seven children as far as is known, namely: John Nicholas, born August 15, 1760; Mary Magdalena, born Sept. 6, 1762; Catharine, born Jan. 23, 1765, died Sept. 21, 1851, married Nicholas Kern and had ten children; Mary Susanna, born March 10, 1767; Anna Mary, born June 17, 1774, died July 13, 1846, married Abraham Worman, born 1771, died 1846; Mary Charlotte, born October 30, 1776; and Samuel, born March 8, 1779, who married Mary Barbara Siegfried, and had six children; Silas, born April 3, 1813; Tilghman, born July 11, 1815; Nathan, born Oct. 24, 1805; Mary, born November 22, 1817; Lovina, born May 23, 1820, and Christian, born April 16, 1822.

John Nicholas Saeger, son of Samuel, born August 15, 1760, was baptized at Egypt, Sept. 7, 1760, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher. He married Feb. 12, 1793, Mary Magdalena Knauss, daughter of George Frederick Knauss. She was born Feb. 1, 1772, and died March 24, 1842. Mrs. Saeger is buried on the old Allentown Cemetery, while her husband is buried at Egypt. He died April 28, 1829. Their son, Joseph K. Saeger, was born in 1792. In 1837 he removed to Allentown and established a foundry and machine shop at Third and Walnut streets, where he put up the first steam engine in Lehigh county, a small steam engine made by Rush and Muhlenberg, of Philadelphia. He ran the business successfully for about twelve years, when he retired and Thomas Barber became the principal owner and manager. Mr. Saeger was active in militia circles, and became a Brigadier-General of Militia. He died at Allentown, Nov. 14, 1855. He married Mary Magdalena Saeger, his second cousin, daughter of Nicholas Saeger, and his wife, Eva Balliet. She was born April 18, 1792, and died Aug. 29, 1836, and was buried in the old Allentown Cemetery. He married the second time, Margaret, daughter of James Wilson. She was born August 1, 1799,

and died July 13, 1887. There were no children in the second marriage.

The children of Gen. Joseph K. Saeger were:

Horace, who died in boyhood; Sallanda, married Elias Sieger; Abigail, married Daniel Keck; Catharine, married Mr. Sigman; Eli J.; Mary, married (1) Jonas Mohr, (2) Elias Matter; Leah Ann, married Rev. Simon Tobias; Hiram, and Louise, who married Enos Starke.

Eli J. Saeger, son of General Jos. K. Saeger, was born Nov. 2, 1818. He came to Allentown in 1834, and became a clerk in the store of Pretz, Saeger & Company, and later entered his father's foundry, where he assisted in erecting the first steam engine in the county. In 1840 he went into partnership in the mercantile business with John P. Boas, and in 1857 became president of the Catasauqua National Bank. He was also a justice of the peace for a number of years. He died Oct. 1, 1888. He married Sarah A. Spinner, daughter of George Spinner. She died Jan. 21, 1905, at Aukona, Indian River, Florida, aged 83 years. They had seven children: Mrs. Emma M., wife of David O. Saylor, Richard N., Edgar E., Charles M., Walter J., George A., and Arthur E., the latter two of Florida.

CHARLES M. SAEGER, son of Eli J. Saeger, was born in Allentown, Aug. 7, 1856. He was educated in the public and high schools of Allentown, and subsequently studied engineering, under G. A. Aschbach. In 1878 he became assistant superintendent of the Carbon Iron and Pipe Company, of Parryville, where he remained for about seven years, when he became general manager and superintendent of the Coplay Cement Company. He married, December, 1880, Miss Sally A. Hess, and had four children: Louis A., the eldest, was born at Parryville, Sept. 30, 1881, and was educated in the public schools of Allentown, and Muhlenberg College preparatory school. In 1899 he became an assistant in the chemical and physical laboratory of the Coplay Cement Company. On Aug. 12, 1902, he sailed for Spain to take charge of the laboratory of the Compania General de Asfaltos, at Barcelona. He assisted in erecting the mill at Pueblo, Spain, when he was taken ill with a fever, and died Jan. 31, 1903. The surviving children are: Bes-sie M., Geoffrey A., and Charles Marshall, Jr.

5. John Christian Saeger, second son of John Nicholas Saeger, the immigrant, was born Jan. 26, 1731. He became the owner of one-half of his father's land, which he cultivated until his death. In 1768 he and his brother Samuel Sieger were each taxed upon 65 acres of cultivated land and 85 acres of uncultivated land, three horses, 3 cows and six sheep. He was a prominent mem-

ber of the Lutheran congregation of the church at Egypt, and contributed £22, or \$58.67 to the new church built in 1775. He died Nov. 30, 1800, and was buried at Egypt. He married Mary Susanna, who was born Feb. 7, 1736, and died March 6, 1800. He had 10 children: Margaret, Eva, Catherine, Nicholas, Barbara, Christina, Anna, Mary, Magdalena, Susanna, Jacob, and Daniel.

Margaret Saeger, eldest child, was born Nov. 25, 1755, and died May 9, 1814. She married George Frederick Knauss, and was buried in old Allentown cemetery.

Eva Catharine Saeger was born July 6, 1757, and died Jan. 7, 1815. She married, Jan. 16, 1780, John Jacob Steckel.

Nicholas Saeger was born May 16, 1759. He lived on a part of the old homestead and served in the Revolutionary War, attaining to the rank of lieutenant in the First Battalion, Northampton County Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Stephen Balliet. He was for many years a justice of the peace, both in North Whitehall and in Allentown, to which latter place he removed about 1815. He died Jan. 7, 1835, and his remains now rest in Fairview cemetery. He married, first, April 18, 1781, Eva Balliet, daughter of Paul Balliet. She was born 1760, and died March 20, 1797. He married a second time, Oct. 24, 1797, Maria, daughter of Michael Stofflet. She was born May 17, 1770, and died Feb. 20, 1854. They had seven children: Mary Susanna, Daniel, John, Joseph, Salome, Magdalena, and Elizabeth.

Mary Susanna was born May 20, 1781.

Daniel was born June 5, 1783, and died March 30, 1853. He married Elizabeth Miller, and had six children: Henry, Reuben, Nathan, Daniel, Nancy, Elizabeth, John.

John, born June 10, 1785, died Aug. 4, 1856. He married Catharine Dinkey, March 18, 1806. They had no children. They resided on a large farm at Siegersville, where Mr. Sieger was justice of the peace for about 30 years.

Joseph was born May 18, 1787; Salome, Dec. 5, 1789, and died May 18, 1818; Magdalena was born April 18, 1792, and died Aug. 15, 1836. She married Joseph K. Saeger. Elizabeth, born Oct. 19, 1794, married Joseph Siegfried.

Joseph Saeger, son of Nicholas and his wife, Eva Balliet, was born May 18, 1787, and died Aug. 24, 1848. He married Anna Margaret Pretz, born March 11, 1791. She died Jan. 1, 1858. Both are buried on Allentown cemetery. He settled at Saegersville in 1807, which was named in honor of Mr. Saeger, where he had a hotel and store business until 1831; when he sold

it to his son-in-law, Peter Miller, and moved to Allentown, where he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Christian Pretz, under the name of Pretz & Saeger. They had nine children: Reuben, Nathan, Joseph, Owen, Franklin, Edwin, Magdalena, Salome, and Messina. Nathan, a mute, died in infancy. Joseph, Jr., a mute, was in business in Allentown with his brother, Owen. He later held a position in the court house. He married Maria Quier. Had four children: Milton, Albert, Frank, and Mrs. Senia Lerch. Owen Saeger was born Feb. 9, 1817, and died Feb. 6, 1864. He engaged in the hardware business in Allentown, and married Eliza Ruhe, and had seven children: Mrs. Elmina Shimer, Mrs. Mary Kleckner, Mrs. Christina Trexler, Harry, Annie, Rebecca, and Franklin, who died young. Edwin, also a mute, was in his early years a teacher in the deaf mute asylum in Philadelphia, but later established a book bindery in Allentown. He married Hannah Turner, and had four children: Howard F., Mrs. Maggie Alsop, Mrs. Jennie Bradway, and Frederick.

Salome married Thomas Kramer. Messina married Carlos Samson and had two children: Edward, and Mrs. Alice Clark. Magdalena, born Sept. 6, 1806, died Jan. 8, 1885, married Peter Miller, and had seven children: Mrs. Maria L. Krause, Mrs. Matilda Kistler, Owen A., Dr. Aaron S., Dr. Edward P., Mrs. Sophia Seiple, and Sarah A.

Barbara, daughter of Christian, was baptized Aug. 30, 1761, by Rev. Schumacher.

Christina Saeger, born Sept. 29, 1763, and died Sept. 6, 1836, married Henry Ludwig.

Anna Mary was baptized Sept. 15, 1765.

Mary Susanna was born October, 1772.

Jacob Saeger was born Oct. 29, 1774. He was a farmer in Whitehall township on a part of the old Saeger tract. In 1815 he removed to Allentown, where, with his brother Daniel, he erected a grist-mill, and engaged in mercantile enterprises. He died April 18, 1858. He married Margaret Mickley, daughter of Martin Mickley, born Sept. 9, 1775, and died July 6, 1846. They had eight children: Sarah, Catharine, Charles, Ann, William, Abigail, Mary, and Rebecca. Sarah was born Aug. 26, 1796, and married George Kern. They had no children. Catharine married Benjamin Ludwig. Ann married Sol. L. Keck; Charles was born Dec. 6, 1801, and died Aug. 10, 1859. He married Eliza Eckert. Catharine married Benjamin Ludwig. Abigail, born Nov. 18, 1809, married Christian Pretz. Mary, born May 3, 1813, married Edward Kerr. Rebecca married Henry Weinsheimer.



Charles Saeger, eldest son of Jacob, was born Dec. 6, 1801. He attended the English school, one mile from his home, for eight years and was then sent to school at Morristown, N. J. In 1815 and 1816, he attended Washington Academy, Philadelphia, after which he became a clerk in his father's store. When this was sold to Stephen C. King & Company, he remained one year, when he became clerk in the Northampton Bank, where he continued until 1828, when he engaged in the general store business on North Seventh street, a few doors north of the bank, with Sol. N. Keck. Soon after they opened another store at Eastport, on the canal, now the Fourteenth ward, with William Saeger as partner. In 1833, the firm was Saeger, Keck & Company, and located their town store at Seventh and Hamilton. In 1834 they took on lease the eastern part of the new mill on the canal from Jacob Saeger and George Keck. The latter died in 1837 and Sol. L. Keck, his son, secured his interest in the mill. William Saeger subsequently purchased the interest of his partners. Charles Saeger died Aug. 10, 1859. He married Eliza, daughter of William Eckert. She was born Nov. 2, 1808, and died March 19, 1882. They were married on Jan. 9, 1827, by Rev. J. Conrad Yeager, at his residence. They had six children: Sarah L., born 1829, married Charles M. Runk; William E.; Eliza J., and Thomas A., who died in infancy; Henry J.; and Cordelia S., who married Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. Henry J. Saeger was born July 14, 1833. He was many years agent for the Lehigh & Susquehanna R. R. Co., and was a member of the banking firm of Saeger and Weidner. He married Anna M. Goundie and had five children: Mary E., died young; Anna A., married Henry J. Detwiller; Irene C., married John N. Lawfer; Cora L., died young; and Emily M., married Dr. John B. Stine, of Philadelphia.

William Saeger, second son of Jacob, was born Sept. 4, 1806, in Whitehall township, where he resided until his tenth year, when the family moved to Allentown. He was educated in the schools of the period after which he became a clerk, and later opened in Hanover township, a canal store for the sale of merchandise then in demand by the canal employees. The business meanwhile extended. Considerable purchases of real estate were made, and Mr. Saeger became an extensive dealer in grain, a manufacturer of lumber and owner of timber tracts, a coal merchant, and also engaged largely in farming and milling enterprises. In 1866, he removed from Hanover township to Allentown and confined his attention to banking affairs, having been elected president of the Allentown National Bank in

1862, which position he held until 1883, when he resigned, and retired from active business. He was in earlier life, a Whig, and later a Republican, though not in active participation in the work of the party. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, of which he was an elder, and treasurer of the church council. He died March 10, 1893. Mr. Saeger married, in 1833, Hannah, daughter of Daniel Gangewere. She was born Nov. 12, 1809, and died June 23, 1887. He had three sons: Alfred C., Jacob H., and Thomas W.

ALFRED G. SAEGER, son of William, was born June 19, 1835. He was educated in the schools of Hanover township and the Allentown Seminary. As a young man he entered the store of his father, Saeger & Keck, in Hanover township, now the Fourteenth ward, Allentown. After spending a year in the store of C. L. and A. S. Keck, at White Haven, in 1856, he became a member of the firm of Keck, Saeger & Company, with his father, Andrew, Thomas, and Charles L. Keck, dealers in lumber, coal and general merchandise, and who conducted the mill along the canal. In 1859 he entered the firm of Mosser, Keck & Co., in the tanning business, from which he retired in 1877. Mr. Saeger was a director of the Allentown National Bank and of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company. He was a member of the Livingston Club and for many years a trustee of Muhlenberg College. He married, Nov. 30, 1869, Miss Ella E. Troxell, daughter of Aaron Troxell. Mr. Saeger's death, on May 23, 1913, removed a beloved figure from the business and social world of the city. With Mrs. Saeger he was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and several times he was a delegate to the General Council of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Saeger was also a member of the Lehigh Country Club and the Lehigh County Historical Society. Mrs. Saeger, who holds membership in both these organizations, takes great interest in historical work. She is a member of Liberty Bell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is Past Regent.

Jacob H. Saeger, a prominent business man of Allentown, was born there April, 1841, the son of William and Hannah (Gangewere) Saeger, a lumber, grain and coal merchant. He received his education in the Allentown Seminary, and later entered the Pennsylvania Agricultural College, in Centre Valley, Pa. He later became a clerk in the Allentown rolling mills, until his enlistment, Aug. 13, 1862, with the 128th Regiment, under Col. Croasdale. He was in Company D, then in command of John P. Dillinger. Jacob H. Saeger was with the regiment in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville, and



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served with the regiment until mustered out, May 19, 1863, when he returned home and engaged in the flour milling business with his brother, Thomas W. Saeger, along the canal, East Allentown. He continued in the milling business until his retirement in 1904.

He was prominently identified with musical circles, and was one of the promoters of the Allentown Choral Union, in 1883, and was actively connected with the choir work of St. John's Lutheran church. When the Euterpean-Oratorio Society was organized, he was one of its staunchest supporters, and served on the executive board since its organization. He was also prominently identified with the Allentown National Bank, having frequently served as director, and was a member of the building committee for the erection of the present handsome bank building. He was also a member of the Livingston Club.

On Aug. 30, 1866, he was married to Miss Emeline Schimpf, daughter of John Schimpf, of Allentown. They had the following children: Robert; William; John F., with whom he was associated in business; and Dr. Luther J. Saeger.

He died March 27, 1905, at his home, No. 119 South Fourth street, after an illness of more than a year from pulmonary troubles.

JOHN F. SAEGER, son of Jacob H. and Emeline (Schimpf) Saeger, was born in Allentown in 1871. He was educated in private schools and Muhlenberg College, from which he graduated in 1890. He then became an assistant to his father, until 1898, when he became a partner. He continued in business with his father until the latter's death, in 1905, and in 1906 he purchased his father's interest.

John F. Saeger conducts the plant under the name of "Saeger Milling Company." The mill is equipped with the latest machinery, and produces such well known brands of flour as "Saeger's Best," "Saco," and "Roller A." The firm employs about ten men. In religion he is a Lutheran.

In 1900 he was married to Fannie M. Ormrod, daughter of George and Permilla (Johnson) Ormrod. They have one son, John O.

Daniel Saeger, youngest son of Christian, was born July 11, 1779, and died June 26, 1838, at Saegertown, Crawford county, which was named for him in 1823. He owned 625 acres of land in that vicinity and served as a justice of the peace and in the state legislature. He married Margaret Snyder and had six children: Isaac, Edward, Jonathan, Thomas, Stephen, and Sarah.

6. Anna Louisa, daughter of Nicholas, the emigrant, died young.

7. Christina Barbara, another daughter, born in 1733, married Jacob Wolf.

8. Mary Margaret, fifth daughter of Nicholas, the emigrant, married Adam Rader.

Other children of Nicholas, the emigrant were: John Nicholas; John Jacob, who died unmarried; Anna Elizabeth; Peter, born Feb. 15, 1741, who died young; and John, born 1742, who settled in Lehigh township, Northampton county.

John Nicholas Saeger, son of John Nicholas, the emigrant, was born about 1737, and died in 1803. He was a carpenter and farmer in Whitehall and with his wife, Maria Barbara, had six children: Susanna, John, Nicholas, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Christian.

John Saeger, his eldest son, was born Sept. 25, 1765, and died Aug. 10, 1830. He married Magdalena Ritter and had ten children:

1. Daniel Saeger, Esq., born Aug. 29, 1792, resided between Egypt and Laury's. He married Susanna Newhard and had eight children. Reuben, born Dec. 22, 1820, married Mary A. Ritter; Aaron C., born Oct. 12, 1823, married Hannah Seipel; Maria C., born April 25, 1825, married David Kline; Caroline C., born Dec. 30, 1827, married Joseph Keller; Joseph C., born Dec. 18, 1828, married Mary Roth; Matilda C., born Dec. 1, 1832, married Edward Driesbach; Magdalena C., born Sept. 4, 1835, married Lewis Moyer; and Louisa C., born July 20, 1837, married Stephen Knecht.

2. Catharine Saeger, daughter of John, was born July 16, 1794, and died Sept. 17, 1842. She married Jonas Newhard, and had four children.

3. John Saeger was born Sept. 21, 1797.

4. Peter Saeger was born Feb. 5, 1800, and died Aug. 21, 1825.

5. Susanna, born June 21, 1805, married Peter Newhard.

6. Magdalena, married Joseph Kohler and removed to Frankford, Ind.

7. Elizabeth, born March 13, 1810, died unmarried.

8. William, was born May 4, 1813.

9. Charles, was born July 13, 1816, and died Feb. 23, 1854. He married Catharine Steckel and had seven children.

10. Stephen, married Lydia Laury.

Nicholas Saeger, son of Nicholas and Maria Barbara Saeger, and grandson of Nicholas 1st, was born April 18, 1775, and died May 22, 1858. He married, in 1801, Catharine Schneider, born Nov. 3, 1782, died Feb. 24, 1838. They had two daughters, Margaret and Salome. Margaret, born Nov. 22, 1801, died June 14, 1869, married Jonas Stofflet, born 1798, died 1869, and had eleven children: Catharine; Magdalena, married Harrison Barner; Susanna, married Aaron Howser; Caroline C.; Deborah, married Adam Laubach; Hannah, married Thomas Schaadt, Sr.;

Nathan; Abigail, married Levi Haas; Sarah, married George Bates; Fayette, married Rev. John Sykes; and John H., married Mary Troxell. Salome married Solomon Kuntz, and had six children: Lydia, married F. M. Hower; Elizabeth; Stephen; David; and two died in infancy.

Jacob Saeger, son of Nicholas, 2d, was a shoemaker and had children: Jonas, born Aug. 11, 1799; Elias, born Aug. 4, 1806; and John, born Jan. 2, 1817.

Christian Saeger, son of Nicholas, 2d, married Maria Magdalena Newhard, and removed to Lycoming county.

#### HENRY J. SEAMAN.

The pioneer of the Seaman family in this country came from England and located on Staten Island, N. Y., at a very early period in the Eighteenth Century. The father of the subject was Henry J. Seaman. His mother, Maria A., a daughter of Charles Augustus Luckenbach, was a descendant of an old Moravian family. Mr. Luckenbach was an organizer and the first president of the Thomas Iron Company, and an early director of the Bank of Catasauqua.

Henry J. Seaman, residing at Catasauqua, Pa., was born in Trinity county, California. When he was past three years of age his parents came to Bethelhem, Pa., where he attended the Moravian Parochial School. He took a course in Chemistry at Lehigh University and was graduated in 1879, when he went to the mining district of Leadville, Col., where he served as chemist of a large Smelting Company. On account of severe illness he returned home in December of the same year. In February, 1880, he succeeded James Gayley as chemist at the Crane Iron Works. He was promoted to furnace manager, January, 1886. In June, 1889, he accepted the position of superintendent of the Carbon Iron and Steel Company at Parryville, Pa. In February, 1892, he became superintendent of the Atlas Cement Company, which was in process of organization.

At a later date he was elected to the position of general superintendent of the Atlas Portland Cement Company, of which he has been a director since its organization. He was largely instrumental in perfecting the rotary process of manufacturing Portland Cement, and invented and commercialized a process of burning pulverized fuel, now used almost exclusively in the manufacture of Portland Cement.

Mr. Seaman is vice-president and general superintendent of the New York and New England Cement and Lime Company, and a director of the National Bank of Catasauqua, which is the oldest banking institution in the Lehigh valley.

He holds membership in: The Engineer's Club, of New York; the Railroad Club, of New York; The Livingston Club, Allentown, Pa.; The Lehigh Country Club, Rittersville, Pa.; The American Institute of Mining Engineers; The American Society for Testing Materials and The American Concrete Institute.

Mr. Seaman is a Republican in his political affiliations, and his fraternal connections are with the Free and Accepted Masons, having membership in Porter Lodge No. 284, at Catasauqua.

He entered into matrimony with Miss Minnie Boyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boyer, in 1885. Their children are: Louise, wife of Paul Miller, and Harry J., both of Catasauqua.

#### JACOB F. SEASE.

Jacob Sease, the father of Jacob F., was born in Northern Switzerland, in 1823. As a boy he played on the banks of the beautiful famous Rhine river, which has its source in the mountains of Switzerland. In 1862 he came to Breinigsville, Lehigh county. He enlisted for three months service. Upon the expiration of his enlistment he returned to Allentown and worked on a brick yard. Later he became the hostler at the Cross-Keys Hotel, and continued for a period of 26 years. He died Dec. 6, 1893, aged 65 years. His wife, Annie Rice, a native of Allentown, was born in 1828 and died March 9, 1899. They both are buried at Allentown. They were members of Zion's Reformed Church. Their union was blessed with two sons: George E., who died in 1898, aged 23 years, and Jacob F.

Jacob F. Sease, the grain, feed and flour merchant, was born in Allentown, Pa., June 11, 1867. He received his early training in the schools of the Third Ward. As a young man he learned the trade of a furniture finisher and followed the same for a period of twenty-three years, nineteen of which were spent in the employ of Helfrich, Weaver and Co. In 1899 he formed a partnership with Thomas E. Miller, under the firm name of Miller and Sease, and engaged in the flour, grain and feed business. In 1906 Mr. Sease became the sole proprietor. Their store is located at the corner of Franklin and Gordon streets. He was for six years a member of Company D, 4th Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He entered as a private, was promoted to corporal and the last two years served as sergeant. To him and his wife, Lillie M. A., a daughter of William and Sarah (Walp) Zeffass, were born four children: Annie; Harry, married Anna McIlhane; Paul and Warren. Mr. Sease and

family are members of Grace United Evangelical Church of Allentown, in which he has served in various capacities.

#### SECHLER FAMILY.

Abraham Sechler, the probable ancestor of those who bear this name in eastern Pennsylvania, is of Swiss origin. He settled in Lynn township, Lehigh county, before the French and Indian War and his homestead, situated near New Tripoli is remembered as the "Sechler House," around which centers much local history. The building is one of the landmarks of Lehigh county. It is built of logs, and its high gable ends and general quaint appearance are evidence that it is the same house where a cruel massacre was committed on July 9, 1757, which is described in the "Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania" as follows:

The Sechler homestead in later years became known as the John Miller farm, and in the historic house was born the Hon. James A. Miller, (State Senator from the Lehigh District); and the property is now owned and occupied by R. H. Fister, a brother-in-law of Senator Miller. A cut of this house appears on page 90, in Volume I.

Later references of the early Sechlers:

In the tax-list of 1768 of Lynn township appears the name of Heinrich Sechler; in 1775, Frederick Sechler was executor of the last will of John Peter Schneider, of Lynn.

From 1778 to 1783 the names of Frederick, Jacob, John, Michael and Andrew Sechler were members of the Northampton County Militia, who rendered service in the Revolutionary War.

Frederick Sechler has a long and honorable record in the Revolutionary War. His name appears as a soldier of the 7th Class of Northampton County Militia of the 3d Battalion in 1778; in 1780 he was the major of Col. Henry Geiger's 6th Battalion of Northampton County Militia and the records further show that he was captain of a company in the 6th Battalion of Northampton County Militia in the service on the frontiers from Nov. 15, 1780 to Jan. 4, 1781, and that he drew pay as a captain for that time.

John Sechler was a soldier of the 6th class in Capt. F. Sechler's company in 1778, and again in 1780.

John Sechler was a soldier in Capt. N. Kern's company in 1781. Michael Sechler's name appears in Von Herr's Dragoons taken from pension papers. The records show that he entered the service in 1781 and was discharged at Philadelphia Dec. 31, 1783, and that he resided in Lycoming county in 1825.

Andrew Sechler was a soldier in Capt. Wm.

Meyer's company in November and December in 1781 and drew pay as a private.

Philip Sechler was a corporal of the 3d company, 4th Battalion of Cumberland county Militia in 1781.

In 1790 the Federal Census shows that Frederick and Valentine Sechler were heads of families in Albany township, Berks county, which adjoins Lynn on the west. Frederick Sechler at that time had a wife, six daughters and one son under sixteen years of age. Valentine Sechler had a wife, four daughters and two sons. The same authority records John and Jacob as residents of Brunswick and Manheim townships in Schuylkill county. John had three sons and four daughters, and Jacob had four sons and two daughters.

In the tax-list of Lynn for 1781 appear the names of Frederick and Andrew Sechler. The same tax-list in 1812 contains these Sechler names: Jacob, Andrew, John, Frederick, Andrew, Jr., and Joseph.

In 1829 Frederick Sechler died in Lynn township. His last will is on record at Allentown, and Jacob Sechler was the executor. The latter likewise was executor of the last will of Joseph Sechler in 1823. Mary Bolich, born in 1823, and who still lived in 1910, said that Andrew Sechler, her grandfather, died in 1830, and that both her grandparents are buried in the Jacksonville church-yard. His will is on record at Allentown, his sons, Henry and Jacob, signing it as executors. The maiden name of his wife was Bankes, and she bore the following children: Henry, Jacob, Frederick, Joseph, Andrew, Elizabeth (1774-1848), who married Heinrich Sheetz; and several other children, whose names are not of record, scattered throughout the West.

Note is made here of the will of an Andreas Sechler and his wife Elizabeth, on record at Allentown, which mentions the name of David Irwin as a son-in-law. Among other children of this couple were John, John Andreas, and Joseph.

Jacob Sechler was a farmer in Lynn township. His birth date is recorded as May 16, 1781, his death August 4, 1858, aged 77 years, 2 months and 18 days. He was a man of property, owning two fine farms, and was connected with the progressive movements of his day. His wife's name was Maria Fusselman, her birth being recorded as May 4, 1796, death April 3, 1842. They were members of the Reformed congregation at Jacksonville, where they are buried. Their children were: Rudolph, five children; Leah, married David Leiser; Joel; Catharine, married Levi Donat; Joseph, eleven children; James; Mary, married William Bolich, was born



1823; Benjamin; Rebecca, married Daniel Kistler; Sarah, married Benjamin Leininger.

Joel Sechler was born in Lynn Aug. 13, 1817. He lived to the age of 77 years and 5 months, dying in Albany township Jan. 14, 1895; was buried at New Bethel church. He was a successful farmer. For periods during his lifetime he owned the "Jefferson Snyder" farm, the "Jacob Kunkel" property, the "Albert Bailey" tract, and the farm now in possession of his son, Levi, who lives in Albany. He was interested in education, serving as school director, and in some offices of the township. Mary Lutz, daughter of Henry Lutz, was his wife, and they had thirteen children: Sarah, widow of Jacob Kunkel; Levi; Elias; Amanda; Rebecca, who died early in life; Mary, married Amandus Long; Hannah, married William S. Dietrich, of Weatherly, Pa.; Malinda, married Albert Faust; Caroline, married Henry S. Dietrich; Catharine, married Louis S. Bailey; Ellen, deceased, wife of Jefferson Snyder; Emma, married Albert S. Bailey; and Jane, married Albert C. Braucher. The mother of this family was born Christmas Day, 1820, and died March 29, 1905, aged 84 years, 3 months and 4 days.

Frederick Sechler, son of Andrew, was a farmer in Lynn township and owned the farm now possessed by Benjamin Heinrich, and shortly before he died he bought the farm of 106 acres near Jacksonville which is now owned by George F. Sechler, his grandson. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of the Jacob's church at Jacksonville. His wife was Elizabeth Fusselman and their children were: Samuel, Jesse, David, Daniel, and Elizabeth, married Daniel Bolich, who lived at McKeansburg, in Schuylkill county.

Samuel Sechler, son of Frederick, was born in Lynn township and he died on the farm which is now the property of his son George, securing it after his mother had died. He built the present barn in 1856, and also the large brick dwelling in 1861. He was a distiller before the Civil War and also operated his farm in connection with his distilling business. He was a Democrat, and served as a township school director, and treasurer. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of the Jacob's Church, where he was buried and also several generations of his family before him. He was a deacon and elder of the church. His wife was Rachel, daughter of Solomon Mosser, and they had four children: Samuel, who died in infancy; Tilina E., married Isaac Stein, living at Kutztown; George F.; and William A., who died when 25 years old, married Ellen Lutz and had two children: Martha, who died in youth, and William S., who lives in

Philadelphia, where he is engaged in stenographing and book-keeping.

GEORGE F. SECHLER, son of Samuel, a substantial farmer in Lynn township and occupies the homestead of his father and also grandfather. He was born on the place July 31, 1854, and educated in the local schools and in the Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa. In 1872 and 1873 he taught in the public schools of the township. In 1888 he began farming the homestead of 110 acres, and subsequently he added 50 acres more to the place. He has been successful in raising large quantities of potatoes.

Mr. Sechler is prominently identified with the "Sechler Family Reunion," which has met annually since 1908 in the large orchard of his superior farm, and he was the first president of the association. Politically he is a Democrat and has served the township as assessor for three terms and treasurer for one term. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of the Jacksonville Union church, which he has served as trustee.

He was married Jan. 31, 1888, to Emma R., daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Kistler) Lutz, and they have two children: Eva, who died in infancy, and Edna May, who was graduated from the Allentown College for Women in 1912.

Joseph Sechler, son of Andrew, was born Dec. 16, 1782, in Lynn township, and there he had a farm along the Ontelaunee creek which is now owned by Andrew Smith. The plantation now comprises 106 acres. He was a Reformed member of the Jacob's church at Jacksonwald and there he was buried. He was married and had 6 children: Elias, buried at Jacksonville; David, settled in Catawissa Valley, Columbia county, Pa.; Jesse, in Schuylkill county; Gideon; Esther, married Levi Kistler; and Hannah, married John Bolich.

Elias Sechler, son of Joseph, was born in Lynn, but later became a farmer in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, Pa. His later life was however, spent near Lynnpport, and there he died in January, 1868. His wife, Polly, was a daughter of Michael Kistler and their children were: James, of Seipstown, Pa.; Edwin, who is buried at the Ziegler's church; Emeline, who died in Kansas, she was married to Samuel Kistler; William; and Elias.

Gideon Sechler, son of Joseph, was an extensive farmer in Lynn township, having been born there Aug. 28, 1810. His homestead was upwards of 300 acres, and Frederick L. Pfeiffer, now owns the part upon which there is a barn that he built in 1856. He died Sept. 1, 1861, aged 51 years. His wife was Maria A. Kistler, born Nov. 22, 1814, died March 20, 1890, in the 76th year of her age. She was a daughter of

John Kistler, (commonly called "Stout" John), and they had eleven children: John, died in Albany township in 1907; Mary, married to Daniel Creitz; Charles, died at Seipstown, Pa.; Samuel, of Harper, Kansas; Polly, married George Reh-rig, who moved to Leavenworth, Kansas, and she died at Denver, Col., in 1911; Willoughby, died in 1902 in Ohio; Elias, who moved to Oklahoma but visited his relatives in eastern Pennsylvania in 1910 after an absence of 35 years; Sarah, who died in 1901, was married to Lewis H. Roth, at Washington, D. C.; Joseph K.; Daniel, died in childhood; and Messina, died in Lehigh county in 1893, was married to Charles Reichelderfer.

JOSEPH K. SECHLER, son of Gideon, a native citizen of Lynn township, was born June 30, 1853. At the age of 18 years he learned the trade of a shoemaker which he followed several years. His early life was spent upon the farm and for some years afterward he worked in a slate quarry. He resided at Emaus for four years and worked in the woods of that vicinity as a lumberman. Mr. Sechler owned and cultivated the 117-acre homestead of the Hon. Daniel Creitz in Lynn township and he sold it in 1910 to his son-in-law, Victor Snyder, after having lived on it for 13 years. In 1911 he purchased a 66-acre farm in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, situated near the Mantz Mill; which had been previously owned by William Ohl, Frank Ohl and Henry Ohl, in succession.

He is a Democrat in politics and served the township as supervisor at various times, of the New Tripoli district and also of the Lynnville district. He and his family worship in the Jacob's church at Jacksonville. He was married in 1877 to Amanda, daughter of Jonas Seibert. She died April 23, 1909, aged 53 years. Their children were: Edwin J., at Allentown; Daniel A., at Steinsville; Ida, married Victor Snyder; and William J., farmer in West Penn township, Schuylkill county.

William Sechler, son of Elias, of Allentown, was born in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, Oct. 11, 1850, and when two years old his mother died and was buried at the New Ringgold church. He lived with his aunt, Hannah Bolich, from 1854 until he was 18 years of age, when he learned the wheelwright trade at Seipstown and after following it with his instructor, Peter Seip, for four years, he left him for one year, after which he worked again for him nearly 20 years. In November, 1902, he went to Allentown, and there he has followed his trade to this time. He was a deacon and an elder of the Ziegel church in Weissberg township, of which he and wife were members of the Reformed congregation. In 1878 he married Josephine Sittler,

daughter of Solomon Sittler, and they have an only daughter, Gertie, who married William Ritz, a glass blower, lives at Allentown, and have two children, Gerald and Ray.

Elias Sechler was born in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, in August, 1852. At a suitable age he learned the coach-painting trade at Seipstown, Pa.; later the Sechler Bros. became the successors to a Mr. Seip, at Seipstown in the coach-making business, and there Elias Sechler was employed for a period of 39 years, leaving their employ in 1905. In 1897 he moved to "Kuhn's Dale," near Seipstown and there he lived for 5 years, when he returned to Seipstown for 3 years again. In April, 1905, he moved upon his 17-acre farm situated near Wessnersville, in Upper Macungie township, where he is engaged in the poultry and trucking business. His farm was a Gackenbach tract. He and family are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat. He married Amanda Krause, a daughter of Uriah and Amelia (Rabenold) Krause. Their children are: Abert and Harvey, twins, the former of Upper Macungie and the latter of West Bethlehem; Lillie, married Oscar Hartzell, of Allentown; Mary; Richard C.; and Joseph U., both of whom are mentioned later.

RICHARD C. SECHLER, of Allentown, was born at Seipstown, Pa., Dec. 1, 1883, and obtained his intellectual training in the public schools at Allentown, from which he graduated in 1901. Afterward, he accepted a position as book-keeper with the Horlacher Brewing Company, which he served until May, 1912, when he resigned to become a member of the Allentown Ice Company, but these relations were severed in the fall of 1913. Socially he is a member of the Alton Castle, No. 149, K. of M. C.; Loyal Order of Owls; and the F. O. E. On April 12, 1903, he married Jennie M. Romig, a daughter of A. J. and Laura (Stephen) Romig, of East Texas, Pa. They have two children: Beatrice J. and Mildred A.

JOSEPH U. SECHLER, of Allentown, was born at Seipstown, Jan. 31, 1886. He was graduated from the Weisenberg township public schools in 1903 and afterward became a clerk in the general store at Haafsville, where he was employed until in 1905. He became an agent of the Prudential Insurance Company Jan. 1, 1906, and about two years later was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent which he served creditably for two years. He then engaged in the real estate business, but at the same time continued to serve the Prudential Insurance Company as an agent. He is one of the popular young Democrats of the county, being a member of the Lehigh

Democratic Club. He has served the House Committee of this club as its treasurer in 1911, and in 1912 and 1913 as recording secretary by election.

#### SEFING FAMILY.

Leonard Sefing was born on June 17, 1838 at Nononroth, Kreis Dieburg, Grossherzogthum Hessen, Germany. He was the son of Herman and Anna (nee Conrad) Sefing and came to this country in 1854 with his mother. Shortly after arriving here he became a teacher in a German school in Weisenberg township. Later he took up bricklaying and contracting and followed that profession for over fifty years, during which time he erected what are now some of Allentown's most famous landmarks, including the Breinig and Bachman building, the Stiles building, Grand Central Hotel (now Hess Brothers), the Nagle building, the Lyric Theatre, the Academy of Music, the power house at South Allentown and numerous others.

He was one of the charter members of St. Michael's Lutheran church and was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for over twenty-five years. For twenty years he had been a trustee of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Germantown, Philadelphia, and as trustee made trips to that institution at regular monthly intervals. He took great pride and interest in this institution and was known to all its inmates as the "Egg Uncle" by reason of the fact that he had always supplied them with eggs, which he secured by solicitation and forwarded to them regularly. His interest in this institution dated from a time when he made a visit there and one of the little orphans put his arms around his neck. This made such an impression on him that he was forever after a staunch friend of the many inmates there and they looked forward to his visits with keen anticipation.

He was prominently identified with Allentown's municipal affairs during his lifetime, having been a member of common council for a number of years, tax collector in the Tenth ward for five years, and inspector of the first asphalt pavement put down in the city. At the time of his death he was superintendent of the Union and West End cemetery, which position he had held for a number of years.

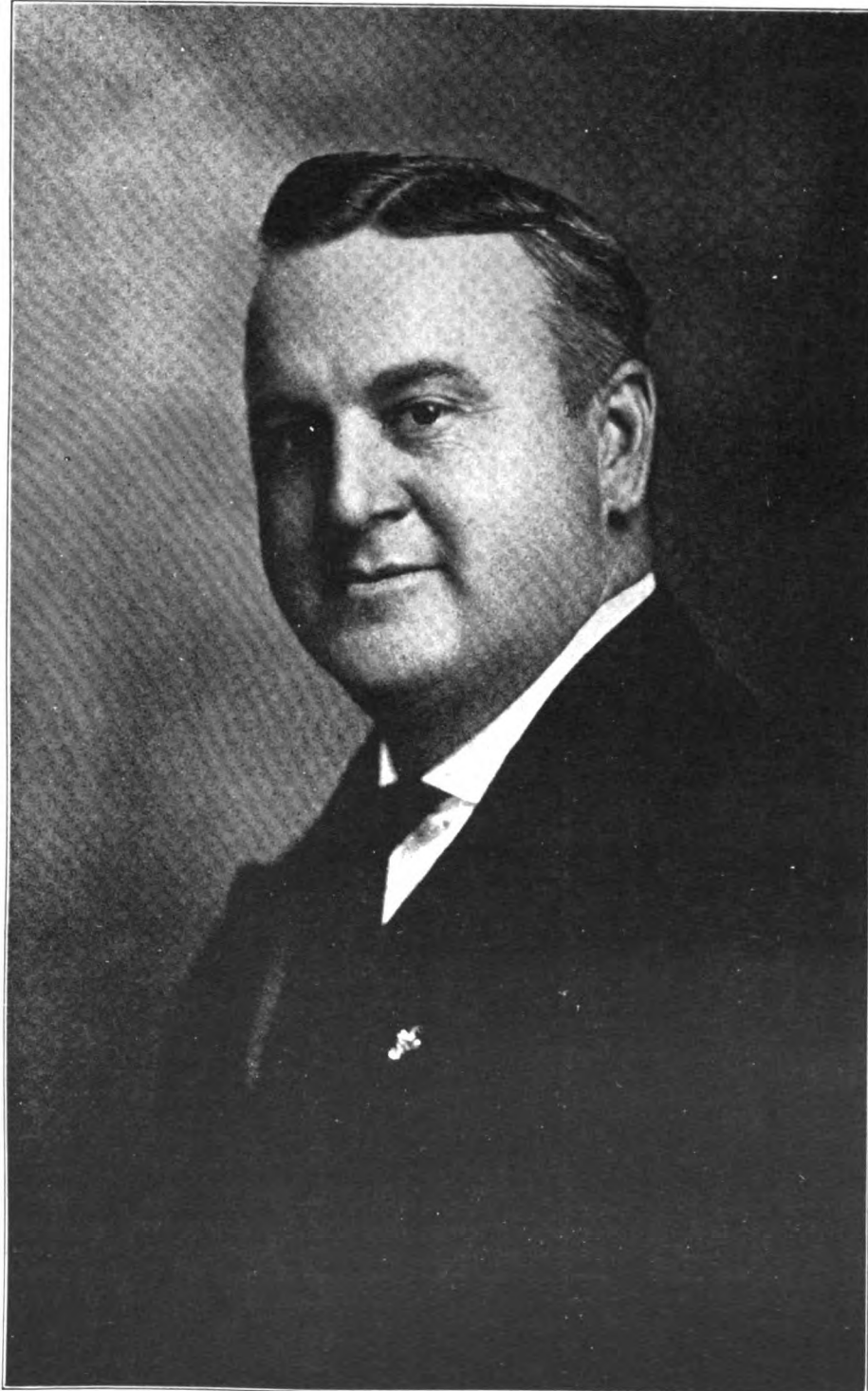
He was married on June 8, 1862, to Abby Helena Sauer; of this union there were eight children: Christian H.; Annie C., deceased, wife of Charles F. Kramlich; Lizzie P., wife of E. J. Rohrbach, of Topton; Maggie J., (1870-1872); John S. and Cordelia J., twins; Jennie C. P., wife of Owen D. Clauss, of Allentown; Ida L.,

married to Rev. J. O. Henry, superintendent of Topton Orphans' Home; and Leonard G.

His wife died on July 10, 1897, and on June 20, 1901, he was again married to Ellen Maria Focht, who survives him at the family residence, 1010 Chew street. He had been a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 847, I. O. O. F., and Franklin Chamber, No. 9, Order of Knights of Friendship. Mr. Sefing died Jan. 18, 1912.

CHRISTIAN H. SEFING, son of Leonard, was born in Allentown, Pa., March 13, 1863. Passing through the public schools as far as the second class, high school, he left the same at the age of 14 to learn the bricklaying and plastering trade, which he followed as journeyman and contractor up to this time. In 1888 he became associated with his father under the name of L. Sefing and Son. This relation was severed in 1900, when his father retired, Christian continuing business until 1911, when he accepted a position with the P. Didier Marsch Company at Didier, near South Bethlehem. The Sefings made a specialty of building bake-ovens, having built a total of 264. Being musically inclined, at the age of 14, Christian took up the clarinet, double bass, at the age of 21, and five years later the cello. From 1878 to 1884 he had been a member of the Allentown Band, and has played with various orchestras up to the present time. He is a Republican, a member of Jr. O. U. A. M. and F. O. E. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, having served the same by singing bass in St. Michael's for twelve years. On June 3, 1888, he wedded Ellen Agnes, daughter of William and Maria (George) Craig. Mr. Craig was a soldier in the Civil War, receiving a wound by which he was crippled while in action. The children of this union are: Eva, wife of Claude Seagreaves; Alice, wife of Claude Brinker; Leonard C.; Marian C., died in infancy; George P., and Ella R., who died being less than two months old; Franklin B., deceased, aged 4 years; and Russell C. Mr. Sefing resides at 516 Park street.

JOHN S. SEFING, a son of Leonard, is a native of Allentown, being born Aug. 28, 1872. After attending the public schools, he took a course in the Allentown Business College. Later at the age of 15, he learned the bricklaying trade, making a specialty of bake-oven building. He served as journeyman for ten years. Thereupon he conducted the baking business at 1334 Linden street, from 1898 to 1906, when he engaged in the baggage transfer business under the name of the Allentown Transfer Company. He employs eight people. Besides the aforesaid, he also transfers the U. S. mails between the railroads and the post office. He has membership in Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; the B. P. O. E.; F. O. E.,



*John I. Sefting.*



and Heptasophs. He is one of the bass singers of Christ Lutheran choir since the church's organization. He is active in Sunday school work, having been a teacher, also librarian for ten years in St. Michael's Sunday school. In politics he is an influential Democrat, and was assessor of the Eleventh ward for two consecutive terms, and in 1913 came of being the successful nominee for the office of clerk of Quarter Sessions, lacking only 115 votes. The very complimentary vote was given him without solicitation whatever. He was married Oct. 11, 1894, to Sallie R. A., daughter of the late Benneville and Sarah (Ritter) Frederick, the issue being: Katharine J.; Frederick G.; and Paul F. Mr. Sefing has been appointed as trustee of the Orphans' Home in place of his father. He resides at 1631 Turner street.

Leonard G. Sefing, son of Leonard, was born in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 11, 1880. He learned the jeweler's trade. In 1898 he enlisted in the Spanish-American War, being the youngest soldier in the 4th Regiment, Captain Spangler, and was discharged Nov. 16, 1898. He returned to his trade, continuing thereat up to 1901, when he became traveling salesman of jewelry, diamonds, etc., for eight years. Working afterwards for the Aschbach Music House for a brief interval, he is since then salesman for Wink Motor Company. He was married, June 14, 1899, to Emma, (Jan. 8, 1879-Sept. 6, 1908), daughter of A. W. and Elizabeth (Bower) Nonnemacher, the issue being: Bertha Abigail. In November, 1913, he married (second) Emma Fuller, nee Bortz, and widow of the late C. H. Fuller. They reside in a fine residence at Eighteenth and Turner streets, Allentown.

#### SEIBERLING FAMILY.

The Seiberling family is of German origin. Its ancient home has been traced to Swabia, a Duchy of the German Empire during its early period, and situated in lower Wurtemberg and Baden.

The name is still found in Wurtemberg and can be seen in the old city of Stuttgart on sign boards over business houses and on the walls of churches.

The name Seiberling originally came from the word Seiwelich and was the name of a clan of people who lived in the region of middle Germany in feudal times. The change of name occurred some time anterior to the Reformation, when a doctor Seiwelich, with his family, emigrated to Swabia, in Southern Wurtemberg. After his removal and settlement in that country he permanently adopted the name Seiwelring. As time rolled on the family multiplied and scattered

to different sections of the country, the name became somewhat changed by being spelled differently by different members of the family, as Seiwelring, Suberling, and Seiberling, etc.

The Seiberling family had its origin in America in two brothers, who emigrated from Swabia, Wurtemberg, Germany. They arrived at the harbor of Philadelphia on board the ship "Molly" on Oct. 17, 1741. Michael was accompanied by his wife, Christina, and two children, aged 5 and 8 years, respectively. Jonas, his brother, was single.

The lineage of all the people bearing the name of Seiberling in this country, so far as known, can, without reasonable doubt, be traced to those two brothers.

By reason of the danger apprehended from the Indians the two Seiberlings were afraid to start on their journey to their inland destination and remained in Philadelphia for about two months. Their objective point was a place in Pennsylvania in the timber country south of the Blue mountains, about 70 miles north of Philadelphia, which afterwards became known as Weisenberg township, Lehigh county, to which place some friends had preceded them several years. The names of these friends is said to have been Snyder and Greenawald. They received word from these friends assuring them of perfect safety in making the journey, and stating that no Indians were then south of the Blue mountains. They at once decided to undertake the trip and started out on foot, arriving at their destination at the end of three days.

They selected a location which they decided to purchase for a home. They had enough money left to pay for the place and at once went to work and built a log cabin near a spring. This locality at the time the Seiberlings built their home was called "Allemängel," and was situated in Northampton county, which was afterwards cut off from this and a new county formed, now called Lehigh county. This was the Seiberling home and was occupied by Michael and his descendants to a late period. It is now called the Kline farm and is situated about two miles east of Lynnvile.

In 1753 Jonas Seiberling disappeared while gunning for deer. All efforts to trace him failed. The family came to the conclusion that he must have perished at the hands of the Indians or killed by wild beasts. Many years later two Seiberling families were found in northern Pennsylvania. No reliable information can be obtained of the ancestors of this family beyond their grandfather, whose name was Christover. It is probable that they may be the descendants of Jonas.

Michael Seiberling was born in 1704 and died



in 1791. He and wife are said to have had three children: Christian; Michael, born 1736, died 1767, single; and Gertrude, born 1749.

Christian Seiberling was born in Germany in 1733 and is supposed to have emigrated with his parents. He was married to Ernestine Louisa Holben, born 1728, died 1824. He died 1820. They had five children: Frederick; Magdalena, born 1764, married Andrew Miller; Martha, born 1768, married Abraham Billman; Catharine, born 1772, married Philip Ebert, and Anna Maria, born 1774, married Rev. M. Biehl. He settled in Weisenberg township which was a part of the Allemängel district. In 1785 he was assessed in that township for 200 acres, which land in 1880 was owned by John Kline.

Frederick Seiberling, the only son of Christian, was born in 1760, married Catharine Weiss, and died in 1837. He had five children: John; Christian; Peter; Jonas; and Elizabeth, born 1790, died 1872, having married Hon. Peter Haas, associate judge of Lehigh county courts.

John, the eldest son of Frederick, resided at Lynnvile, in Lynn township, where he served as postmaster for many years, and in his day was recognized as the oldest postmaster in the United States. He was married to a Miss Bear and they had ten children: Joshua; Nathan; Peter; James; William; John; Mary, married David Mosser; Hannah, married Isaac Herman; Amelia, married Abraham Smith; and Sarah, married David Bleiler.

Christian, the second son of Frederick, was born March 30, 1785, married a Magdalena Foust (Stump) and died July 28, 1872. He lived on a farm situated along the Lyon creek and there operated a saw-mill for many years. He had one child, a daughter named Rachel, who married Levi Lichtenwalner, of Lower Macungie township.

Peter, the third son of Frederick, was born in 1788, married Catharine Schollenberger, and died in 1850. He had two children: John F., who became a medical practitioner at Hamburg, in Berks county, married Sarah Trexler, removed to Philadelphia, where he died about 1880, and had three children, and Juliann, who married Thomas Unger and they had nine children.

Jonas, the fourth son of Frederick, was born in 1799, married Rebecca Greenawald, and died in 1856. He had three children: Jonas, m. — Diehl, and had two sons, Oscar and John, and a daughter, Sarah, m. a Mr. Wanamaker; Mary, m. John Kistler, and Lucy, m. Jonathan Bleiler.

Joshua Seiberling, the eldest son of John, became a prominent man in Weisenberg township. He owned and conducted a hotel and store at a village, which was named after him—Seiberlings-

ville, for many years; and he served as postmaster there for nearly fifty years. He officiated as a justice of the peace for several terms. He advocated the adoption of the common school system for the township and upon its adoption was chosen one of the first school directors. In 1833, he was married to Catharine Mosser, and they had twelve children: Amanda, who died single; Sarah, m. Tilghman Mink and moved to Iowa; Rose, m. Henry Grim and also moved to Iowa; Milton, enlisted in the Civil War and died in service in Arkansas; Mary, m. Wm. Grosscup, Esq., at Germansville; Frederick, who became a medical practitioner at Lynnvile; Henry M., who served in the Civil War and located in Missouri; Ellen, who died single; Joshua, who became a medical practitioner at Hynemansville; Emma, m. Dr. W. K. Kistler; Lila, m. Edward Lobach, at Philadelphia; Ida, m. Lavinus Holben at Saegersville; Nathan, m. Catharine Peter and moved West; Peter, m. Catharine Hartman and located in Schuylkill county, conducted a hotel near Tamaqua, and died in 1883; Jonas, m. Sarah Moser and moved West, and William, who died young.

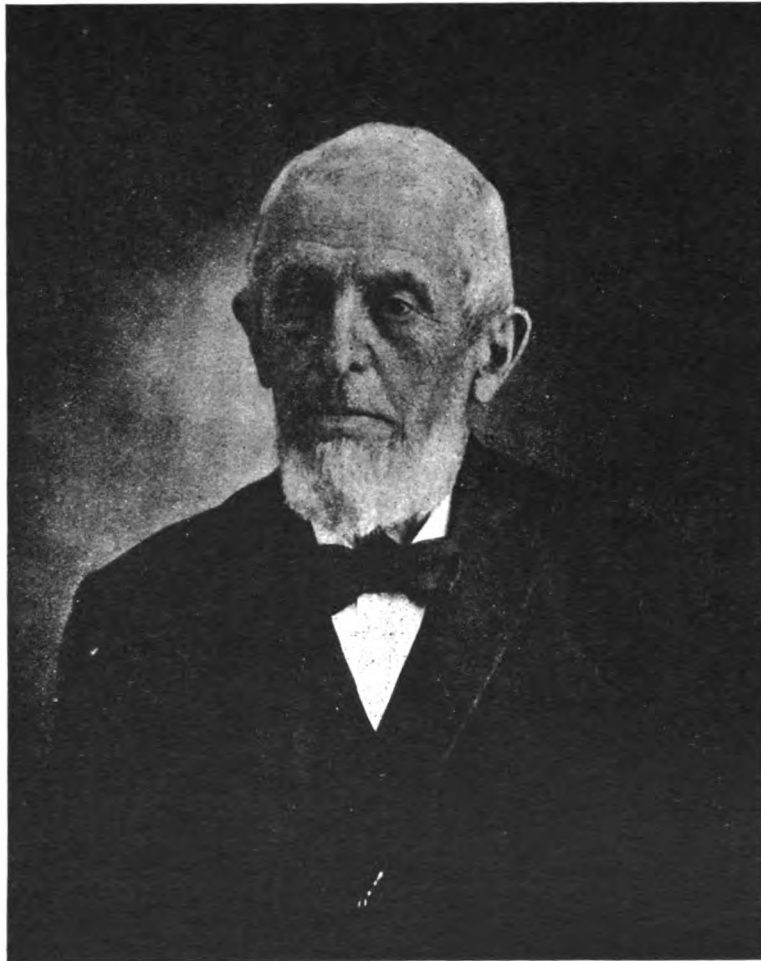
Dr. Frederick Christian Seiberling, a medical practitioner at Allentown, the second son of Joshua, was born July 6, 1840, at Seiberlingsville, in Weisenberg township, and he received his preliminary education in the township school and at Lebanon, N. J. After teaching school for several terms he began the study of medicine under Dr. David Mosser and afterward Dr. Wm. Herbst. With this preparation he entered the University of New York, in the medical department, and was graduated in 1863. He began practice at Seiberlingsville and continued seven years when he located at Lynnvile, several miles distant to the north, and there he remained until 1902, in which time he developed a large and lucrative practice and came to be generally recognized as one of the most skillful physicians and surgeons in the county. With an experience of forty years in the country districts, he then removed to Allentown and here he has been in active practice until the present time.

In 1864, Dr. Seiberling was married to Sarah, daughter of Charles Kline, of Weisenberg, and they have three children: Addie Laura Lovina; Dr. Geo. F., a successful medical practitioner at Allentown, and Catharine Helena.

Doctor Seiberling is a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society, Lehigh Valley Medical Society and American Medical Association. In 1913, he was presented with a loving cup by the first named society in appreciation of his honorable and successful career as a practitioner in Lehigh county for the period of fifty years. In

1914, the doctor and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by their family and many of their friends who extended many congratulations. The happy occasion took place at their bungalow in Weisenberg, not far from the old Kline homestead, where they were married in 1864.

of George Seibert and John Seibert, born in 1796, in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, and other sons and daughters. With their family they afterwards removed to Lowhill township. John Seibert married Elisabeth Hausman, born in 1801. He died of typhoid fever in 1854, and his widow lived till 1872. Their children



*Peter Seibert*

#### THE SEIBERT FAMILY.

The ancestors of the Seibert families in Lehigh and Northampton counties probably came from Baden, or Switzerland. The first one to come to America is supposed to have been John Nicholas, in 1738, and settled in Bucks county. His son Andreas, had a son named Nicholas. Nicholas married Maria Rohrbach. They were the parents

were: Peter; John; Lavina, married to David Kistler; and Owen, now of Easton, Pa.

Peter Seibert was born Aug. 25, 1821, in Lowhill township. In 1843 he married Sarah, oldest daughter of Jonathan Schmick and wife, Barbara, *nee* Miller. Mrs. Seibert was born Aug. 16, 1819, near Kutztown, Pa. She died September, 1899. They had three children: William H., died when a year old; Sabina E., the beloved wife

of the Rev. J. A. Scheffer and Ebecena B., who died in 1878, at the age of 28 years.

The educational advantages of Mr. and Mrs. Seibert in their youth was not what they are now in the country schools, much less in the village and city schools of the present day. Then there were only subscription and parochial schools for children, and those only for two or three months a year. Yet they were both able to read and understand German and English. They were both raised on farms. His father was a weaver and her father a millwright. The young people also learned trades, Mr. Seibert that of carpet and coverlet weaver, and Mrs. Seibert that of seamstress. They both became skillful in the occupations they had chosen.

After their marriage they moved to Easton, Pa., where from April, 1844, Peter Seibert followed the dyeing of cotton, linen and woolen yarns, and weaving, and several years later established a yarn and carpet store on Northampton street, which is still conducted by his nephew, George F. Seibert. He readily sold all that he manufactured, and after the discovery and mining of gold in California, he shipped many of the coverlets woven in his factory to the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Seibert were both very industrious and economical and with their savings purchased a house for residence and store room, and erected a building for weaving of carpets and coverlets. After that he invested the family savings in real estate as opportunity offered. During the Civil War, the materials which he bought for his looms and store continually increased in price, so that he realized good profits and lost little on goods before sold. He had by too many hours, both day and night of strenuous work and business undermined his health, so that the family physician told him he would have to quit business if he wished to live much longer. He did retire from his business in 1867, not because he had made all the money he wanted, but because he had to do so, on account of his health, and thus he gave others an opportunity to earn a competence in the same line of business.

When he quit the yarn dyeing, weaving, and store business, he and his wife decided to remove to Allentown. They bought the property at the southeast corner of Sixth and Chew streets, from Charles Kline, and in April, 1867, took up their residence there.

Here, however, they did not live an idle life. Mrs. Seibert was a lover of beautiful flowers. There was a hot-house on the large lot purchased, and they turned their attention to the cultivation of the garden, plants, flowers and fruit for pleasure and profit. By industry and the habit of

economy or trying to save some of their moderate earnings every year, and not by any large income at any time did they accumulate sufficient to live comfortably in old age.

According to their income they contributed liberally to St. John's Lutheran congregation, Easton, Pa., while they lived there, and also to the congregation of the same name since residing in Allentown. Mr. Seibert was a deacon for twelve years in St. John's church, Easton, and also treasurer. He was elected and re-elected elder by St. John's Lutheran congregation, Allentown, for fourteen years. He attended services regularly Sunday morning and evening, also week-day evenings. He often said he could not see why other members of the congregation did not attend services more regularly on Sunday, also the week-day festival and evening services, and especially the men, when their factories, offices and stores were closed.

When beginning his business career, Peter Seibert needed the financial assistance of others, and conducting his business on small scale in such a way as to meet the approval of honest men, he received all the credit and money he needed, and he never forgot his early business struggles and the assistance business men gave him. In return he aided a number of honest young men to start in business and other occupations from the time he was able to the last years of his life.

The only child of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Scheffer having died in infancy, her father bequeathed about one-third of the estate to his and Mrs. Seibert's nephews and nieces, and the other two-thirds to three Lutheran Orphans' and Aged People's Homes, Muhlenberg College, and the Allentown Hospital.

#### JAMES SEIBERT.

George Seibert, a citizen of the upper end of the county, lived near Weidasville, in Lowhill township, where he was a tiller of the soil. His homestead is now owned by the Jacob Bittner estate. He and his wife, Magdalena, were members of the Lutheran congregation of the Weisenberg church, where they are buried. They had the following children: Elias; Stephen; Solomon; Benjamin; David; Reuben; Polly, wife of Edward Beck; Judith, wife of Nathan Houseman; Lucy Ann, wife of Jacob Bittner, and Amelia, died in infancy.

Reuben Seibert, son of George and Magdalena Seibert, was born in Lowhill township on Sept. 30, 1817, and died in Slatington, August 17, 1901. For a number of years he followed the honorable pursuit of farming in Lowhill township. Later on he conducted a store and hotel at the same place. For a number of years the fam-

ily lived at Kutztown, later on residing at Low-hill. He was married to Sarah Brown, daughter of Conrad and Dorothea (Leiser) Brown, with whom he had the following children: Harrison, who was a merchant, slate operator and planing mill operator at Slatington. He was married to Sarah Wehr, with whom he had the following children: James, mentioned later; Amanda; Helen, wife of B. F. George, of Slatington; Linda, deceased; Sarah, wife of Jacob Wilber. They had two children. Matilda is unmarried and cares for her mother, who is over 92 years of age.

James Seibert, late of Slatington, was born near Bittner's Corner, August 19, 1842, died in his mansion on "Slatington Heights" on January 31, 1905. He is buried on the Union cemetery, Slatington, where the beautiful Seibert monument marks his grave.

At an early age Mr. Seibert came to Slatington and engaged in the dry-goods and millinery business, which he followed successfully for thirty years. He was extensively engaged in real estate transactions and owned forty houses in the borough of Slatington. He was an active member of a number of building and loan associations and met with great success in his various business enterprises. He was a prominent member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society and was well known in business and financial circles. In September, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Frederick, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ringer) Frederick. His widow, who is an estimable lady, resides in the beautiful home on "Slatington Heights." She has traveled a great deal and is kept busy looking after her varied business interests and her unassuming and quiet work of charity.

#### SEIDEL FAMILY.

Johann Heinrich Seidel, progenitor of the Seidel family in America, was born in 1732 at Strasburg, Germany. He crossed the Atlantic ocean on the ship "Brothers," and on landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1751, was sold as a "redemptioner" for his passage. One year afterward he was set free, and at once proceeded to Reading, Pa. In time he became a large property owner in Bern township, Berks county; also owning a tract of 400 acres in Maiden-creek township, where for many years he was a successful farmer. Farming was his principal vocation in life, but at times he engaged in mercantile ventures. In 1786 Mr. Seidel visited Germany.

In early life he saw considerable military service, participating in the French and Indian war. Later he took part in the war of the Revolution.

While he was in the army his wife and children carried on the farming operations. In 1760 he married Anna Catharine Rodmacher, born Jan. 19, 1738, and died Feb. 9, 1808. He died Aug. 21, 1801, aged 69 years. Their last resting-place is in the graveyard of Zion's Union Church, in Perry township, and the spot is marked by a heavy marble slab. Their children were as follows: Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip, Jacob, and three daughters, only two of whom, Mary and Margaret, are recorded by name.

From the second son, Henry, a large branch of the Seidel family has descended. He was born Nov. 12, 1765, and died Aug. 7, 1847. He married Elizabeth Reber, and from 1791 they made their home on the Seidel homestead in Windsor township, Berks county. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom the following reached mature age: Daniel, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catharine, Mary, Hannah and Rebecca.

John Seidel the fourth son of Johann Heinrich, was born in 1777 and died in 1856. He was an extensive land-owner in Windsor township, owning several large properties, one of which was on the State road near St. Paul's Church, where he was buried. He was a well-known and prominent man in his day. He married Catharine Stitzler and they had the following children: Godfrey, born in 1800, married Mary Sunday, and died in 1868; Daniel, a resident of Wessnersville, Pa.; John, settled in Illinois; Joseph, went West; Reuben; William; Catharine, married Nathan Krause; Elizabeth, married Gideon Fusselman.

Reuben Seidel, was born in Windsor township in 1816, and died in 1887. He was a well-known distiller of Windsor township, but in later years lived in retirement at Hamburg. He married (first) Catharine Fister, and had the following children: Elemen, who married Daniel Sheidy; Jonathan; Emanuel; Peter F.; Reuben F.; Catharine, who married Frank Bausher; Wallace B.; and John H who settled in Nebraska. Reuben Seidel's second wife was Mrs. Hettie Seidel, *nee* Becker.

Jonathan Seidel, son of Reuben, was born in 1839, in Windsor township. For a number of years he resided in Greenwich township, where he owned a farm of fifty acres. In 1878 he sold out, and with his family removed to near Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, where he owned a farm of more than two hundred acres. At this place he conducted a sawmill, while his son managed the farm, and at the time of his death he was in very comfortable circumstances. In 1860 he married Matilda Sheidy, daughter of Jacob

and Catharine (Hollenbach) Sheidy, and to them were born these children: Agnes, who married Jacob Saul; Marby E.; and Alva L. and Annie E., unmarried.

William Seidel, son of John, was born in Windsor, September 23, 1818, on the farm now owned by Emanuel Seidel, his brother. He owned four farms; one in Windsor, of 176 acres, another in Greenwich, of 165 acres, a third in Bucks county, of 75 acres, and a fourth of 115 acres, in South Whitehall, Lehigh county, Pa. He removed from his Windsor farm upon the one in Greenwich and there continued agricultural pursuits until 1890, when he retired at Virginsville and there he died, March 11, 1899, at the age of eighty-one years. He is buried at Dunkel's church. He served as a school director and was a respected man in the communities where he lived.

He was twice married: first to Christiana Gerhard and they had four sons: Montillus (born in 1841); Henry G.; Francis, and John. By his second wife, Susanna, a daughter of William Dreibelbis, he had a large family, as follows: Ellen (m. Paul Smith), Charles (m. Sarah Dietrich); William (m. Barbara Kline); Susan (m. William Moyer); Fannie (m. first Benjamin Trexler and second W. A. Fraunfelder); Mahlon D.; George, and Mary (married first Henry O. K. Dietrich and second Thomas A. Dietrich).

Henry G. Seidel was born in Windsor March 23, 1843. He was a stone mason. From 1870 to 1890 he farmed for shares for John Balthaser, his father-in-law; then bought the 126 acre farm where he since farms. He was a school director and during his service the Balthaser school-house was built.

In 1865 he married Emma Balthaser. Their children were: Fianna, Darius A., Isadora, Elmira, Satira, Catharine, Andrew J., Alice, Lavoda Irwin H., Milton W., and Minnie (who died aged three years).

MAHLON D. SEIDEL is, a farmer in South Whitehall, Lehigh county, who cultivates a farm of 115 acres at Troxell's Crossing, along the Allentown and Slatington trolley line. He is a native of Windsor township, Berks county. He was born September 11, 1860, and reared upon a farm. In 1880 and 1881 he was associated with his brother William in the mercantile business at Bower's Station, Pa. In 1882 he secured and took possession of the farm where he now lives. He is a general farmer. His tract was a part of the original homestead of Peter Troxell, a pioneer settler of Whitehall. Later owners of this farm were: Daniel Troxell (who

built the present set of buildings), and after him was David Troxell, his son.

Mr. Seidel is a Lutheran and his wife a Reformed member of Mickley's church. He is a Democrat and for six years served South Whitehall as a school director. In 1882 he married Melara Schaeffer, daughter of Joel and Sarah (Seidel) Schaeffer, of Newtown, Pa., and they had the following children: Florence S. (m. Paul Lentz), Mabel (m. Charles Kline), George W. (m. Stella Heller), Sallie S. (m. Gust Tavers), William J., Ray M., Pearl A., and Goldie E.

Darius A. Seidel, son of Henry G., was born in Windsor township, February 25, 1868. In 1890 he moved to Troxell's Crossing, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county, Pa., and for two years was employed upon the farm with his uncle, Mahlon D. Seidel. On Sept. 26, 1891, he married Annie M., daughter of James F. Troxell, of that district. He then settled where he since lives. After laboring in the cement mill for four years, in 1904 he engaged in the carpet weaving business, which he has carried on to this time. His children are: James W., Edna M., and Charles H. (who died aged forty-nine days).

#### SEIDER FAMILY.

Michael Seider landed in America from Germany on Oct. 27, 1738, and settled in Upper Saucon. His mother, Susanna Seider, accompanied him and resided with him until her death on July 8, 1753, aged 80 years. Michael Seider was still living in 1783, when his name appears as a sponsor. He and his wife, Eva Dorothea, had three children: Abraham; John Henry, born May 4, 1750, died March 31, 1753; and Mrs. Beil.

Abraham Seider was born Feb. 28, 1748, and died March 24, 1826. He was a farmer in Upper Saucon, where he owned 175 acres of land. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Frantz William (born 1721, died 1757), and Elizabeth Roth. of Salisbury. She was born June 5, 1755, and died Aug. 25, 1804. Mr. and Mrs. Seider are buried at the "Blue" church. They had 13 children: Elizabeth, born May 9, 1773, died young; Catharine, born Feb. 15, 1775, died July 17, 1849, married Matthias Kneppley, born 1764, died 1849; Abraham, born Jan. 29, 1777, died Aug. 12, 1853, married Sarah Miller, born 1781, died 1844; John Jacob, born Feb. 3, 1779; John, born April 5, 1781; Michael, born March 6, 1783; Maria M., born March 2, 1785; Elizabeth, born July 8, 1787; Hannah, born Oct. 15, 1789; Solomon, born Nov. 27, 1793; Susanna, born March 6, 1795, died Sept. 11, 1840, mar-

ried Jacob Ahlum; Joseph, born Jan. 11, 1798; and Sem, born July 27, 1800, died April 28, 1879. One daughter married Jacob Kern, and another Peter Schwartz.

Jacob Seider, second son of Abraham, was born Feb. 3, 1779. He was a farmer in Upper Saucon and his land is now owned by Tilghman Cooper. He died April 7, 1836, and was buried at the "Blue" church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He married Catharine Cooper, who died in the same year, 1836, aged 52 years. They had four children: Charles; Dr. Daniel, who died aged 22 years; Edward; and Eliza, who died aged 17 years.

Charles Seider was born Jan. 2, 1806, and died Dec. 16, 1877. He kept a hotel for nine years at Seidersville, in Lower Saucon, named after him, then removed to Bethlehem, and later to Emaus. He married Lydia Engelman, born Jan. 13, 1811, died March 4, 1897. They had one daughter, Elemina, who married Edwin Kline, and who were the parents of Hon. M. C. L. Kline. Edward Seider was a farmer and hotel proprietor at Coopersburg, and also for some years proprietor of the Hotel Allen, at Allentown. He married Abigail Rahn, and had a daughter, Eliza C., married Dr. C. J. Keim, of Catasauqua.

Sem Seider, youngest son of Abraham, was born July 27, 1800, and died April 28, 1879. He was a farmer in Upper Saucon and in 1850 removed to Allentown. He married Mary Jarrett, who was born Jan. 17, 1800, and died Feb. 16, 1887. They had a daughter, Anna Maria, born Dec. 15, 1838, died Jan. 13, 1901, who married Phaon A. Fenstermacher.

REV. JOHN A. SEIMETZ.

Rev. John A. Seimetz, rector of St. Mary's church, Catasauqua, is a native of Reading, where he was born on Nov. 13, 1862. His parents were Mathias and Mary (Ludwig) Seimetz, natives of the city of Treves, Germany. Mr. Seimetz was born in 1813, and emigrated to America after his marriage and settled in Reading. Father Seimetz's parents died quite a number of years ago, each having attained the age of over four score years. He was the only son and youngest child.

Father Seimetz received his preliminary education in St. Paul's parochial school, Reading. In 1875 he went to the Benedictine College at Latrobe. Later he completed the classical course of St. Vincent College, and in 1881 he became a student in St. Charles Seminary at Overbrook. During his course at the seminary he did brilliant work which has not been equalled since. He was awarded quite a number of gold and silver medals for the high averages he attained

in the different branches. While a student at Overbrook from 1882 to 1886 he was a member of the faculty, being Professor of Mathematics and teaching other branches.

He was ordained by the late Archbishop Ryan in May, 1887, and became assistant priest in Holy Trinity Catholic church, Philadelphia. Fourteen months later he was transferred to the Church of St. Alphonus, that city, where he was stationed for the ensuing eight months. He then was sent to Pottsville, here he was assistant in St. John's church for a short time.

On April 26, 1889, Father Seimetz became rector of St. Mary's church, Catasauqua, where his labors have been crowned with success in every sense of the word. He is the oldest pastor in point of service in the Iron Borough and the oldest in the Lehigh Valley in the Catholic denomination.

Father Seimetz is an excellent German scholar, and an eloquent pulpit orator. Through his devoted and efficient supervision every department of the church's work has been greatly promoted in extent and usefulness. During his years of service in the Iron Borough he has gained the confidence of his parishioners and the general public. He has keen insight into the various phases of church work, the capacity of organizing the material at hand. He is so devoted to his work, that even his own comfort is secondary.

WALTER H. SEIP.

Major Walter H. Seip, son of Charles and Ann (Martin) Seip, was born in 1837 at Allentown. He received a good public school education, then learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed until 1862. He enlisted in Company D, 128th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered into service Sept. 4, 1862, as First Lieutenant; was for nine months under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Hammersley; Capt. John P. Dillinger, and served the full period of his enlistment; was mustered out in May, 1863, at Harrisburg.

In August, 1864, he again enlisted in the 202d Pennsylvania Regiment for one year. He became captain of Company E, and was promoted to the rank of major, Sept. 4, 1864, and the regiment continued in active service until Aug. 3, 1865, when he was again mustered out at Harrisburg. On returning home again he resumed his trade, but having contracted a disease while in the army, he died in August, 1868, and was buried in the Allentown cemetery. In politics he was a Republican; was a member of the G. A. R. and of the Masonic fraternity.

He married, in 1859, Annie E. Keiper, daughter of Daniel and Sallie (Bowman) Keiper, of



Allentown. Issue: George L. Seip, late of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Seip married (second) Joseph Hunter, now deceased. Issue: Robert Emmet Hunter, residing at home.

Mrs. Hunter, after his death, chose to be known as Mrs. Seip, and she had been engaged in millinery and dress-making on Hamilton street, but later took up fur repairing, at her commodious home on North Eighth street, Allentown, where she continues the latter-named business. She is a member of the Lutheran Church.

#### REV. F. C. SEITZ.

Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Allentown, was born in Shrewsbury township, York county, March 15, 1870, the son of Adam D. and Maria A. (Hildebrand) Seitz and grandson of Levi Seitz, of York county. He was educated in the local schools and at the Glen Rock Academy, upon leaving he taught school, when eighteen years of age, and attended the summer sessions of the Millersville State Normal School. He then prepared for college at the Palatinate College, Myerstown, under Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer, and in the fall of 1891 entered Franklin and Marshall College, where he graduated in 1895. He then entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed church, from which he graduated in 1898. He was ordained to the Reformed ministry on June 19, 1898, at Millersburg, Dauphin county, and at the same time installed as pastor of the Millersburg Reformed church. He remained pastor of this congregation for ten months and in 1899 became pastor at Littlestown, Adams county, which congregation he served two and one-half years. In 1901 he became pastor of Emmanuel Reformed church, of Hanover, where he officiated until 1904, during which time a new church was erected at a cost of \$68,000. He began his pastorate of St. John's Reformed church, Allentown, on Oct. 1, 1904, which congregation he still serves, greatly beloved by his parishioners. As a pulpit orator, Reverend Seitz has few equals in the Reformed Church.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Allentown College for Women, and was president of Lehigh Classis in 1909. He is also a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory, 32°; A. A. S. R., and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Reverend Seitz married, June 8, 1898, Lottie A. Campbell, daughter of George Butler Camp-

bell and his wife, Mary E. Blaine, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Bulette) Blaine, of York county. Her father, a veteran of the Civil War, died shortly after, while Mrs. Seitz was a small child, and she was adopted by John S. and Alice (Payne) Murphy. Rev. and Mrs. Seitz have one son, Dean Campbell Seitz.

#### SELL FAMILY.

Peter Sell was a pioneer in Lowhill township, where, in 1762, he paid a tax of six pounds. He took out a warrant for 40 acres of land situated in Lowhill, on Oct. 1, 1766. His name is not found of record after 1781. In that year it appeared on the list of taxables of Lowhill township.

George Sell, probably a son of Peter, was a farmer and shoemaker in Lowhill and Weisenburg townships. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was married twice and by his first wife had sons—Charles and Isaac. By his second wife he had sons—John, Elias and Samuel. The latter lived in the vicinity of Fogelsville and was a shoemaker. He had a son, Edwin Sell.

Charles Sell, son of George, was born Sept. 9, 1803, and died on March 27, 1885, aged 82 years. During the earlier years and for the greater part of his life he lived in Weisenburg and later in Lowhill township. He was a farmer and distiller. He was a member of the Lutheran faith, and is buried at Unionville. He married Sarah Zimmerman, a daughter of Peter Zimmerman and they had issue: Evan, Nathan, Samuel, Levanus, Peter, of North Whitehall, Phaon, who died aged 28 years, William, Helena, married to Stephen Newhard, Fianna, married to Prof. J. P. Deibert, of Schnecksville, and Sarah, married to W. Kern.

Isaac Sell, son of George, was born Dec. 1, 1801. He was a carpet weaver in North Whitehall where he died on March 20, 1883, aged 82 years, 3 months, and 19 days. He was married to Leah Semmel, and they are buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. Their children were: Nathan, Owen, Lewis, Mary, Susan, Lucy and Fianna.

Nathan Sell, son of Isaac, lived in North Whitehall township, where he owned a small farm upon which he died, aged 85 years. He is buried at the Jordan Lutheran church. His wife Sarah Ossman bore him issue: Henry, John, Amanda, E. J., married to Tilghman Mertz; and James Sell.

Owen Sell, son of Isaac, was a laborer and lived at different places in Lehigh county. He was married to Mary Held and they had chil-

dren, viz: Hiram, Emma, Uriah, Oscar, Phaon, of Bradford county, Pa., and Albert.

Lewis Sell, son of Isaac, died at Coopersburg, Pa., in January, 1912, past 80 years of age. He was twice married. One of his daughters was Mrs. Morris Gehman, of Coopersburg, Pa.

John Sell, son of George, was a shoemaker of Weisenburg and Lowhill and was married to Polly Doumoyer. They had seven children, namely: Levi; Sarah, married first to Cosmus Scott, and second to A. Sterner; Jonas; Caroline, born Oct. 28, 1829, is the widow of Isaac Wolle; John; Benjamin (who went to New York); and Peter (who went to Michigan).

Levi Sell, son of John, was a blacksmith of Weisenburg, and married Hannah Fahringer, daughter of Herman, a farmer of Weisenburg, and they had five children: Benjamin, Amelia, married to David Mease, Mary, married to Sol. F. Rupp, a justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Weisenburg township. Two died small.

William Sell, son of Charles and Sarah (Zimmerman) Sell, was born in Weisenburg, Oct. 25, 1849. He has followed a clerical pursuit nearly all his life. He clerked at Sheidy's, Crackersport, and Allentown, where he now lives. After he left at Crackersport he and his brother Samuel were engaged in the grocery, flour, and feed business at Slatington, for three years. During these years he was the assessor of Slatington, and has been a Justice of the Peace in North Whitehall township. He has served the Lutheran congregation at Unionville, as a deacon, also St. Luke's church, Allentown, in the same office.

He married Catharine S. Kern, born in 1849 and who died in 1902. Their children were: Laura, married to Prof. W. A. Deily, of Philadelphia; Rhoda, married to O. T. Weaver, the Recorder of Deeds, of Lehigh county; Franklin J., who was a pious and much esteemed young man, died aged 20 years; and Alice, who is single at home.

WILLIAM P. SELL was born in South Whitehall Twp., Nov. 19, 1867. He is the son of the late Evan and Fianna (Hollenbach) Sell. He was reared on the farm, received a common school education, and has always been engaged in farming. After farming in South Whitehall township, for shares for some years, he purchased a fruit and truck farm of 30 acres, near Wescoesville, in 1910, where he now resides and conducts a dairy and truck business, making daily trips to Allentown. He is a member of the Salisbury Lutheran Church. On Feb. 16, 1892, he married Jennie Vogenitz, a daughter of William and Matilda (Fink) Vogenitz, of Emaus. Their

children are: Arthur, Leroy, and Mildred, all residing with the parents.

Charles Sell, a farmer of North Whitehall township, near the village of Sheidy, carried on farming operations there and in Lowhill for a number of years. He was married to Sallie, a daughter of Peter Zimmerman, and they had nine children: Evan; Samuel; Nathan; Lefenus; Peter; Sallie, married Willoughby Kern; Lydia, married Solomon Deibert; Helena, married Stephen Newhart; and William. They were members of the Lutheran congregation at Union church, where he served as an elder. All of them have died excepting Peter and William, and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

Samuel, the second son, was born in Lowhill township on March 5, 1829. At an early age he learned the trade of tanner, and followed it several years, when he moved to Waterloo, in New York, and was engaged there in a tannery for two years. He then returned to Lehigh county and followed butchering and farming until 1869, when he located at Slatington. He was married to Sallie, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Farber) Wuchter, of Saegersville, and they had five children: William M.; George W.; Amanda and Charles, who died in infancy; and Aquilla, married Charles P. Gernant. Upon the decease of his wife, he married Mary Jane, daughter of Philip Unruh, and by her he had four children: John, who died at the age of 15 years; Alavesta; Carrie, married Samuel Barnes; and Aglaid. Mr. Sell died at Slatington, April 25, 1906.

WILLIAM M. SELL, the eldest son of Samuel, insurance agent at Slatington for over 30 years, was born at Schnecksville, April 8, 1858. He received his preliminary education in the local schools, and afterward attended the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1880. He then taught public school in Washington township for fifteen terms, nine of them in the same building. In 1889, he located at Slatington and embarked in the real estate and insurance business, which he has conducted successfully until the present time. He represents a number of prominent insurance companies. He has been identified with the Slatington Building and Loan Association for many years, serving as its secretary. In politics he is a Democrat, having frequently represented his district as a delegate to conventions, and also been elected on the ticket for justice of the peace, though the borough was largely Republican. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In 1883, Mr. Sell was married to Meda E., daughter of William H. and Eliza Ann (Sny-

der) Morey, and they have two children: Frederick W., and Dama E., who was graduated from Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., in the special studies of music, and elocution. They are members of the Lutheran Church, where he served as deacon and trustee, and acted as superintendent of the Sunday school for many years.

Owen Sell was engaged as a miner in iron ore operations for many years at Guth's Station and Orefield. He was married to Mary Held, and they had six children: Hiram L. H.; Uriah; Emma, married Alfred Diehl; Phaon J.; Oscar; and Albert O.

Hiram, the eldest son, was born in North Whitehall, May 25, 1848. He learned the trade of miller, which he followed for several years, then he filled the position of engineer at the Lewis furnace, at Allentown, for twelve years, and afterward at the Adelaide silk mill for six years, when he was killed there in a boiler explosion, which occurred July 9, 1888. He was married to Mary R., daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Strauss) Roth, and they had six children: Harvey H.; Laura J., married John W. Knoll, at Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles P.; Estella, married Stanley Heller; Cora M., married Pearl Frantz; and Hiram L. H. They were members of St. Peter's Lutheran church, which Mr. Sell served as deacon for a number of years, and at the time of his death was officiating as treasurer. He was affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Lehigh Lodge, No. 83.

HARVEY H. SELL, the eldest son of Hiram, was born July 14, 1870, at Allentown. After attending the public schools, he learned telegraphing at the railroad station of the Lewis furnace, and then filled the position of telegraph operator for the L. V. R. R. Company at East Penn Junction until 1906, when he resigned, and embarked in the hardware business at No. 227 Hamilton street, which he has carried on until the present time. He has become affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Malta, Royal Arcanum, Saengerbund, and Turner Liederkrantz.

In 1893, Mr. Sell was married to L. Frieda Truchses, daughter of Ernest S. and Caroline Truchses, whose sketch appears in this publication, and they have two children: Eileen M., and Harry M.

#### SEMMEL FAMILY.

Martin Semmel, from Wurtheim Lebenstein, Baden, Germany, emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia May 5, 1753. He was married to Margaret Heiner from the same place in the Fatherland. He located on a large acreage of land on the Jordan creek, in North Whitehall

township. He had three sons, George, John, and Tobias, all of whom settled in the neighborhood. This pioneer and many of his descendants are buried at Unionville, Lehigh county.

Tobias Semmel received his father's lands. He was a weaver and farmer, and lived where Col. H. C. Trexler's peach orchard is now located. The first set of buildings were located in the valley near a spring. The house was a small stone building. Later he built a log house up on the hill from the stone house and in it he lived many years. His wife was a Miss Wolf and their children were: Tobias, Jr.; Martin; George; John; Michael; Christina, married John Hauser; Catherine, married Samuel Falk; and Maria, married Henry Hottenstein.

Tobias Semmel, Jr., born Feb. 22, 1786, lived along the Jordan creek, in North Whitehall township, where he had a small farm, where he lived and died July 5, 1847. He was buried at Unionville Church. His wife was Anna Maria Klotz. Issue: Benjamin; Jonathan, of Mechanicsville, Pa.; Dennis, who lived upon the homestead; Reuben, who lived at Siegersville, was a tanner in the employ of Stephen Kistler, and died at Slatington; Joseph, settled in Lancaster county, Pa.; Mary, (Mrs. Arner); Sallie, married William Walt, of Rockdale; and Polly, married to Henry Haas.

Martin Semmel, son of Tobias Semmel, Sr., was born about 1788. He was a weaver and lived near Meyersville. He married (first) Miss Wolf. Issue: Amandus, removed to New York; Peter; Leanna; Mary; Lydia; Leanna (the second so named).

Martin Semmel married (second) Sarah Smith. Issue: Stephen Lovinia; Eliza; Sarah; Fianna; Elmira; Moses; Amanda.

George Semmel, son of Tobias Semmel, Sr., was born Jan. 13, 1788, in North Whitehall township, where a Herman subsequently lived. He farmed a small tract of land and was a carpenter. He died April 14, 1864, and was buried at Jordan Lutheran church. He married Betsy Derr. Issue: Reuben; Cain; Judith, married Cole Smith; Mary, married Charles Wieand.

John Semmel, son of Tobias Semmel, Jr., lived on a tract now embraced in Col. Trexler's peach orchard, near the school house. He was a farmer and carpenter. He died and was buried at Unionville. He married Polly Reinsmith. Issue: Thomas; Sarah; Mary; and Phaon, who lived at Slatington.

Michael Semmel, son of Tobias Semmel, Sr., was born July 1, 1801; died Aug. 8, 1870, and was buried at Morganland Church. He succeeded to his father's homestead of some seventy acres. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

He married Elizabeth Haaf, daughter of George Haaf, born in 1806 and died in 1883, aged 77 years. Issue: Annie (1828-1897); Elvina; Judith; Elizabeth (1835-1868).

Dennis Semmel, son of Tobias, Jr. and Maricha (Klotz) Semmel, was born Dec. 2, 1825. He was a shoemaker and served as a tax collector of North Whitehall township. He lived near the present deer preserve on Col. Trexler's property. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was buried at Unionville. He married Leanna Mertz, born 1829, died 1901. Issue: Mary Jane, married Tilghman Steckel; William J.; Emma, married Hiram Steckel; John, born 1857, killed in a stone quarry in September, 1882; Benjamin, born April 4, 1866, died March 27, 1898; Naomi, died at age of thirteen years.

William J. Semmel, son of Dennis, was born Nov. 19, 1859. From 1882 to 1888 he was a foreman in Kleckner & Falk's stone quarry. Afterward he was with the American Cement Company for three years. In the Spring of 1892 he located in Washington township, where he followed farming for four years, and in 1897 settled upon the Gross farm of 80 acres in the same township. On this property is a log house, which was built contemporary to the French and Indian War, 1755-1763. Mr. Semmel, in 1910, cut down a large pear tree which was planted in 1772. He purchased this farm in 1909 from Gross & Brothers. He married, in 1882, Amanda Kennel, daughter of William and Mary A. (Beck) Kennel. Issue: Mabel, married John Smith, of Allentown; and Fred, who married Ella Eisenhard and resided at Siegersville. He is a stenographer with Johnson & Schwartz, wholesale grocers, Allentown.

Benjamin Semmel, son of Tobias Semmel, Jr., was born at Unionville. He was a tanner at Neff's, Lehigh county. He established a large business which he conducted until his decease, when his sons Francis and Reuben continued it. Subsequently Reuben retired and Francis became the owner of the property. He was a township auditor and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died at Neffsville, Pa.

Benjamin Semmel married Catherine Moser, daughter of Abraham Moser. Issue: Josiah; Reuben; Lewis; Fianna, deceased; Lucina, married Benjamin Wehr; Francis; Louisa, married to Benjamin Fenstermacher; Henry E.; Oliver; Charles; Benjamin.

LEWIS SEMMEL, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Moser) Semmel, merchant and banker, was born March 12, 1842, at Neff's. He was educated in the common schools. He became a clerk in the Schnecksville store, for J. and P. Gross, at the age of fifteen years, continuing there for

three years. He then clerked for five years at Lehigh for Thomas S. Beck. He was a member of the State Defense for ninety days in Co. F, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., under Capt. Thomas. Afterward he became a clerk for his father-in-law, Joseph K. Wannemacher, at Kreidersville, Pa., for six years, when he was admitted into partnership under the firm name of Wannemacher & Semmel. This firm continued until 1880 at which time Mr. Wannemacher died and Mr. Semmel became the sole owner and proprietor, and continued the business until 1892. He then sold out to Edward C. Kern, of Nazareth, Pa. Mr. Semmel then removed to West Bethlehem and engaged in the retail shoe business. About 1893 he purchased a property at 136 Broad street and later built an addition which he stocked with groceries. Five years later he added dry goods, etc., operating as a department store, in which he employs about twenty persons. It is now the leading store of West Bethlehem. In 1894 he admitted his son, Thomas E., under the firm name of L. Semmel & Son. He was one of the organizers of the Bethlehem Trust Company, and served it as a director from the beginning, until shortly before their removal in 1914, when he resigned. He is a director of the First National bank since May, 1912, and the vice-president of the firm J. A. Eberts & Co., wholesale grocers, since its organization as a stock company. He is also a director of the West Bethlehem Building and Loan Company for a number of years. In 1912 he erected several houses on Broad street. In politics he is a Republican, in religion, a Lutheran. At Kreidersville he was a deacon and trustee for years and is now a member of the consistory of Trinity Lutheran church at West Bethlehem since 1897. Lewis Semmel married in 1864, Cordelia Wannemacher, daughter of Joseph K. and Maria (Bachman) Wannemacher. Issue: an only son, Thomas E. Semmel, who married Cora Landis, daughter of L. B. Landis, of Allentown. Issue: an only daughter, Beatrice L. Semmel.

William Semmel, Lowhill township, was a farmer and had sons: Tilghman and Henry.

Tilghman Semmel was a deacon and elder of the Lutheran church at Unionville. He married Sallie Hunsicker. Issue: Wilson; Alpha; Frank T.; Clara; Cora; and Alavesta.

Frank T. Semmel, son of Tilghman and Sallie (Hunsicker) Semmel, was born June 17, 1867. He became a stone mason and plasterer; then a farmer in Lowhill township for seventeen years on his own farm. He sold out and became a contractor, following this for some years. Then he purchased the hotel and 33 acres at Jordan Valley in 1909, where he has since lived. He is a

Republican and a Lutheran. He married in 1889 Mantana Wotring, daughter of Francis and Tamanta (Helfrich) Wotring. Issue: George; Raymond; Edgar; Lettie; Verna; Ida; Oliver; Florence; Minnie; Charles; Ralph; and Clayton.

Tilghman Semmel was a laborer and lived at various places. He worked in the slate quarries. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member and deacon of Frieden's Church where he was buried. He married Fronica Hunsicker. Issue: Alvin P., of Slatington; Lewis, who died young; and Orville D.

Orville D. Semmel, son of Tilghman and Fronica (Hunsicker) Semmel, was born May 4, 1861, in Washington township. He began work in the slate quarry when twelve years of age and there continued until 1904, thirty-one years. In 1904 he began farming on the property consisting of 82 acres which he purchased in 1907. In politics he is a Democrat. He and family are members of Frieden's Church of which he served as a deacon. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Orville D. Semmel married in 1886, Mary Geist, daughter of Aaron and Eliza (Long) Semmel, of Longswamp Church. Issue: Eliza J.; Calvin L.; Allen O.; and Sarah E. Semmel.

Charles E. Semmel, youngest son of Benjamin, a merchant at Allentown, was born in 1862, at Neffsville. After his education in the village school, he was employed as a clerk in a store at Kreidersville for a number of years. In 1900, he went to Allentown; he continued clerking in the store of H. Leh & Company for eight years; then he engaged in a general store business for himself at Thirteenth and Chew streets, and has carried it on in a successful manner until the present time. In 1888, he was married to Ella M. Wolf, daughter of James and Mary (Borger) Wolf.

Daniel (Michael) Semmel, a brother of Tobias, was a farmer who lived near Schnecksville. He was a member of the Lutheran church at Unionville and there he was buried. He was married twice. By his first wife (Ritter) he had three children: David, Owen, and John; and by his second, two children: Carolina, married Penrose Ely; and Dennis, who lived at Slatington.

Owen Semmel, the second son of Daniel, was born in 1821 in North Whitehall. He learned the trade of tanner and was in the employ of his cousin, Benjamin Semmel, at Neffsville, for some time, after which he worked for the L. V. R. R. Company a continuous period of thirty-five years. He was married to Mary Deibert, daughter of Tobias and Hettie (Dorward) Deibert, and they had eleven children: Amanda, married

John Young; Ellen, married Owen Krauss; Adaline, married Frank Kratzer; Osville; Willoughby; Henrietta, married James Bartholomew; Erwin; Daniel; Eli, who died four years old; Tevillia, married Benjamin Leibenguth; and Robert. He was a member of the Lutheran church at Unionville.

Willoughby Semmel, the second son of Owen, was born Nov. 26, 1852, in North Whitehall. He was reared on a farm and worked at farming until eighteen years old. He then learned the trade of a coachsmith, and worked as a journeyman at Egypt, Allentown, and Crackersport for twelve years. In 1890, he purchased a farm of 12 acres, where he resides (formerly a part of the Burkhalter homestead), and here he has since carried on farming. He is a member of the Egypt Camp, P. O. S. of A. He was married to Mary E. Laubach, daughter of Edwin and Adlina (Kern) Laubach, and they have six children: Clement F.; Carson A., married Ida Ritter; Herbert E.; Maggie A.; Dallas N.; and Allen. They are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt, which he has served as deacon and elder.

ERWIN H. SEMMEL, the third son of Owen, was born June 19, 1862, in North Whitehall. He was reared on a farm and assisted at farming for five years. He then worked in the mills of the Coplay Cement Company, and the American Cement Company for four years, learning the trade of barber in the meantime. In 1890, he purchased the barber shop of H. K. Laury, at Cementon, and started in the business for himself, which he conducted until 1909, when he was elected treasurer of Whitehall township, and upon assuming the duties of this responsible office he sold the barber shop. He served as assistant postmaster at Cementon from 1890 to 1893, and as postmaster from 1893 to 1897. He is a member and past master of the Modern Woodmen, Cementon Camp, No. 8576. In 1890, he was married to Annie L. Litzenberger, daughter of Tilghman and Sybilla (Kemmerer) Litzenberger, and they have a daughter, Rosa H. She was graduated from the township high school and, after taking a special course in the American Commercial School at Allentown, became stenographer and assistant to her father in the office of township treasurer. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

PHAON A. SEMMEL, son of John (died 1839), was born April 11, 1835, and when four years old his father died. He was reared on a farm until he became eighteen years old and then he learned the trade of a blacksmith. In 1857, he started the manufacture of carriages at Saegersville, and continued in business there until 1868, when he

located at Slatington, in the east end, along Main street, where he had purchased a large lot of ground, including a fine stone barn, which he converted into a factory. He subsequently erected a new frame factory on the rear and changed the stone building into store-rooms. He carried on a successful business, with trade reaching into the surrounding counties, for forty years, until he died. He took great interest in local enterprise, served several terms in the town council, and was a charter member of Vigilant Fire Company, No. 2.

Mr. Semmel was married to Maria Muthart and they had eight children: Isadore, Robert, Charles, Howard, John, Cora, Oliver, and Agnes, the second and last two having died. After the decease of his wife, he married Ellen Jane Hankee, with whom he had seven children: Mary; Lottie, married Arthur Morgan, living in Louisville, Ky.; Mattie, married William Benner; Lillie; Palmer A.; Ida; and Walter. He died Oct. 10, 1910.

The family of Mr. Semmel have in their possession an old and highly prized spinning wheel, which has the following inscription:

Tobias Semmel, from Wurtheim, Lebenstein, March 5, 1753, Baden, Germany.

PALMER A. SEMMEL, son of Phaon A., was born at Slatington, and educated in the local schools, and the American Business College at Allentown. He learned the business of carriage making under his father and was in his employ until his decease, when he became his successor, and he has since conducted it in a successful manner. In 1905, he was married to Mabel Andrews, daughter of A. J. and Mary (Ritter) Andrews, and they had two children: Paul, who died in infancy; and Dean.

#### SENSENBACH FAMILY.

Godfrey Sensenbach was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Pennsylvania via New York, accompanied by his cousin, Charles Sensenbach. They were redemptioners. At New York they were purchased by a man named Knauss, from Bath, Northampton Co., Pa., to serve for their passage, and they afterward remained with their honored employer for some years.

Charles Sensenbach never married. Godfrey succeeded his employer (Knauss) as a butcher and after the employer's death continued butchering at Bath, until after the building of the Lehigh canal, when he sold out his business and moved to Rockport, Carbon county, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile, hotel, and boat building business, which he conducted until the panic of 1857, which caused him to fail. After

the panic he took his son-in-law, Charles Deterline, into partnership, but the freshet of 1862 wiped out their establishment.

Godfrey Sensenbach, though small in stature, was a man of great ability and enterprise. He was a member of the Reformed church. His wife died about 1860. He died during the early sixties, aged eighty years, and was buried at Trexlertown, Pa. The following were their children: William, John, Israel, Jacob and Charles (who located in Northumberland county), Daniel, Stephen, Joseph, James, Sallie (who married George Heil), Polly (who became the second wife of George Heil, and they lived at Trexlertown), and Rosa (who married Charles Deterline). James, of Freeland, Pa., is the only survivor.

Charles Sensenbach was born in Northampton county, Pa., Aug. 8, 1820. He located at McEwensville and from there moved to Sunbury, where he continued until 1871. He was a cabinet maker by trade and he also carried on painting. He was a councilman of Sunbury, having been elected as a Republican. His wife, Rosanna Aralia (Gold) was a daughter of David Gold, of McEwensville, whose ancestry settled in Northampton county. She died in 1875, in her forty-ninth year. He died July 27, 1878. They are buried at McEwensville. They had fourteen children: Cloyd, Elizabeth, Emma, James, Augusta, Charles A., of Sunbury, Pa., Elmer and David, and six who died young. All the children were born at McEwensville.

Israel Sensenbach was born at Bath, Pa., in 1814. He went to Allentown in 1840, and was a teamster by occupation. He died in the year 1871. He and his wife (Sarah Dottery) are buried on the Union Cemetery at Allentown. They were devoted members of the Methodist church. They had ten children: Josephine (who died soon after her marriage to Joseph Cole); Matilda (became the second wife of Joseph Cole); Cecelia; Sarah (married to William Blank); Lafayette; Charles C.; Alfred D.; James; Robert, and William. The latter died in infancy. Matilda, Sarah and James are also deceased.

Charles C. Sensenbach is a retired brick manufacturer in Allentown, where he was born Dec. 2, 1843. After having learned the machinist trade he followed it for about ten years, but in 1882 he engaged in the manufacturing of bricks with his plant in the First Ward and there he continued until 1910, giving employment to as many as seventeen men. He was elected for three terms to the city council as a Republican; and for three successive terms was a member of the school board from the First Ward. He and



his family are attendants of the Methodist church.

Mr. Sensenbach is an Odd Fellow. During the Rebellion he served his country as a private of Co. C., 129th Regt. Penna. Vol. Infantry. He was active in service from the Second Battle of Bull Run, through all the battles, to the Battle of Gettysburg.

He was married in 1872 to Emily J. Hoffman, daughter of George W. and Matilda (Mertz) Hoffman. They reside at No. 207 N. 2nd street. Their two children are: Mark I., and John L., both of Allentown.

Alfred D. Sensenbach was born in 1848 at Allentown, where he is now a retired resident in the old First Ward. For a number of years he was employed by the wholesale grocery houses of Strauss and Kleppinger, and Johnson and Swartz; but retired in 1907. He was very active while a young man in the Allen Fire Company, having served as the company's first driver. He is a member of the Evangelical church.

His wife was Emma Kuhnsman, daughter of John and Mary Kuhnsman. Their children are: Walter, Katie, Mary, Frank A., Edwin, Annie, Lucy, Clarence, Harold and George.

FRANK A. SENSENBACH, the fourth son of Alfred D., is a former merchant and councilman of the 14th Ward, Allentown. He was born in the First Ward, Dec. 18, 1882, and he learned the machinist trade with the Allentown Foundry Company, where he was employed until 1907; then he engaged in the mercantile business at No. 201 Willow street, East Allentown, and there he continued until in the summer of 1913, when he sold the business to devote all his time to the building and contracting business. He is associated with R. P. Bankhard and they built forty houses in the Fourteenth ward, in about two and one-half years. In 1911, when that section was admitted into the city as the Fourteenth ward, Mr. Sensenbach was elected as the first select councilman on the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Independent Order of America. He was married in 1904 to Lillian Fatzinger, daughter of Horatio and Lizzie (Frey) Fatzinger.

JOHN L. SENSENBACH, the youngest son of Charles C., was born in the First Ward, Allentown, April 5, 1886. He was educated in the public schools and the Allentown High School. For seven years he was employed as a clerk in the Allentown National Bank. Resigning this position on Dec. 1, 1909, he engaged in the coal and ice business at No. 222 Hamilton street, where he continued until early in 1912, when he sold out to Nelson E. Kern.

He is a member of the B. P. O. E., No. 130, Allentown, and an active participant in the ranks of the Republican party.

In September, 1906, he was married to Emily L. Graybill, a daughter of Samuel M. and Ida (Roth) Graybill, of Newark, N. J. They have two children: Ida E., and Dorothy M.

#### SENSINGER FAMILY.

The Sensinger family is of German origin. Unfortunately no record can be found of their former home in Germany, and in the lists preserved by the State Archives of over 30,000 Germans who came to this country between 1727 and 1776, the name of Sensinger does not appear.

The ancestor of the family was Ulrich Sensinger, and the first mention of him in this locality is in 1739, when, in Egypt, in Whitehall township, John Peter, son of Ulrich Sensinger, and his wife, Catharine, was baptized on Sept. 30, 1739. His sponsors were Peter Troxell and his wife, Juliana, Anna Mary, wife of John Troxell, and Nicholas Kern.

The next mention made of him is in the records of Jordan Lutheran congregation, where on Nov. 29, 1741, John Nicholas Sensinger, born on Nov. 24, 1741, the son of Ulrich Sensinger and his wife, Maria Catharine, was baptized. His sponsors were Nicholas Kern and his wife, Margaret, and Christian Brengel and his wife, Barbara.

Ulrich Sensinger was a pious man, for he was a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Heidelberg church. In an original document still in existence showing the cost of the first log church in Heidelberg township, dated Jan. 12, 1746, the name of Ulrich Sensinger appears as contributing two shillings towards the cost of the church building, and the amount of ten shillings is set opposite his name for labor and boards, meaning, no doubt, that he had worked upon the building and furnished lumber for it. This is the last mention found of him thus far, and it is probable that he died about the year 1750.

The next of the name in order of date that we find is John Sensinger, who secured from the proprietors of Pennsylvania, by a warrant dated Sept. 20, 1748, a tract of land in Heidelberg township, containing 169 acres and 65 perches. In 1823, 136 acres and 55 perches of this tract were owned by Jacob Ferber, and 33 acres and 93 perches by George Kern. It was then bounded by lands of Nicholas Wert, the heirs of Andrew Kunkle, George Rex, and lands late of William Peter and George Wassum.

John Sensinger was undoubtedly the eldest son of Ulrich Sensinger, and was born in Germany about 1725. He married Magdalena Kunkle and

had four children: Margaret, born 1750; Magdalena, born 1751; Andrew, born 1753; and Barbara, born 1755. He was killed by Indians about the year 1756, when so many inhabitants of the northern part of the county became the victims of their barbarity.

Andrew Sensinger, the only son of John Sensinger, is mentioned as being six years old in 1759, hence he was born in 1753. He acted as a sponsor for children in 1773, 1774, and 1776, while still single. On April 21, 1775, he purchased 162 acres of land along the Lizard creek, in what is now Carbon county, from John Rhoads, for 100 pounds. In the tax list of Heidelberg township his name appears in 1785, 1786, and 1778, as taxed for 100 acres of land, two horses and two cows. His name also appears in a tax list of Penn township for 1781.

He married Margaret Elizabeth Wassum. They were both living on Oct. 11, 1807, when they were sponsors to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Maria Barbara Sensinger. The date of their death is unknown. His children were:

1. Catharine, born Oct. 10, 1781.
  2. Maria Elizabeth, born Sept. 3, 1783. She married George Kern.
  3. John, born March 12, 1785, died Nov. 17, 1866, aged 81 years, 7 months and 28 days. He married Maria Barbara Peter, born Aug. 14, 1784, and died Nov. 24, 1864. They lived in marriage 58 years and had six children. They are buried at Ebenezer church, in Lynn township, where they resided.
  4. George, born March 28, 1788, died Jan. 30, 1855. He is buried at Heidelberg church. He married Catharine Raber.
  5. Susanna, who married a Mr. Rockel.
  6. Daniel.
  7. Jacob, born Dec. 4, 1769, died Dec. 18, 1878.
- Daniel, born June 14, 1793, baptized July 28, 1793. His sponsors were Daniel Roehrich and Gertrude Harton, both single persons. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Adam Shafer's company, which formed a part of a regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Shaffer, in the 2d Brigade of the 2d Division. He married, in 1824, Salome Krause and had 13 children. He died Feb. 6, 1854, aged 60 years, 7 months and 22 days, and is buried at Heidelberg church. His wife, Salome Sensinger, was born Aug. 29, 1804, and died July 31, 1884, aged 79 years, 11 months and 2 days. Their children were: Mary, born Dec. 20, 1824; Daniel, born July 13, 1826; Israel, born March 31, 1828; Edwin; John born April 10, 1832; David, born May 4, 1834; Moses, born June 13, 1836; Senia, born Feb. 26, 1838; Joseph, born March 19, 1840; Elias, 1848; Fianna, 1844; Paul, born Nov. 8, 1847.

Monroe Sensinger, son of John Georg, was born in Heidelberg in 1832. He was a farmer near the Lehigh furnace and his 71-acre farm is now owned by Phaon Sensinger. He was elected as a school director and supervisor on the Republican ticket. Elizabeth Heintzelman, his wife, was a daughter of Lorentz Heintzelman. They

were Lutheran members of the Heidelberg church which Mr. Sensinger served as a deacon. He died April 1, 1903. Their children were: Lewis; Edwin; Diana, married Paul Neff; Mary, married Albert Heffner; Elias; Phaon; Osville; and Rosa, married James Hausman.

LEWIS SENSINGER, the oldest son of Monroe, was born in Heidelberg, Sept. 16, 1855. He was reared upon a farm but learned to be a carpenter, tinsmith, blacksmith, and butcher; also a superior mechanic. He was hired among farmers from 1883 to 1902, then became a tenant farmer and in 1905, purchased the Frederick Leaser farm of 117 acres, situated in Heidelberg township, about one and one-half miles west of Wannamaker.

This farm originally was much larger and on it lived Frederick Leaser, who hauled the famous Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown in 1777. An old log house stands about fifty feet west from the present dwelling house and in one end of it Leaser distilled apple-jack, which he hauled to market at Philadelphia. [See cut of house in descriptive history of Lynn township, Vol. I.] Edward Oswald built the present barn in 1888, the one before it having been destroyed by lightning in that year of terrific thunderstorms. Daniel D. Follweiler built the present stone house in 1849. Mr. Sensinger and family are Lutheran members of the Jacobs church, which he served as treasurer, and is now serving as deacon. He married, in 1884, Cordelia C. Oswald, daughter of Edward Oswald, and their children were: Carolina E., married Elmer Steigewald; and George O.

#### SERFASS FAMILY.

John Serfass came from Germany about the year 1750, and after a brief residence in Northampton (now Lehigh) county, he settled in Monroe county, purchasing a large tract of land in Polk township which is still owned by his many descendants and of these many live in Polk township. He was married to Susanna Hone, of Lehigh county, and they had thirteen children: 1. John married Elizabeth Kunkel and settled in Polk township, Monroe county. 2. Joseph, mentioned later. 3. Adam, mentioned later. 4. George, married Elizabeth Christman and had five children: John, George, Susan married John Kerchner; Elizabeth married Amos Everett; Hannah married Peter Smith. 5. Peter married Catharine Storm and they had seven children: Anna married Jacob Christman, of Eldred township; Andrew settled in White Haven, Pa.; Sarah (deceased) married Henry Hawk; Hannah married Lewis Hawk, and resides in Iowa; Elizabeth married Samuel Hawk, of Allentown, Pa.;

Franklin resides in Northampton county and Nathan occupies the old homestead. 6. William who lived to middle age, never married. 7. David married Sally Everett, and had four children, Henry, Barton, Solomon and Frederick. 8. Hannah married William Kresge, and they had eight children as follows: William married Sallie Storm; Jacob married Sarah Gregory; George married Sarah Kunkel; Joseph W. married Lucinda Andrew; Hannah married Reuben Gregory; Elizabeth married John Bonser; Sarah married John Serfass; and Susan married Peter Kunkel. 9. Sallie married George G. Hawk. 10. Catharine became the second wife of George Kresge, and had seven children, Thomas settled in Luzerne county, Pa.; James settled in Chestnut Hill township; Joel conducted a hotel at Kresgeville, and had four children: David married, and died in 1876, leaving six children; Reuben married Susannah Kiper and had two children; Sallie married John Kunkel; Katie married John Gregory. 11. Christianna married Conrad Driesbach. 12. Elizabeth married John Escheon, of Northampton county. 13. Thomas married a Miss Dolter, and a few of his descendants are now to be found in Polk township, Monroe county.

2. Joseph Serfass was a farmer near Trachsville immediately across the line of Polk township, located in Towamensing township, Carbon county. He is buried at the Pleasantville Church (Gilberts P. O.). He was married to Eliza Kunkel and their children are: Susanna (m. Peter P. Kunkel), Thomas, Reuben (m. Julia Kunkel), Catharine (m. Michael Hawk), Barbara (m. David Schmale), Sarah (m. F. Wagner), Joseph, Daniel, lived at Little Gap; Paul, of Bethlehem, now 84 years old; Samuel, Nathaniel.

3. Adam was born in Polk township, and became a farmer and shoemaker by occupation. He died in 1875, aged 72 years. His wife, Catharine Berger, died in 1873, aged 79 years. They are buried in Gilberts cemetery, in Chestnut Hill. Their eight children are: Aaron, Joel, Charles, Ephraim, Linford, Emanuel, Elizabeth and Fanny.

5. Peter Serfass, son of the pioneer, was a prominent farmer occupying the homestead which his son, Nathan, later owned. He died in 1844, aged 36 years. Children: Anna, Andrew, Sarah, Hanna, Elizabeth, Franklin and Nathan.

Reuben Serfass, son of Joseph, was engaged in the lumber business in the vicinity of Mud Run, in Carbon county, and from thence he removed to Monroe county and followed farming until his death on March 22, 1893, aged 75 years. He was a Lutheran and is buried at Kresgeville. He

served the district as supervisor having been elected as a Democrat.

His wife, Julia Kunkel, died on Sept. 13, 1901, aged 78 years. Their children are: Sarah, married Nathan Keiper; Reuben, Nathan, Robert, Mahlon T., Ellen N., the wife of Sterling Park. They reside at 523 Tilghman street, Allentown. Susanna married David Kocher; and Emma, married John Ike.

Mahlon T. Serfass is a former poor director and farmer of Monroe county. His early life was spent on the farm and in lumbering. After his marriage to Sarah, a daughter of John Kunkel, he engaged in farming on his own 200-acre farm situated near Kresgeville and there he has continued to this time. He has made many improvements to his farm, having made an addition both to the house and barn.

He takes an active interest in the civil and religious matters of his community, serving the church on its official boards and the township as tax collector, school director, supervisor and auditor. Mr. Serfass is a man of more than the ordinary intelligence and he serves his people in many ways. He reared a family of eleven children, viz.: Anna (m. R. F. Krill, of Slatington), Mamie (m. T. C. Shafer, of Allentown), David E., John, of Kresgeville; Reuben and Emmet, of Easton; Richard, a miller at Moorstown; Maggie, Lillie, Homer, and Sadie.

DAVID E. SERFASS, of Allentown, is the senior member of the firm trading as Griesemer Stationery Company, located at No. 808 Hamilton street. He was born at Kresgeville, Monroe county, Oct. 17, 1878. After leaving the public schools he attended the Fairview Academy at Broadheadville, graduating from that institution in 1894. He then taught school for four successive terms in Polk township, after which he took a commercial course in the Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating from that institution in Sept., 1900. He accepted a position with Rothschild & Co., at 14th street and Fifth avenue, New York, and served them as assistant bookkeeper for three years. He resigned this position to accept a more lucrative one in the accounting department of the Standard Oil Company at 26 Broadway. Two years later he again resigned his position to accept the secretaryship and manager of the Embree Iron Co., at Embreeville, Tenn. This company had its main office at 171 Broadway, New York. Mr. Serfass was stationed at the works at Embreeville, Tenn., for more than one year when he was married which event caused him to resign his position to settle nearer to his own people. In Sept., 1907, he came to Allentown and accepted the position as bookkeeper with

C. H. Schmidt, wholesale stationer, serving the position for three years. He then became associated with Sol. C. J. Griesemer and they began trading under the name of Griesemer Stationery Co.

Mr. Serfass is a member of these lodges: Alton Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.; the Phil. H. Sheridan Council, No. 287, J. O. U. A. M., and since 1910 he is the secretary of the council, also was the representative to the grand Lodge for two years, and was a Deputy State Commander for two years; member of the Alton Castle, No. 149, Knights of the Mystic Chain, member of Franklin Chamber, No. 9, Knights of Friendship, and of Beacon Council, Royal Arcanum.

He and family worship in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church which Mr. Serfass serves officially since 1912.

He was married in 1907 to Cora Hawk, a daughter of Reuben and Hannah (Burger) Hawk, of Kresgeville. Her paternal grandfather was Steward Hawk. They have three children, as follows: William D., Hannah May died in childhood and Sarah Marie Serfass.

#### JOHN AND C. CHARLES SEVART.

Messrs. John and C. Charles Severt, well-known tailors and dressers of Allentown, located in that city in 1900, being located originally in England, and later in New York, at which places they had engaged in the tailoring business.

John Severt was first employed as cutter, for four years, by Mr. Frank Koch, of Koch Bros. After a brief absence, he and his brother engaged in the tailoring business under the name Severt Brothers. In 1904 the firm moved to larger quarters, at 606 Hamilton street, where they occupied the third floor. They now conduct a successful business at Sixth and Court streets and have a large custom trade.

#### SEYFRIED FAMILY.

Among the Moravian settlers of Nazareth, Pa., was John Seyfried, who was born June 22, 1792, and died May 6, 1874. He was the father of the following children: Francis, mentioned later; Joseph, Jacob, Christian, mentioned later; Emma, married to George Speer, and a daughter married to Mr. Janson.

Christian Seyfried, son of John and Rebecca Seyfried, was born August 20, 1820, died June 29, 1859. He conducted a large farm of which he was the owner and in connection with his work on the farm he hauled a great deal of freight between Bethlehem and Nazareth. He was married to Matilda Kram, born Nov. 28, 1823, died April 1, 1901. She was a daughter of John and

Rebecca (Roth) Kram. Mr. Kram was born July 17, 1791, died May 10, 1866; he also was a Moravian. To Mr. and Mrs. Seyfried children were born as follows: James J., John A., Edwin, Oliver, Otto and Mary.

JAMES J. SEYFRIED, son of Christian and Matilda (Kram) Seyfried, merchant of Catasauqua, was born at Nazareth, Nov. 17, 1850. He worked on the farm until he was nineteen years of age when he came to Catasauqua and was employed in Fullers Car Wheel and Axle Works in the foundry department and also in the foundry of the Davis & Thomas Company until 1801. In this year he embarked in the general merchandise business at 464 Race street, Catasauqua. In 1906 he formed a partnership with George C. D. Goldsmith, his son-in-law, under the firm name of Seyfried and Goldsmith. The firm conducted a general merchandise store and carried a fine line of groceries notions and dry goods, for six years, when in June, 1913, Mr. Seyfried became the sole proprietor. Mr. Seyfried was one of the organizers and has been the president ever since; was one of the organizers of the Lehigh National Bank, Catasauqua, and has been one of the board of directors up to the present. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church which he served a number of years as deacon and elder. He was also a member of the building committee when the annex was erected in 1910. He is a member of the K. G. E. Castle, No. 241, Catasauqua, and the Royal Arcanum. In 1870 he was married to Emma Kempfer, daughter of Rev. Herman and Susan (Schell) Kempfer, a minister of the M. E. Church who was a native of Northampton county but lived at Lancaster at the time of his death. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seyfried, Steward E., died aged twenty years. Jennie, born February 25, 1875, married to G. C. D. Goldsmith; they have Joy E. R., E. Jesse K. and Mildred A. K.; Edith S., married to Edward J. Smith, wholesale confectioner of Catasauqua. Issue: Alton V., and James E. B.

Frances Seyfried, a son of John and Rebecca Seyfried, was born at Nazareth. At an early age he moved to Catasauqua, where he conducted a large farm along the Lehigh. He is buried at Shoenersville Church. He was married to Eliza Rohn, a daughter of William Rohn. Their children were Ambrose F., William, Annie and Preston. He was married the second time to Ida Horn.

AMBROSE E. SEYFRIED, son of Francis and Eliza Seyfried, was born February 29, 1856. He was educated in the common schools and graduated from the Allentown Business College. He taught school in Hanover township and later

was bookkeeper in Catasauqua for a number of years. He conducted a toy store at 613 Front street for some time and then entered the confectionery and ice cream business. His widow continues the business at the same place being assisted by her son, Fred A., and daughter, Gertrude E. In 1882 he was married to Sarah E. Storm, a daughter of Philip Storm, whose full history appears in this volume. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seyfried: Edward P. F., died in infancy; Fred A., married to Kate Kohlepp; Mabel E., graduated in Catasauqua high school 1907, wife of Robert D. T. Dowling of West Philadelphia; Gertrude E., graduated in the Catasauqua high school 1909, she married Mr. Schneller, of Catasauqua; Harrison F., died in childhood; Fred A. and Mabel E. are twins, and Gertrude E. and Harrison F. are twins.

#### JOHN ALFRED SHAFER.

John Alfred Shafer, a native of Allentown, has for over forty years been identified with the plumbing business in his native city. His grandfather, Nathan Shaffer, married Polly Albright, and their children were: John, Enoch, Nathan, Aaron, James, Edward, Lucy Ann and Helena.

Enoch Shafer, son of Nathan, was born at Texas, Pa., in 1815, and after he had acquired an education in the public schools, he learned the trade of carpenter. In 1848 he removed to Allentown, finally learning the printers' trade, which he followed for several years; also followed his trade of carpenter.

In politics he was a Democrat, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and of the I. O. O. F. He died in 1864, and interment was in Union cemetery.

Enoch Shafer married Caroline Shingler, born May 15, 1816; died June 17, 1911; daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Jones) Shingler, of Oxford Furnace, N. J.

Their children were: Obediah, who died at the age of 22 years; Clara, Serena, Ellen, Elizabeth; two who died in infancy and John Alfred, of whom below.

Clara married William Clewell and is now a widow residing in Chicago.

Serena married Andrew Nagle and is also a widow, residing at Bethlehem.

Ellen married Alfred Toole, who died in Nov. 1911. He was an engineer. Their children were: Herbert, who was accidentally killed in 1912; George S., a silk worker, and Ralph, who died aged 6 years.

Mr. Toole was a veteran of the war of '61, having served for three years.

John Alfred Shafer, son of Enoch and Caroline (Shingler) Shafer, was born Feb. 9, 1850,

in Allentown. After completing his education in the public schools, he became an apprentice with Addis and Roberts, and learned the trade of plumber, remaining two years, then was one year with Roberts and Kuntz, then was one year in Philadelphia, working at his trade. He then returned to Allentown, engaged in the plumbing business in 1871, at 815 Hamilton street, with Mr. Willenbecher as a partner, where they have since been in business at the same old stand for forty-two years. They were the city plumbers for over fourteen years.

In politics Mr. Shafer is a Democrat.

John Alfred Shafer married (first) Emeline Boger. No issue, and (second) in 1904, Rosa Bankhardt, widow of Edward Schlichter, and they have two children: John and Caroline Shafer.

#### JOHN E. SHAFFER.

John E. Shaffer, son of Samuel and Mary E. (Kantner) Shaffer, was born at Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, Oct. 24, 1861. At the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of the Cambria Steel Company, at Johnstown, Pa., as a mill hand in the rolling department; was in the employ of this corporation from 1878 to 1884. Afterwards, for five years, he was an assistant roller in the Hartman Steel Works, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. In 1889 he came to Allentown, and became the foreman in the rolling department of what is now the American Steel and Wire Company and has continued to serve that company up to the present time.

In 1883, he was married to Ida A., daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Barkley) Penrod, of Stoyertown, Somerset county. Four children bless their union, as follows: William B.; Edith C.; Ruth M.; and Mary, who died in infancy.

The parents of Mr. Shaffer are buried in the Grand View cemetery at Johnstown, Pa.

#### SHANKWEILER FAMILY.

The American progenitor of this Pennsylvania German family was Jacob Shankweiler, who emigrated to this country on the ship Prince of Wales, which landed at Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 1764. He settled in what is now Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county. He made his last will and testament April 7, 1787, and it was probated on August 20th of the same year. It is thus evident that he died sometime between these two dates. He was a farmer in Macungie township, and his wife's name was Anna Elizabeth. They had children: Jacob, Jr.; Charlotte Elizabeth, m. John Diefenderfer; Henry; Daniel; Louise; and Catharine. The names of Jacob and Daniel Shankweiler appear among the taxables of Upper

Macungie township in 1812. Henry Shankweiler took a prominent part in the Fries Rebellion which is fully described in Volume I of this history. He was one of the influential men of his community and believed he was acting for the best interest of his fellow citizens in opposing the tax law which was later repealed.

Charles Shankweiler was a tailor at Hensingersville, and there he also owned a small farm. He was a Lutheran member of the Lehigh church. He was married to Catharine Hensinger and their children were: Allen; Peter, who died in 1890, was survived by his wife Louisa, nee Wendling, and these children: Warren, Allen and Mabel; Martha, deceased; Harrison, who lives on the homestead farm at Hensingersville, and has a son, Llewellyn; Florenda is the wife of John Miller, of Lower Macungie; Mantana is the widow of Clinton Birch; Morris H., born Jan. 14, 1865, is a stone mason by trade. He was superintendent of the Bath Paint mill at Alburdis, Pa. for a number of years. He has been active in the Reformed Church which he has served as deacon, elder, and is now one of the trustee board. In 1890 he married Emma L. Christman. Agnes is the widow of Eli Peter; Hershel is a prosperous shoe merchant at Bethlehem, Pa.

Henry Shankweiler was born in Lehigh county and died at South Bethlehem, Pa., in 1912, aged 81 years. He had been a farmer during his earlier years in Upper Macungie township. Later however, he was engaged in the hotel business at South Bethlehem. He was married and had a number of children. One son, Wilson A., was reared by his mother, Mary Eisenhard, who was a daughter of Henry and Maria (Schmoyer) Eisenhard. She died at Trexlertown, Pa., in May, 1899, aged 74 years.

Wilson A. Shankweiler was born in Lower Macungie, Aug. 31, 1848. He followed the brick laying trade until after he was married, at which time he engaged in farming in the Macungie townships and continued it for seven years. In 1896 he engaged in the hotel business conducting respectively stands located at Fogelsville, Trexlertown, and Chapmans. He retired in 1908, and has his home with his daughter, Mrs. Tilden Kuhns, proprietor of the American House at Alburdis, Pa.

In 1870 he was married to Elmira Moyer, a daughter of Daniel and Maria (Snyder) Moyer, of Upper Macungie. She died Dec. 3, 1899, aged 51 years. Their six children follow: Harvey, of Chapmans; Clinton, died aged 14 years; Morris, died in 1900, was married to Minerva Krock, who bore him three children, all deceased; Andora, the wife of Tilden Kuhns.

They have a daughter, Bertha; Wilson F., of further mention; and Robert, of Allentown. He is married to Lucy Gernert, and they have a son, Roy.

WILSON F. SHANKWEILER, proprietor of the Guthsville Hotel, was born in South Whitehall township, March 4, 1883. His youth was spent upon the farm and in assisting his father in his business. At the age of twenty years he learned the baking trade with G. H. Rabich, at Allentown, in whose employ he was for three years. Afterward he was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Allentown, and on Nov. 18, 1905, he purchased the Parryville Hotel, in Carbon county, Pa. About one year later he sold it at a profit and removed to his native township, occupying for about six months the old school house at Wescoesville, which had been converted into a dwelling, when he and Tilden Kuhns, purchased the hotel at Guthsville and conducted it jointly for five years. On Nov. 25, 1911, Mr. Shankweiler bought the hotel at public sale, remodeled it and had a steam heating plant installed. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A. at Guthsville; K. G. E., No. 258; the Loyal Order of Buffaloes; and the Order of Tigers, all of Allentown. In politics he is a Democrat.

On July 13, 1901, he was married to Daisy Y. Guldin, daughter of Jeremiah and Amelia (Yoder) Guldin, of Monterey, Berks county. They have these children: Wilson J., and Amelia E. E.

#### SHELLY FAMILY.

Levi N. Shelly was born July 2, 1827, at Milford Square, Bucks county. He married Mary Bleam, daughter of John Bleam, Nov. 4, 1850, was a farmer, until 1866, when he bought a farm near Dillinger station, and in 1875 he embarked in the coal, flour and feed business at Dillinger, at that time called Shelly Station, in honor of Mr. Shelly. He conducted a successful business in connection with his farm for many years. He was a great lover of fine horses and cattle and took especial pride in breeding thorough bred "Jerseys" of which he had a fine herd. When his son, Henry, married he farmed the homestead on shares, until 1886 when he bought the adjoining farm and John G. Ackerman, his son-in-law succeeded to the homestead and has since conducted it successfully. Levi N. Shelly died June 3, 1901, and Mrs. Shelly at the age of 85 years, is yet hale and hearty and lives at the old homestead, with Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman. Mr. and Mrs. Shelly were members of the United Brethren Church. They had chil-



dren: Kate (Mrs. John G. Ackerman); Henry, Alvira and Mary Shelly, Mary married Eugene L. R. High, Henry married Kate Landis, of Coopersburg. Alvira died young.

#### SHIMER FAMILY.

The name of Shimer appears in old records in a variety of forms, a few of them being as follows: Scheimer, Schumer, Shymer, Sheymer, Shoimer, Sheimer, etc. The ancestor of the greater number of the Shimers in this country was

Jacob Scheimer, who was born in Ger-sheim, Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, in 1679, and his will was probated Oct. 5, 1757, his death having occurred about the middle of the preceding September. The date of his arrival here is not known, but he was naturalized in 1730, and prior to 1734 paid quit rent to the English government on one hundred acres at Skippack, in Germantown township, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania. After 1736 he removed to above Redington, Pennsylvania, his land extending to the Lehigh river, and there made his permanent home. For many years the place was known as Shimertown, as may be seen on old maps of the section, but is now Redington, and the original one hundred and ten acres has never left the possession of the Shimer family. Jacob Scheimer married (first) between 1720 and 1722, Margaret, who died after 1730, a daughter of Heivert and Elizabeth (Ruttinghuysen) Papen, and a granddaughter of William Ruttinghuysen, who came from Broig, Holland, settled at Germantown, Pennsylvania, was the first American Mennonite bishop, and established the first paper mill in this country. One of his great-grandsons was David Rittenhouse, the celebrated astronomer. Mr. Scheimer married (second) Elizabeth, whose family name is not on record. By his first marriage he had children: Abraham, who married Lena Westbrook; Anthony; Elizabeth, married Mr. Vickerson; Mary, married Michael Shoemaker; Catharine, married a Mr. Young; Sarah. By the second marriage there were: Jacob, of further mention; Conrad, born about 1736, died unmarried, December, 1760; Samuel, born about 1738; Edward, of further mention; Peter, born between 1741 and 1749, probably died prior to 1760; Isaac, born August 6, 1749, taken prisoner at Fort Washington, Nov. 16, 1776, his rank at the time being that of third lieutenant, and died April 10, 1838; John, born about 1751, died prior to 1768.

Jacob Shimer, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Scheimer), was born in Skippack, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1734, and died of small-pox in 1764, his tombstone being the oldest in the

Saucon graveyard. During the Indian massacres of 1755-56 he enlisted under Captain Jacob Arndt, receiving thirteen pounds six shillings for his services. He married, June 13, 1758, Rosina Seip, who was born Sept. 7, 1739, in Michelstadt, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America when thirteen years of age. They had children: Peter, born Jan. 20, 1760, married (first) Anna Maria Lerch, (second) Elizabeth (Kratzer) Lerch, widow of Philip Lerch; Samuel, born Dec. 5, 1762, married, April 24, 1791, Elizabeth Schuelpp (Shilp); John, of further mention.

John, son of Jacob and Rosina (Seip) Shimer, was born April 4, 1764. He married Saloma Van Buskirk, and had children: Nathan, died unmarried; August B., of further mention; Jacob, married Mary More; Charles B., of further mention; John, married Lydia Schantz; Mary, married Jacob Grim; Elizabeth, married Jacob Apple.

August B., son of John and Saloma (Van Buskirk) Shimer, was born in Redington, Northampton county, and later lived at Shimersville, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer. He married Elizabeth Shimer and had children: William L., who married Elizabeth Heller; Abraham S., of further mention; Susanna M., died unmarried; Nathan G., married Lydia E. Boyer.

Abraham S., son of August B. and Elizabeth (Shimer) Shimer, was born in Redington, where he also was a farmer, owning four valuable farms. He made a specialty of fruit growing and the breeding of fine cattle. He married Clara A. Boyer, born in Broadway, New Jersey, and they had children: B. Luther, of further mention; Ira, married Lillian Danbrook; Mary C., married Robert B. Keys, Jr.; David G., married Laura Fatzinger; Noah A.; Clara E., married Jacob Green; Aaron B., married Florence Weidner.

B. Luther, eldest child of Abraham S. and Clara A. (Boyer) Shimer, was born in Redinton, Jan. 7, 1868. The first twelve years of his life were spent there, where he also attended the public schools, then the Swartz Academy at Bethlehem and the Preparatory School of Muhlenberg College; the Wyoming Seminary. He matriculated at the Agricultural College at Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1884, was a prize winner in the oratorical contest of the sophomore class, one of the speakers at the commencement exercises, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences, Class of 1888. He also attained prominence in the athletic field and in various other directions. During his senior year he was captain of the football team. In 1890 he became

part owner of the Mount Airy Park Farm, near West Bethlehem, where he has raised pure-bred cattle and poultry. He has won prizes at the World's Fair at Chicago, and at numerous county and state fairs. Three farms have been purchased adjoining the original farm to the west, and this has been laid out in streets and building plots. The place is now well established and many heads of departments of the steel works have formed a colony and this section promises to become the most prominent section of Bethlehem, and through his efforts West Bethlehem has been developed from Seventh avenue west. Mr. Shimer has donated an entire block, this to be known as the Mount Airy Park, and to be for the public benefit. Deeply interested in the cause of education, he has offered to the school board of Hanover township a large site for the erection of a public school building. For many years Mr. Shimer was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but he has recently joined the ranks of the Progressives. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is also a member of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of America; Bethlehem Grange, No. 504, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Shimer married, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Lena M. Guertin, who was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, educated there in the public schools and attended Oak Grove Seminary. They have children: Hazel G.; Pearl L.; Ethel May; Ernest Grant; Jeannette L.; and Ellwood W. F.

Charles B., son of John and Saloma (Van Buskirk) Shimer, married Anna Schantz, and had children: Elvina, married Henry Riegel; Franklin S., married (first) Sarah Ann Shifert, (second) Tillie Gernet; Edward S., married Anna Catherine Kramer; Charles S., married Rebecca Hillegas; Dr. Jacob S., married Caroline Smith; Hiram S., of further mention; Alexander S., married Lizzie E. Bieber, and died Oct. 5, 1906; Sarah A., married Gideon F. Egner; Llewellyn S., who became a county commissioner, married Clara V. Everhart; David S.

Hiram S., son of Charles B. and Anna (Schantz) Shimer, was born at Shimersville, Pennsylvania, Feb. 15, 1838, and died at his home in Allentown, Lehigh county, Feb. 15, 1907. He was educated in the local public schools and Allentown Academy, and upon attaining his majority, held a position as clerk in a general store at Schnecksville, for three years. In 1862 he removed to Allentown, which was his home from that time. Until 1873 he was a member of the firm of Shimer Brothers, general merchandise, then formed the partnership of Shimer & Laub, the other partner being Owen H. Laub. They established a carpet store at No. 632 Hamilton street, with which Mr. Shimer was

connected twenty years. He then sold his interest to his son, Joseph P. Shimer, and to Frank D. Weaver, the new firm name becoming Shimer, Laub & Weaver. Upon the death of Mr. Laub in 1909, the firm became Shimer & Weaver. Mr. Shimer was one of the organizers of the Lehigh Valley Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and at the time of his death was vice-president of this corporation. He was one of the organizers of the Adelaide Silk Mills; a stockholder in the Allentown Steam Heating Plant; president of the Fairview Cemetery Association; and a director of the Allen Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was a charter member of the Livingston Club; and a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar. Republican in political views, and a member and official of St. John's Lutheran church. June 19, 1863, Mr. Shimer enlisted in Captain Gregory's company, and served until August 1 of the same year. He married S. Emma, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Wittman. Issue: Annie W., who died single on Sept. 13, 1887; and Joseph P., of further mention.

Joseph P., only son of Hiram S. and S. Emma (Wittman) Shimer, was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1872. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and the Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891. In 1893 he succeeded his father in the carpet and drapery store of the latter, as above mentioned. He and his family are members of the St. John's Lutheran church, in which he has been a member of the church council for a number of years. He is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the prominent social clubs of the city. Mr. Shimer married (first) 1896, Martha L. Dutt, (second), 1904, Mellie G. Dutt, a sister of his first wife. By his first marriage he had children: Madeleine D. and Harriet M. Only child by the second marriage, Martha G.

Edward Shimer, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born at Shimertown, now Redington, Feb. 28, 1741, and died Feb. 16, 1815. He learned the trade of a saddler, but it is not on record that he ever followed this occupation. He appears to have preferred the purchase of land and the intelligent management of the same, at the time of his death the assessed valuation of his property amounting to one thousand two hundred and seven pounds, this being one of the

largest individual properties in the entire county. He married, 1765, Rosina (Seip) Shimer, widow of his brother, Jacob Shimer. They had children: Jacob, of further mention; Isaac, born May 6, 1769, married, 1796, Susanna Beyl, a sister of the wife of his brother Jacob; Abraham, born April 7, 1774, died in infancy; Susanna, born Feb. 22, 1776, married (first) James Bingham, (second) Dr. Peter Von Steuben.

Jacob, son of Edward and Rosina (Seip) (Shimer) Shimer, was born Jan. 1, 1767. He married Elizabeth Beyl, and had children: John B., of further mention; Joseph, married Catherine Hubler; Edward, married Hannah Lerch; Isaac, married Kate Apple; Jacob, married Fayette Keck; Elizabeth, married Michael Butz; Samuel, married Anna Kunes; Abraham, married Margaretta Johnson.

John B., son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Beyl) Shimer, married Mary Schweitzer, and had children: Elizabeth, married John L. Riegel; William, married Susan L. Heckman; George, married Mary Becker; Samuel, married Maria McSwain; Mary Ann, married Christian T. Roth; James O., married Elmira D. Dubs; Sarah J., married Dr. James G. Mensch; Jacob T., of further mention; Robert A., married Sabilla Baker.

Jacob Theodore, son of John B. and Mary (Schweitzer) Shimer, was born in Shimmersville, Nov. 28, 1834, and died May 25, 1909. In early life he was a manufacturer, and superintendent of the Delaware Rolling Mill, at Philipsburg, New Jersey, the trade he learned having been that of a machinist. Later he was a manufacturer of hosiery at Bethlehem, and retired from business life some years prior to his death. He was a vestryman in St. John's Lutheran church, helped to organize St. Mark's church in Bethlehem, and was for many years a vestryman and deacon in Grace church in Bethlehem. He married (first), May 4, 1858, Anna Elizabeth, born May 12, 1835, died Feb. 4, 1880, a daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Reiss, and they had children: Ursula V., who died at the age of five years; Allen R., of further mention; Frederick H., lives in Los Angeles, California, married Clara Getz; Harry D., married Emma Kattenbach, and resides in Muskegon, Michigan; Floyd B., married Mary McGough, and resides in Lansford, Pennsylvania; Clarence T., married Anna Weiss and lives in Allentown. Mr. Shimer married, (second) Louisa R. Weaver, who died three months after her husband, and they had children: Bessie U., married Arthur W. Hill; Ralph W., in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company as electrician.

Allen R., son of Jacob Theodore and

Anna Elizabeth (Reiss) Shimer, was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1863. Upon the completion of his education, which was acquired in the public schools, he became associated with his father in the manufacture of hosiery, being superintendent of the Excelsior Knitting Mills for a period of fourteen years. Since 1893 he has been connected with fraternal insurance organization, and is deputy supervisor of the Bethlehem Fraternal Mystic Circle. He is also an official in the Supreme Body of this order, since 1905. In 1894 he and his father built a fine double residence, in which he is living at the present time. He is superintendent of the Men's Bible school since 1897, at the Grace Lutheran church of Bethlehem, was the organizer and is now superintendent of the Men's class, which has a membership of eighty-seven men over the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Shimer married, Sept. 6, 1888, Ella M., daughter of Dr. James G. and Matilda (Hille-gass) Hensch, and they have had children: Jacob Manton, a die sinker with the Bethlehem Steel Company; Russell Mensch, a teacher of music in Bethlehem; Ruth Miriam, with her parents; Stanley Reiss, still attending school. Mr. Shimer is the author and compiler of a history and genealogy of the Shimer family, and had served as president of the Shimer Family Association since its organization.

John B. Shimer, son of John, was born March 7, 1801, and died Nov. 21, 1880. He married Lydia Schantz, born 1805, died 1850. Reuben Shimer, son of John B., married Elemina M., daughter of Owen Saeger. They had four children: John F.; George R., deceased; Mary A.; and Henry S., assistant general manager of the N. Y. Life Insurance Company, at Vienna, Austria.

JOHN F. SHIMER received his education in the local schools, and at Providence, R. I., after which he served as a salesman at Allentown, and chief bookkeeper at Philadelphia until 1885. Then he was in the wholesale grocery business at Philadelphia as a member of Kleckner, Shimer & Company, for three years. Upon selling his interest he became the cashier at the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad station, and this responsible position he has filled until now. He was married to Grace Barnes, daughter of James P. and Mary (Shimer) Barnes, of Allentown, and they have one child, a daughter, M. Margaret.

George Reuben Shimer, the second son of Reuben S., was born at Allentown, Aug. 16, 1861, and died at Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1886; Mary Alice, the daughter, was born at Allentown, Nov. 6, 1865, and died at Philadelphia, Feb. 6, 1884; and Henry Saeger, the youngest son, was born at Allentown, Oct. 10, 1867, located at Boston,

Mass., where he became interested in the manufacturing business and is president of the Saeger Cut Sole Company.

Franklin Schantz Shimer, son of Charles, was born Oct. 12, 1829, at Shimersville, where he was reared and educated. He carried on a general store at Macungie for many years, and died at Shimersville, Nov. 26, 1900. He was married to Sarah Shiffert, daughter of John Shiffert, of Macungie, and they had three children: Charles Oliver; Emma, married Jonas Gerhard; and Katie A. His wife was born April 27, 1831, and died Nov. 14, 1878. After her decease, he married Tillie Gerner, of Breinigsville, and they had a son, Charles Nathan.

After Mr. Shimer's death, the widow and son moved to California.

CHARLES OLIVER SHIMER, prominent business man at Macungie for many years, was born in the borough, Aug. 4, 1853, and there he was brought up. He received his education in the local schools and at the Millersville State Normal School, after which he engaged in the cattle business at Macungie and Allentown, which he carried on extensively for upwards of twenty years. His large experience in this business led to his prominent identification with the Arbogast & Bastian Company for many years until his death. He was also interested in the Citizens Bank of Allentown, and served as a director. While attending to his duties in the bank he was stricken with apoplexy, from which he died in the home of his brother-in-law, John Erdman, in the city on March 9, 1910.

Mr. Shimer was married to Caroline E. Singmaster, daughter of Alexander Singmaster, of Macungie, and they had three daughters: Minnie, educated at Macungie and the Moravian Seminary, married to Milton M. Moyer, and they have four children: Esther, Rhea, William, and Reuben; Lizzie, educated at Macungie, Moravian Seminary, and Keystone State Normal School, taught school in Macungie, Allentown, Atlantic City, New Mexico and Panama, and while at Panama called home on account of father's death, afterward married to Alvin Haynes, of New York; and Sadie, educated at Macungie and Keystone State Normal School, taught school in Lehigh and Carbon counties, and married William Long, of Lehigh.

Mrs. C. Oliver Shimer is a daughter of Alexander Singmaster, who was a very prosperous merchant at Macungie, in the coal, grain and lumber business for many years. He was born Nov. 27, 1834, and he died there Aug. 11, 1911, the last survivor of his father's family. He was married to Hannah Keck, daughter of John, of Upper Macungie, and they had three children:

Caroline, above; Elmira, married John Erdman; and Caleb, married Alice Neymeyer. [For ancestors of Alexander Singmaster, see "Singmaster Family."]

John Keck, the father of Mrs. Shimer's mother, was born in 1802 on the homestead farm of 150 acres in Upper Macungie, near Fogelsville, and there he was reared as a farmer. He subsequently purchased the plantation and carried it on until he died in 1847. He was married to Catharine Schantz, daughter of Franklin, of Schantz's Mill, in South Whitehall, and they had 15 children, four having died young: Ephraim; Sarah, married Peter Weiler; John, married Sarah Faringer; Hannah, above; Caroline, married John Lichtenwalner; Mary Ann, married Reuben Gross; Clara, married Alfred Heffner; George, died single, aged 30 years; Fannie, married William Rems; Keziah, married Charles Schwenk; and Priscilla, married Alfred S. Heffner. His wife died in 1847, aged 40 years. John Keck was a son of Conrad, of Upper Macungie.

LLEWELLYN SCHANTZ SHIMER, son of Charles B., was born at Shimersville, Aug. 29, 1852, and educated in the public schools and Muhlenberg College, after which he served as a clerk in stores for seven years. In 1881, he engaged in the store business at Shimersville and carried it on until 1898, when he sold it to H. S. Kern. He then was engaged in the iron ore and lumber business for some years. Mr. Shimer is a director of the Goshenhoppen Fire Insurance Company, of the Perkiomen National Bank, and Macungie Electric Light Company, of which latter he is treasurer. He is a member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, and of the Knights of Pythias; and Golden Eagles; Emaus Mercantile Club; and the Zionsville Lutheran church. He is a Republican in politics, and served one term as county commissioner.

In 1880, he was married to Clara Everhard, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Van Buskirk) Everhard, of Sellersville, and they have two children: Howard E. and Harry Winfield. Howard was born in 1881, educated at Perkiomen Seminary, and Muhlenberg College, became a teacher and superintendent of schools at Newton, N. J. He married Lucille Miller, and they have two sons, Charles and Samuel. Harry W., born in 1883, was educated at the same institutions and became a teacher in the Northampton high school.

#### SHENTON FAMILY.

Francis Shenton was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1826, his parents were Edward and Elizabeth (Fearn) Shenton. He spent his boyhood days in his native county, received a good

common school education and became familiar with the slate business in its details. In 1847 he married Miss Emma Appleby. In 1850 they bade farewell to their native land and embarked for the states, where he subsequently played a most important role in the development of the slate industry. After spending two years in New York City, he went to Fayetteville, N. C., where he remained until 1855. He later located in Philadelphia and remained there until 1861, when he removed to Slatedale and became interested in the Locke Slate Company, of which, in later years, he was the sole proprietor. He was of an inventive turn of mind and made a number of improvements in slate manufacturing machinery, and invented the school slate shaving and dressing machine. These inventions brought him a good income. To him and his first wife, Emma Appleby, were born seven children: Elizabeth, wife of L. J. Fick, of Detroit, Mich., who died in 1903; George, residing at Carlisle, Pa. Frank E., of Slatedale; Robert, who died in 1891. William, of Reading; Annie, widow of Frank U. Peter, of Newside, and Thomas H., of Slatedale. He was married a second time to Matilda Shipman, who with her only child, lived only for a brief time. In 1872 he was married to Mary D. Campbell, a daughter of John Campbell. They had three children: Howard, a post-office clerk, at Slatington; Dora, a public school teacher; the other child dying in infancy.

He conducted a large store in Slatedale, in which his son, Frank E., succeeded him in 1888. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and frequently wrote for the *Slatington News* under the name "Nemo."

He served for a number of years as school director, and was deeply interested in the public welfare of the community, as well as matters of state. In politics he was independent, and was an ardent advocate of the single tax theory. He may well be said to have been one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Slatedale, for to him the town owes much of its material prosperity. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and the organizer of the Slatedale Union Sunday school, whose superintendent he was for many years.

In 1888 he moved to Slatington, where he resided until his death, which occurred in Dec., 1897.

He was buried in Fairview cemetery, Slatington.

His wife followed him in 1911.

Frank E. Shenton was born in Philadelphia Nov. 10, 1859, and died June 18, 1913. He was a child when his father came to Slatedale. He received a good common school education, after

which he entered his father's store as an assistant, remaining there until 1888, when he became the owner, having purchased the same from his father. In 1884 he was married to Annie Hughes, daughter of Ellis Hughes. The union was blessed with five children: Norman, of Slatedale; Ralph, of Cleveland, Ohio; Emma, married to Roy Boyce, of Lewistown, Pa.; Carrie, married to John Richards, of Slatington, and Frank, of Slatedale. In politics he adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He was a first-class penman and accountant, and served Washington township as one of its auditors from the year 1898 up to his death.

He is the present postmaster, having been appointed during the administration of President McKinley.

He was a member of the uniformed ranks of Star of the North Commandery, No. 92, A. I. O. Knights of Malta, of Slatington. Also a member of the Citizens' Fire Company of Slatedale. In religion he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Slatedale, having joined the same while yet a young man. He took an active part in church work and the Sunday school, and was for many years the superintendent of the Union Sunday school connected with the church. At the time of his death he was one of the trustees. He is buried in the Slatedale cemetery.

THOMAS H. SHENTON was born at Slatedale in the year 1863. Upon completing his education he learned the art of slate and marble cutting at Philadelphia, in which business he engaged in 1883, and continued for a period of fifteen years. He subsequently removed to Slatedale where he operates a slate quarry in which he employs from 50 to 60 men. He is the largest manufacturer and has the best equipped plant, of slate for electrical purposes in the country. He invented nearly all of the machinery in use in his large plant. His products are sold entirely upon merit without ever having employed a salesman. They are sold under the name of the "Thomas H. Shenton Slate Products." His plant was never closed down for want of orders and it is working the steadiest in the slate region.

Mr. Shenton owned the valuable property now known as the Shenton Land Company, until 1905, at which time he sold it to the present owners. Since 1907 he owns and operates a farm of 70 acres, located in Washington township.

Mr. Shenton is deeply interested in the religious and educational affairs of his community. He is a valuable member of the Washington township school board. He is a faithful member of the Reformed Church, which he serves as a trustee since 1910. He is superintendent of the

Sunday school and for nearly a quarter of a century has been a teacher. Besides his duties as superintendent he is the teacher of the men's Bible class which has an enrollment of more than one hundred devoted members.

Thomas H. Shenton is an enterprising and valuable citizen. He is modest, unassuming, sincere, liberal, has a kind heart and enjoys a reputation that is beyond reproach. He was not blessed with a family or children of his own but he has an adopted son, James G. Shenton, who has learned the trade of marble and granite cutting and is located at Slatedale following the business for himself. He married Hannah, a daughter of Griffith and Mary (Morris) Foulk, of Slatedale.

#### SHERER FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Sherer family upon coming to this country located in Bucks county, and there in 1790 the federal census recorded one Adam Sherer. Hannah Roth, a daughter of John Sherer and granddaughter of the pioneer stated in Feb., 1913, that her grandfather lived in the "Swamp" and that he also died there. There is a tradition that his wife was a Griesemer and that he finally settled in Lehigh county. The pioneer Sherer had three sons, viz: (1) Adam, (2) Christian and (3) John.

(1) Adam Sherer lived and died in Milford township where he was a tailor. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was married to Margaret Henry, a daughter of Abraham Henry, of Germantown, Philadelphia. The Henry family were of "Royal Stock" and possessed of culture and refinement. A fine and well preserved silhouette of Margaret Sherer is in possession of Mrs. W. P. Huber, of Allentown. Adam and Margaret Sherer had these children: Rebecca, who died unmarried, and Matilda who was the first convert in the Evangelical Church in Allentown. She became the wife of Rev. William J. Egge, a minister of the United Evangelical Church whose son and grandson likewise are ministers of that church.

(2) Christian Sherer lived in the Swamp. He had a daughter married to Joseph Heist and another who married and lived out west. Joseph Heist was a great-uncle of Mrs. James B. Sherer, of Allentown.

(3) John Sherer was born July 5, 1791, and lived and died at Sherersville, in Whitehall township, this county. He was a man of culture, refinement and superior intelligence, always wearing a frock coat and was called a "gentleman." His mild and pleasing manners won him many friends and he was a most respected and esteemed citizen. In 1836 he was elected one of the county

commissioners and under his administration the Hamilton Street bridge, over the Jordan was built. He was a school teacher for many years in this county. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Peter Beisel, who lived near Catasauqua being the father of 13 children, eight of whom were daughters—Mrs. Sherer was born Apr. 27, 1795, and died Sept. 25, 1880, aged 85 years. He died March 23, 1863, aged 71 years. Both are buried at the Mickleys church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children, now all deceased except the youngest daughter, were: Henry, Edward, Josiah and Eliza, who married John Seipel and they moved by team to Mercer county, Pa., then called the "West"; Miranda who died in Jan., 1913, in her 86th year. She was the widow of Josiah Lentz; Clarissa married W. Schadt, and Hannah married Henry Roth who lived in Allentown at the time of his death.

Edward Sherer was born Jan. 31, 1817, and early in life he followed the millwright trade. In 1857, with others, he engaged in the foundry business at Allentown under the firm name of Barber, Sherer & Brobst and they continued until in 1867. Their foundry was the largest in Allentown at that time. This foundry through Mr. Sherer made the first turbine water wheel ever made in this country, but they failed to have it patented and owing to the rapidly failing health of Mr. Sherer he retired from the firm and was an invalid until his death, July 8, 1877. He was a Democrat for some years, but later became a Republican. On Mar. 14, 1841, he married Anna Snyder, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Schantz) Snyder, of Snyder'sville (Hillside). She was born Feb. 15, 1824, and departed this life Apr. 12, 1859. She was buried in the Jordan Lutheran cemetery but seven years later was re-interred in the Union cemetery at Allentown. Their children follow:

Hannah E., born Sept. 23, 1841.	Thomas Jefferson, born Aug. 15, 1851.
Josiah J. G., born Dec. 23, 1842.	Franklin J. R.
Anna C., born Dec. 20, 1844.	Joseph P. R., born Oct. 6, 1855.
Matilda, died small.	Emma I., born Oct. 6, 1855; died June 13, 1860.
Thomas Jefferson.	Jacob D., born Mar. 19, 1857; died 1874.
James Buchanan, died Mar. 16, 1848.	Twin females died infants.
William E. S., died 1849.	

JAMES BUCHANAN SHERER, born Mar. 16, 1848, is a retired citizen in Allentown. He was reared upon the farm and his educational advantages were such as the common schools then afforded and these he attended for four months in a term. When he was 16 years old he began learning the curriers' trade with Joseph Hecker



with whom he served an apprenticeship of three years. He continued the trade as a journeyman until in 1898 then he formed a partnership with T. H. Boyer under the name of Boyer & Sherer and they incorporated in 1902. Four years later Mr. Boyer died and Mr. Sherer purchased the controlling interest in the firm and the corporate name was changed to Sherer Leather Co., which continued until 1910, when the business was discontinued. Mr. Sherer in 1910 produced the last side of leather manufactured in Lehigh county. Politically he is an independent voter, but was elected as a Republican in 1880 from the Third Ward to the common branch of the city council. He is a member of the following lodge: St. James Commandery, No. 68, Knights of Malta. Mr. and Mrs. Sherer are members of the Linden Street M. E. Church, which he served on the official board for upwards of thirty years, and is now trustee and treasurer.

He married in 1868 Sarah Gilbert, a daughter of David and Eliza (Hackert) Gilbert, a widely known drover and hotel-keeper at East Texas. Mrs. Sherer departed this life Mar. 19, 1892, at the age of 45 years. They had two sons—Edward S. and Jacob D.

Mr. Sherer was married second to Isabella Kuhns in 1893, a daughter of John Kuhns who was killed in the battle of Pocotaligo in the Civil War. She was first married to George Kinsey, who was killed upon the railroad in 1885.

Edward S. Sherer was born in 1868 in Allentown, where he has always lived. He graduated from the Allentown High school in 1884, then entered the employ of G. W. Eckert, wholesale grain merchant, remaining in his employ until in 1896, when he was admitted into the firm, and upon the death of Mr. Eckert in 1908, he assumed the business and since conducts it under his own name. He is prominently identified with the B. P. O. E. and was the first Exalted Ruler in the Elks new home in 1905; member of the Clover Club and St. James Commandery, No. 68, Knights of Malta. He married Minnie S. Gackenbach in 1891 and their children are Gilbert, Raymond E., Lloyd G., Ruth, James B., Edward F., and Frank J. They are all deceased except Raymond E. and the two youngest sons.

Jacob D. Sherer was born in 1874 and attended the public schools of his native city. At the age of 16 years he learned the wood carving trade with the C. A. Dorney Furniture Co., for whom he worked 19 years, 12 of which he served as foreman. In 1908 he entered his brother's employ. He is a member of St. James Commandery, No. 68, Knights of Malta. In 1895 he married Laura A. Lester and they have issue: Helen S., Robert (died in infancy) and John T.

Thomas Jefferson Sherer was born Aug. 15, 1851. At the age of 18 years he learned the millwright trade at Barber's foundry at Allentown and in 1878, he located at Minneapolis, Minn., where he became the construction foreman for the Washburn-Crosby Milling Co., in erecting flour mills all through the west, but while in the state of Washington he contracted Bright's disease and afterward refused to travel. His firm then placed him in charge of their large mill "B" at Minneapolis, Minn., where he continued to reside. He had one son, Thomas L., by Emma Mertz, born Apr. 13, 1855, and died March 19, 1903. Later he was married to Mary Berkemeyer by whom he had an only son, Ralph, a civil engineer, who has his home in Minneapolis.

THOMAS L. SHERER was born Mar. 14, 1876, at No. 38 North 9th street, Allentown, in which city he was educated in the public schools and graduated from the High school in 1892, and from the American Business College in 1893. Afterwards he was employed by the Trexler Lumber Co. for 16 successive years and of this time was head book-keeper for 9 years. In 1901 he purchased the West End Brick Co. and this he operated for 6 years employing as many as 45 men. He sold it in 1907 and since then devotes his time to real estate and farming. He owns the Reuben Gackenbach homestead at Ore-field in South Whitehall which consists of 101 acres. He is a Republican and was elected to select council from the 7th Ward, being the youngest councilman ever elected in Allentown. He served from Apr., 1904, to Apr., 1908. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E. He married Mar. 2, 1898, Mabel M. Pfeiffer, daughter of Obadiah and Jane (Osman) Pfeiffer, of Allentown. He was a son of Henry Pfeiffer, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Sherer have one son—Russell P. They are members of St. Michaels Lutheran Church and reside at 1338 Walnut street.

#### ANDREW SHETTLOCK.

Andrew Shettlock, of Egypt, Pa., is an employee of the American Cement Co. since the year 1890. He owns the old Francis Berndt residence at Egypt and there he lives with his family at the present time. He was married in 1891 to Katie Schultz, a daughter of John and Annie (Gurka) Schultz. They are members of the Egypt Lutheran church. Two children bless their union, viz: William and Bela.

William Shettlock was born Feb. 4, 1892, at Egypt where he was educated in the public schools and in 1910 he was graduated from the township high school and in the year 1912, graduated from

the K. S. N. S. at Kutztown, and in the fall of that year began teaching school at West Coplay.

Bela is a graduate of the Whitehall township high school, and in 1913 graduated from the Allentown Preparatory School.

SHOEMAKER FAMILY.

Jacob Schumacher emigrated from Germany about 1745, and on the voyage across the ocean he and his family encountered a severe storm and were nearly drowned. He settled "in the back parts of Macungie, now Weisenberg, near Seipstown, where he took up 400 acres of land and called the place 'Affection,'" part of it being now included in the plantation of Henry F. Rupp. He had two sons, John Jacob Paul, and John George.

John George was born in Germany, March 31, 1731. He obtained the homestead and lived on it until his death in 1801. He was married to Susanna Weiss and had thirteen children, among whom were John Jacob; Daniel; John; Peter; Henry; Jonathan; Catharine, m. Moses Cain; Margaret, m. John Jacob Bear; and Elizabeth, m. M. Falk; the others having died young.

Daniel, the second son, was married to Elizabeth Bear, a daughter of Hans, and they had five children: John; Peter; Elizabeth; Maria, m. Henry Rauch; and Margaretta, m. Jacob Acker. He secured Hans Bear's homestead.

John, the eldest son of Daniel, was a farmer; married and had two children: Levi; and Jonas, m. Judith Ann Hayberger. He married a second wife by whom he had four children.

Levi Shoemaker, the eldest son of John, was a farmer, first in Lowhill, and afterward in Weisenberg, where he died. He learned the trade of blacksmith which he followed ten years, then worked for farmers ten years, after which he cultivated a farm of 25 acres until his decease. He served as supervisor for two terms, and as deacon and elder of Morningland church in Lowhill. He was married to Mary Bittner, daughter of Andrew, of Lowhill, and they had three children: Alice Jane, who died young; Lewis; and Adam, who also died young.

LEWIS SHOEMAKER, only son and heir of Levi, was born in Lowhill, May 31, 1851, where he received his education and was brought up on a farm until he became eighteen years of age. His parents then moved to Upper Macungie and he continued with them for ten years when he started farming himself on a small farm of 25 acres in Weisenberg, northeast from Seipstown, which his father had bought. He worked for the shares until 1907, when he became the owner of the premises. In 1896, he bought the Mohr farm of 140 acres, which adjoined the 25-acre farm,

and farmed it also; and in 1898 he also bought the Walbert farm of 7 acres, near the Ziegel church.

While farming in Weisenberg township he engaged in the butchering business and carried it on from 1887 to 1897. In 1883, he started buying up calves, which he has continued till now. He served as a school director from 1906 to 1912; also as a deacon of the Morningland church for six years.

In 1875, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Rosa A. Seibert, daughter of Jonas, of Lowhill, and they had six children: Maggie Pollina, who died when five years old; Edwin T., m. Ellen J. Rabenold, and they have been cultivating the Mohr farm since 1911; William H., who located at Alpha, N. J., in 1904; Carrie M., m. John J. Kratzer, electrician of Lehigh-Portland Cement Company at Fogelsville since 1907; John M., engaged on the B. & O. Railroad at Baltimore; and Elmer T., m. Elsie Rabenold, living at Seipstown and assists his father on the farm.

Andrew Bittner, the father of Mrs. Levi Shoemaker, was a farmer of Lowhill, married to Christianna Werley, daughter of Valentine, and they had five children: Elias; Stephen; Mary; Sallie, m. Nathan Wuchter; John, who went to Ohio and married; and Lewis.

Jonas Seibert, of Claussville, the father of Mrs. Lewis Shoemaker, was engaged as a landlord for five years, and then followed farming until he died in 1898, aged 81 years. He was married to Kitty Ann Peter, (died in 1879, aged 61 years), daughter of Casper, of Weisenberg, and they had five children: Mary Ann, m. Solomon Klotz; Lizzie, m. Phaon Diehl; Rosa Ann; Matthias, m. Amanda Kressly; Alfred, single, died 30 years old; and Jonas, was the son of Martin, landlord at Claussville for many years, where he died at the age of 80 years.

Casper Peter, the father of Jonas Seibert's wife, was married to Mr. Roth, of Washington township, and they had eleven children: Jonas; David, m. Lovina Becker; Solomon; Casper, m. Sallie Ann George; Joel, m. Mary Ann Scholl; Elizabeth, m. Solomon Mohr; Judith, m. Reuben Frantz; Kitty Ann; Caroline, m. Aaron Stettler; daughter, m. Bertram Seip; and daughter, m. Edward Clauss.

SHOEMAKER FAMILY.

The name Shoemaker is that of an old German family, members of which during the seventeenth century, were residing at Cresheim in the Palatinate, on the right bank of the Rhine, below Heidelberg, Germany. The name also occurs among those who suffered martyrdom in the Mar-

tyrer Spiegel, printed at Ephrata, Pa., in 1748.

George Shoemaker, born in 1662, living at Cresheim, embraced the Quaker religion and was invited by William Penn to come to Pennsylvania. He, with his parents, George and Sarah Shoemaker, and six brothers and sisters, accepted the invitation, first going to England. During the voyage on the ship Jefferies, which occupied many weeks, George Shoemaker, the father, died, and was buried at sea. The Jefferies arrived at Chester on the 12th day of the 8th month, 1685. On the 14th of the 12th month, 1694, George Richard Waln, passengers on the same ship were married. George Shoemaker signed his name to the certificate of marriage in German. The children of George and Sarah were: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elizabeth, George, Richard. Sarah Shoemaker, the widow of George, the elder, came to Philadelphia on March 20, 1686. The family settled at Germantown, where they became prominent. The children of George, the elder, were: George, Barbara, Abraham, Isaac, Susanna, Elizabeth, and Jonathan. Isaac Shoemaker married Sarah, only child of Gerhard Hendricks. He died in 1732. He and his son Benjamin, and died in 1732. He and his son Benjamin, and grandson Samuel, were successively mayors of Philadelphia. The country home of Samuel Shoemaker at Shoemaker's Land, Germantown, was used by the British as a hospital after the battle of Germantown.

Jonathan Shoemaker, who died in 1808, son of Samuel, had a daughter Anna, who married Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution. She lived to an advanced age and was remarkable, even in her later years, for her great beauty. The Shoemaker house in Germantown, a fine old mansion of stone, 3½ stories high, with a high stone wall surrounding the grounds, was torn down about fifty years ago, the houses No. 4703-17 Main street, occupying the right site.

The name Shoemaker occurs in records of Lehigh county at an early date. In the year 1730 John George Shoemaker was married to Catharine Trexler. In the year 1734, George Shoemaker secured a warrant for 140 acres of land in Lower Milford township about 1753. The widow of George Shoemaker kept a tavern on the road leading from Emaus to Zionsville.

John Jacob Shoemaker, who spelled his name Schumacher, was a direct ancestor of the branch of the family which we are now considering. He arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Charming Nancy, from Rotterdam, on Oct. 8, 1737, with his wife, Anna Maria, and children: Paul, Anna Maria, and George. It is a family tradition that during the voyage a great storm was encountered

and the ship was nearly wrecked. The family settled in what is now Weisenberg township, and owned a tract of land on which was a large spring of water, near which they erected their home, having taken up warrants for land in the years 1745 and 1746. John Jacob Paul, the eldest son, whose name usually is written Paul, was taxed £15 in Weisenberg township in 1762. In 1772, he resided in Lowhill township on the banks of the Jordan, about a mile below what is now Bittner's Corner. Here he had a tract of nearly 200 acres. He had four children: Daniel, a soldier in the Revolution, who died before the war was over; Catharine, who married William George; Eva, who married Samuel Woodring; and Jacob.

Jacob, who also served in the Revolutionary War, married Elizabeth George. He died at the age of 90 years and left seven children: John; Peter; Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Becker; Catharine, wife of John Holben; Lydia, wife of Daniel Hollenbach; Eva, who died single.

John George Shoemaker, youngest son of John Jacob, was born in Germany, March 31, 1731. In 1762 he was taxed £6 in Lowhill township; in 1772, £4.13.4., in Weisenberg township; in 1786, on 200 acres in Weisenberg township; in 1788, on 400 acres. He served as a private of the seventh class in Captain Jacob Greenawald's company of the Sixth Battalion, Northampton County Militia in 1780, under the command of Colonel Henry Geiger. May 12, 1781, he was enlisted as a private under Captain George Smithers and served until July 12th. He married, in 1758, Susanna Weiss, and had thirteen children, seven boys and six girls. He died Jan. 2, 1801, aged 69 years, 9 months and 1 day, and is buried at the Ziegel church, where his tombstone can still be seen. His children who attained maturity were: John Jacob, who married Anna Maria Rupp and moved to Macungie; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Baer, and had five children: John, Peter, Elizabeth, Maria, wife of Henry Rauch, Margaret, wife of Jacob Acker; John, mentioned later, who received that part of his father's farm called "Rock Forrest" and later moved to Mercer county; Peter, who married Elizabeth George, and moved to Mercer county; Henry, who went to Ohio; Jonathan, who in 1806, married Maria Moyer and had nine children; Catharine, wife of Moses Cain; Margaret, wife of John Jacob Baer; and Elizabeth, wife of M. Falk.

John Shoemaker, great-grandfather of George W. Shoemaker, married, Sept. 1, 1795, Christina Falck. He owned a farm of 200 acres in Weisenberg township. Mr. Shoemaker was described as a tall, slim, and very quiet man, and his wife

as a small, handsome, talkative woman. When the youngest of their twelve children was thirteen years of age they moved to Mercer county, Pa. The eldest son, Jonathan, remained East. Samuel, the second son, born Sept. 14, 1798, moved to Crawford county. He had no children. Solomon married a Miss Hasenpflug and had three children, and resided in Mercer county. George, who was unmarried; and John, who married Miss Bortz, also lived in Mercer county. David removed to Iowa and Jacob to Ohio. Sallie married Henry Derr, of Maxatawny. Mary, born June 30, 1807, was unmarried. Magdalena, born March 11, 1809, married David Moyer. They lived in Mercer county. Catharine, born May 31, 1813, married David Falck. Hettie married a Mr. Frey.

Jonathan Shoemaker, eldest son of John and Christina Shoemaker, was born March 27, 1796. He was a farmer and tanner by occupation. He had a tannery at East Texas and tannery interests in the state of Indiana, to which place he made trips every two years, either on horseback or by stage, which consumed a period of nine months. He was the owner of two large farms and was a substantial and public-spirited citizen, having donated ground for public school purposes at East Texas and was actively interested in Church and Sunday school work. His homestead is still standing, now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Acker. He married Lydia Jarrett Eisenhard, youngest daughter of George Simon Eisenhard, and his wife Catharine Jarrett. Their children were: Mariann, John Simon, Lydia Helen, Enos Jonathan, Charles Henry Lucus Eisenhard; Elizabeth Christina, who died at the age of eight years; and Lovinia Catharine.

Charles Henry Shoemaker, second son of Jonathan, was born at East Texas, May 27, 1829, and died May 30, 1903, at Hummelstown, Pa. He was a pioneer slate salesman for Williams Brothers, of Slatington. In later years, from 1870 to 1890, he was a landlord at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., and also conducted a farm there, which he later sold to The Hummelstown Brownstone Company, who developed the brownstone quarries. He married Miss Caroline Yeager, and had the following children:

Oscar Clinton, born April 22, 1857, died April 20, 1860.

Jacob Jonathan, born Oct. 26, 1858, died April 12, 1860.

Remetia T., born Oct. 2, 1860, wife of Andrew Jacks, of Allentown, and had three children: Charles, Helen, and Caroline, deceased.

George Washington, born April 22, 1862.

William Franklin, born Sept. 27, 1863, mar-

ried Elizabeth Ebersole, and had nine children: Bessie; Carrie; Yeager; Robert; Lillie; Zelma; John, deceased; Helen; Oscar.

Amanda, wife of Israel Bowers.

Mary, born Nov. 22, 1866, died Aug. 20, 1867.

Katharine, born Feb. 10, 1868, died Jan. 29, 1870.

Frederick, born Sept. 7, 1869, died January, 1904, married Agnes Wagner, and had one son, Carl.

Charles B., born May 10, 1872, married Cora Hartman, and has one son, Henry.

Elizabeth May, born Nov. 19, 1874, wife of Harry C. Kepner and has two children: Charles and Anna.

Caroline A., born May 26, 1877, died Sept. 16, 1880.

Emma L., born July 5, 1879, wife of George S. Bolton, and has two children: Stanley and Caroline.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SHOEMAKER acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town, and this was supplemented by attendance at the Hummelstown high school, from which he was graduated. He then resided in Tiffin, Ohio, where he served three years apprenticeship in J. F. Marquardt's drug store, after which he went to Philadelphia, attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and was graduated therefrom. He then located in Newark, Ohio, and established a pharmacy, with Frank D. Hall, under the firm name of Hall & Shoemaker, which was conducted successfully for a period of one year. He then changed his place of residence to the city of Philadelphia, assumed the charge of a drug store located at the corner of Broad and Girard avenues and after serving in that capacity for one year removed to Allentown in 1887, and purchased the drug business of Dr. E. G. Martin, at 722 Hamilton street, where he remained 26 years, and on May 14, 1914, removed to larger quarters at 804 Hamilton street. During these past twenty-five years the business has increased wonderfully, both in volume and importance, and he is now the proprietor of an establishment which is well equipped with a full line of selected drugs and other articles pertaining to that line of business. In addition to this enterprise he recently operated a stone-cutting yard and was a general contractor in building of bridges, also furnishing cut stone for the same. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. of Elks; Improved Order of Red Men; Knights of the Golden Eagle; an active member and treasurer of the Good Will Fire Company; the Livingston Club;

and a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church.

Mr. Shoemaker married, in 1892, Luella J. Weikel, only child of Alfred M. and Mary (Colver) Weikel, the former named being a son of Peter Weikel and wife *nee* Gruber, and the latter a daughter of Samuel Colver. Three children were born to this union: Alfred Weikel, Paul Colver, and Lorene Mary Shoemaker. Alfred W. graduated from the Bethlehem Preparatory School in 1909, and from Lafayette College in 1913, and is now attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Paul C. graduated in 1911 from the Bethlehem Preparatory School, studied at Lafayette and is now a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. Lorene M. is a student at the Frances Steitler School in Allentown.

BENNEVILLE P. SHOEMAKER, a farmer of Whitehall township, was born in Lowhill township, Aug. 29, 1858, and brought up on his father's farm, for whom he worked until he became of age. In 1880, he moved to Whitehall township and engaged at farming; and in 1888 he took possession of the Charles Dubbs farm, which he stocked and has operated since in a successful manner. Under his management it has come to be one of the finest plantations in the township.

In 1888, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Susan M., daughter of John and Mary (Ruch) Koch, of the same township, and they have three children: Mary F., Annie S., and Daniel J., who died in infancy. They are members of the Egypt church.

GEORGE L. SHOEMAKER, chief engineer at Balliet's cigar box factory, Allentown, was born Aug. 4, 1873, at Catasauqua, Lehigh county. He attended the local schools until he became 11 years old; then he entered the horse-shoe works as "handy boy" about the place, where he remained for a time; afterward was employed in the Wahneta silk mill, and in the Crane iron works until 1900. He then followed painting and paper-hanging for four years in and around Catasauqua. In 1904, he became assistant engineer at the Balliet cigar box factory, at Allentown, and was since promoted to chief engineer, which position he has filled until now. He is a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers; Lehigh Council, No. 15, Order of Red Men (17 years); Knights of Friendship; and Lutheran church, of Catasauqua.

In 1896, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Charlotte Haberman, of Lehigh, daughter of Moses and Emma (Walp) Haberman, and they had three children: Lottie, who died in infancy; Margaret Amelia; and Dorothy Emma.

His father was Louis Shoemaker, an engineer

at Crane iron works, Catasauqua, for 45 years. He was married to Amelia Hearttgen, and they had eight children: Mary, married Howard Bellis; David; Abigail, married Marcus Snyder; John; Charles; Jacob; Clarence; and George L.

ENOS J. SHOEMAKER was born at East Texas, Oct. 24, 1826. He was reared and educated in that section of the county, and learned the trade of tanner, which he followed for some time. For a period of five years he conducted the Eagle Hotel, at Emaus. In 1870, he came to Allentown and engaged in business at Ninth and Hamilton streets, and later located at Ninth and Turner streets. He died June 15, 1909, and is buried in West End cemetery.

Mr. Shoemaker and family were members of Zion's Reformed church. In politics he was a Republican, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He married Lucilla Wieder, daughter of Valentine Wieder, of East Texas. She died Oct. 30, 1891, and is buried in West End cemetery. They had two children: Alice L., who married Alfred B. Grim; and Ida, who married Alvin Boyer, of Allentown.

#### SIEGER FAMILY.

This family is so closely identified with the village of Siegersville that the early history of the one includes the history of the other. The family traces its history to John George Sieger, who came from Bavaria on the *Bilander Towns-head*, landing in Philadelphia October 5, 1737. He followed the King George highway as far as the present village of Siegersville. He took with him (probably from Philadelphia) a horse, a wagon and some necessary farming implements. His wife's name was Anna Catharine Miller. They remained near the beautiful spring of that place until some time the following summer or early fall. There is a well established tradition that Mr. Sieger, having come from the "Hill Country" of Bavaria, was not altogether content with his location, hence he went farther north beyond the Blue Mountains into Carbon county. Here he remained about two years, when owing to an uprising among the Indians and remembering the beautiful springs of the Siegersville district he returned in the spring of 1740, and settled permanently where Siegersville now stands. Mr. Sieger was a linen weaver by trade and was known as the "birck weaver." The King's highway from Macungie to Fort Allen at Weissport, passed about fifteen rods east of John Sieger's house or hotel, and is mentioned in the government records of "Sieger's Inn." We have a record of two of the children of John and Anna Sieger. Samuel, born July 2, 1760; died November 28, 1835, and a daughter married to John Hoffman,

After the war he assisted his father in the trade of the progenitors of Hoffmansville.

Samuel Sieger was a man of fine physique and served as bugler in the Revolutionary War. ing and general merchandise business and in later years he took charge of the business himself and branched out in other lines of business. His business comprised a hotel, general store, lumber yard, brick making plant (near the Jordan Creek at Sieger's Mill), a cattle yard, butcher shop, a blacksmith shop, lime kilns, cider press and managing a farm of three hundred acres.

His place was the trading post for the farmers and early settlers of a very large section of country. Tradition has it that one day Mr. Sieger's supply of gun shot was running very low in his store, he left for Philadelphia and in forty-eight hours he returned with twenty-five pounds of shot which he carried on his shoulders all the way. Samuel Sieger built the old stone hotel and store building which is still standing in Siegersville. He married Elizabeth Rex, born January 5, 1757, died February 5, 1826. Twelve children were born to them of which number six died young. They were as follows: Michael, John, Peter, John George, Hannah, born March 17, 1795, died March 9, 1890, married to George Roth; Eva, born April 15, 1777, died April 1, 1867, married to George Schoudt.

Michael Sieger, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Sieger, was born September 25, died June 12, 1829, he was married to Juliana Kern. They had children as follows: Elias, Sarah, Peter, Thomas and Michael.

John Sieger, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Sieger, was born in 1785 and died in 1820. He was a prominent man in the township in his day, filling for a number of years the office of justice of the peace. He conducted a large tannery and in connection with his brother, Michael, did a great deal towards building up Siegersville. He was married to Barbara Schreiber, born December 11, 1787, died May 8, 1867. They had children as follows; Charles, James, Reuben, Samuel, Joseph, John and Polly, married to Elias Koons, of Leighton; and Mary, wife of David Kuhns.

Charles Sieger, a son of John and Barbara (Schreiber) Sieger was married to Anna Moyer with whom he had the following children: Wiloughby, Mrs. Alfred Frey, Mrs. James Clause, Matilda and Leah, both of whom died young. James was married to Eliza Keck; he was the father of the sign painter, the late John Sieger, of Allentown. Reuben, prominent furniture dealer of Allentown, was married to Sarah Mohr. Joseph was married to Amy Kern. They had the following children; Frank, of Youngstown,

Ohio; Caroline, married Frank Wilson James, of San Jose, Mo.; William, deceased; Madison, of Siegfried, Pa. Elias, mentioned later; Oliver, of Kane, Pa., and Elizabeth, wife of John Butz.

ELIAS SIEGER, a son of Joseph and Amy (Kern) Sieger was born at Siegersville February 23, 1849. He learned the tinsmith trade under the instruction of his father, a successful merchant. In 1871 he started the tinsmith business for himself at Coplay and has conducted a very successful business ever since. He is the only person engaged in this business at Coplay and regularly employs three men, doing a great deal of special work for the cement mills. On February 22, 1902, Mr. Sieger sustained a heavy loss through fire which completely destroyed his place of business on Front street, in Coplay. In the same year he built the large dwelling and store room at the corner of Second and Center streets. In politics Mr. Sieger is a supporter of the Democratic party and has always manifested a keen interest in the welfare of the party. For seven years he has served as Burgess of Coplay. For four years he was a member of the borough council, for ten years he filled the position of school director; he also served as auditor and assessor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1872 he was married to Louise Peters, a daughter of Joel and Mary A. (Hauseman) Peters. Mrs. Sieger was born May 6, 1852, and died February 2, 1911. Ten children resulted from this union, of whom all but one are now living. Reuben is deceased. Annie married to Samuel Laubach; Joseph, married to Ada Schnurman, a tinsmith of Allentown; Harry married to Mamie Williams, has been in the employ of the American Cement Company since he is 13 years of age. Clara married to Robert Beitel, jeweler of Catasauqua. Mark, at home assisting his father in his business; Amy, married to Percy Ruhe, editor of the *Morning Call*; Jeremiah, Effie, Charles, a student in Lehigh University, and Isabelle.

John Sieger, son of John and Barbara Sieger, was married to Mary Young, the father of Mrs. Edwin Albright, wife of the late judge of Lehigh county.

Samuel Sieger, son of John and Barbara Sieger was born in Siegersville March 20, 1808, died September 20, 1875. He was the promoter of the iron ore industry of Siegersville, and operated four large farms giving employment to one hundred men. Two of the farms are at present in the possession of his grandchildren. He was married to Hattie Guth, who was born September 30, 1909, died March 4, 1852. He married the second time, Leah Guth, and they had the



following children: A. John F., Lewis A., Amandes S.; Josiah, Edwin and Tilghman.

John F. Sieger, son of Samuel Sieger was born on the old homestead in Siegersville. Like his father he was interested in the ore industry for many years. He took an active part in the political affairs of his township and county. He held the office of school director in South Whitehall township for many years. He also filled the office of poor director of Lehigh county very acceptably. He was married to Caroline A. Mickley, a daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Fegley) Mickley. The following children were born to John F. and Caroline Sieger: Hattie A., married Robert Henninger; Charles S., deceased; Elmer F., deceased; Minnie H., married to Wm. C. Walters; Harry V., mentioned later, and John L., deceased.

HARRY SIEGER, son of John and Caroline Sieger, was born at Siegersville, August 6, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and at the Millersville State Normal School, from which institution he graduated in 1890. He taught school for ten years in Heidelberg, North Whitehall, South Whitehall and Coplay. In 1902 he left the school room to accept a position in the freight department of the L. V. R. R., at Coplay, and in May, 1911, he was promoted to the position of chief clerk in the freight department, having under his charge a number of assistants. Mr. Sieger is prominently identified with the Democratic party. In 1901 he was elected to the office of school director, serving two terms. In 1907 he was elected justice of the peace. Since 1910 he is a notary public, being the notary public of the Coplay National bank. Mr. Sieger was one of the organizers of the Coplay Fire Company, serving it in the capacity of chief. He was also one of the organizers and is the secretary of the Coplay Building and Loan Association. He holds membership in the following organizations: Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. and A. M.; K. of the G. E., No. 55; Allentown I. O. O. F.; Jordan Lodge; and Lehigh Camp, No. 237, Woodman of the World. Mr. Sieger and family are very active workers in the St. John's Lutheran Church at Coplay. Mr. Sieger was the secretary of the church council for five years. He has filled the office of superintendent of the Sunday school since 1904. Mrs. Sieger has for a number of years been the superintendent of the infant department. In 1894 Mr. Sieger was married to Lutie Balliet, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Nipsch) Balliet, of Ironton. To them two children have been born: Emory B. and Lee B.

Amandes Sieger, son of Samuel and Hattie Sieger, was born at Siegersville April 24, 1840.

He received his education at Allentown and at Mount Holly Academy, N. J. For a number of years he was engaged in the coal and lumber business, also in the mining and manufacturing of slate for roofing purposes. He was a member of the Democratic party and served two terms as a member of the state legislature. In 1874 he was married to Catharine, a daughter of Peter Hendricks, of Union county. They had the following children: Virginia, Ann, Hattie and Bessie.

Peter Sieger, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rex) Sieger, located in Philadelphia and conducted a most extensive mercantile business.

John George Sieger, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rex) Sieger, was born in South Whitehall township, March 12, 1800, died April 7, 1852. He was married to Elizabeth Stopp. To them the following children were born: Nathan, Ephraim, William, born March 15, 1834, died August 22, 1903, married to Sarah Hower, they had one son, William, of Catasauqua; Owen, Franklin G., saddler, of Allentown; Mary, married to Eli Metzger; Hannah, married to Josiah Kern and Atillia, married to Jonas P. Gaumer.

Nathan Sieger, a son of John George and Elizabeth (Stopp) Sieger, was born June 6, 1821, died August 26, 1897. In early life he followed the occupation of blacksmith. He owned 80 acres of the old homestead which he cultivated. He was deeply interested in the public school. He also took an active part in Church work. He was a member of the building committee in the early eighties when the Jordan Lutheran Church was remodeled. He was married to Lovinia Guth, oldest daughter of Daniel A. Guth. She was born December, 1819, died in December, 1895. This union was blessed with the following children: George, died in infancy; Elouisa, married to Alfred Newhard; Matilda, died in infancy; Uriah F., of Frankford, Indiana; Amanda C., married to M. R. Schaeffer and Henry N.

HENRY N. SIEGER, son of Nathan and Lovina (Guth) Sieger, was born near Siegersville, February 26, 1858. He was educated in the public schools and the Kutztown State Normal. He taught school in 1876 and later learned the trade of carriage blacksmith at Slatington, which he followed until 1892. He again taught for five months, resigning to enter the service of the L. V. R. R. as stenographer and clerk in the general baggage office. For a number of years he was engaged as traveling salesman for a slate company. For three years he was with the Washington Slate Company, and seven years with the Eureka Slate Company. In 1905 he and his oldest son, Robert H., formed a part-

nership under the firm name of Henry N. Sieger & Son, jobbers and dealers in roofing and manufacturing slate. In 1906 Mr. Sieger invented a snow guard which he and son manufacture. It is known as the S. and S. snow guard and is used very extensively. Mr. Sieger is a member of the Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M. He is a past master by merit of Chapter 292 R. A. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple A. A. O. A. M. S., Reading; Royal Arcanum, Slatington Council 2092. He is also a member of the Heptasophs and Damascus Council Knights of Malta, No. 50. He and family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church which he has served in an official capacity. In 1880 he was married to Annie Roberts, daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Louchner) Roberts, of Lehigh Furnace. Two sons have been born to them: Robert H., married to Eva Handwerk, in business with his father; and George N., a student in Lehigh University.

Ephraim Sieger, son of John George and Elizabeth (Stopp) Sieger, was born April 14, 1825, died December 9, 1886. He was married to Clarietta Litzenberger, with whom he had the following children: Hiram, George, born in 1854, died October 10, 1902, married Amanda Merkel; Dr. Clinton, born November 6, 1853, married to Catharine Lerch.

Owen Sieger a son of John George and Elizabeth (Stopp) Sieger, was one of the most skillful farmers of Lehigh county. He also carried on an extensive business in lime, stone and coal. In his earlier life he was a cabinetmaker. He was the father of Rev. George Sieger, of Lancaster, Pa., who has been president of the Lancaster Conference of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

James Sieger was a cabinetmaker and sign painter in Allentown. He was married to a Miss Keck.

John J. Sieger, son of James, was born in Allentown in 1856. He was associated with his father in the sign painting business, and later succeeded him to it. He was the leader in his line of business, and was a member of the Reformed Church and a Democrat. He died in 1909 and was interred in the Allentown cemetery.

He married Ida Koenig. Issue: James K., sign painter; John H., of whom below; Fredrika, Joseph C., a machinist; Eliza J., Jacob, Anna and Gerald.

JOHN H. SIEGER, son of John J. and Ida (Koenig) Sieger, was born Feb. 5, 1883, in Allentown, and was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the high school in the class of 1900. He studied civil engineering until 1901, when he secured employment with Lehr

and Bascom, where he continued until 1908, when he purchased Mr. Lehr's interest, and formed a partnership with Mr. Bascom, and did a general engineering business, as Bascom & Sieger.

He is a member of the Lutheran Church, of the Chamber of Commerce; Knight of the Mystic Chain, Knights of Golden Eagle, and in politics is a Democrat.

He married, in 1902, Mary S. Christman, daughter of Daniel Christman, of Macungie. Issue: Henry, Ida and Harold J. Sieger.

#### SIEGFRIED FAMILY.

The Siegfried family were among the early German immigrants to the colony of Pennsylvania, their date of arrival is not known. To Johannes Siegfried, the founder of the Maxatawny branch of the family, was born a daughter Catharine, in Oley, Nov. 14, 1719. She was married to Frederick Romig (See Romig Family). Johannes Siegfried died on his homestead in Siegfried's Dale, Maxatawny, in the spring of 1766 and his wife between the dates of June 17, 1766, and Nov. 10, 1767, the dates of making and probating her will. They were Mennonites. Among their children were: Johannes; Joseph; Margaret, married to Jacob Moser, of Lynn township; Catharine; Susanna, married to Daniel Levan; Elizabeth, married to John Rothermel; Magdalena, married to Anthony Fisher; and Anna, married to Jacob Fisher.

Johannes Siegfried, son of Johannes, died shortly before his father. His will bears the date of December 19, 1765, and was probated June 3, 1766. In it he provides for his widow Catharine, his three daughters, Elisabeth, Margaret and Susanna, and directs that the plantation be divided and that the "old place" and one-half of the land shall belong to his son John, and the other half to his son Jacob, and that his son Peter shall have twenty acres.

Joseph, son of Johannes, was born February 2, 1721, and died September 3, 1795. He was married to Anna Mary Romig (See Romig Family). They resided in Maxatawny township and had the following children: Catharine; Magdalena, married to Abraham Levan; Johannes (Oct. 1, 1758-April 4, 1821); Henry (1751-1822); Jacob; Abraham; Isaac; and Daniel. The home of Joseph Siegfried was a stopping place for the Moravian missionaries. Shortly before his death he was baptized by one of them and two days after his death, Sept. 5, 1795, he was buried in the Siegfried private cemetery by a Moravian pastor in the presence of a large concourse of people.

Joseph and Abraham Siegfried, the ancestors

of the Siegfrieds, of Bath, came from Maxatawny township, Berks county, where the original family had settled. With their families, they left their native county and by night had arrived at the John Hiestand farm, near Siegfried's Bridge, where they contemplated buying land, but found it too swampy, and the next day proceeded as far as Bath, where the hills to the west of the town suited them much better. In 1792, Joseph bought the tract north of the Mauch Chunk road, with a grist and saw-mill thereon, from the Ralstons, who had purchased it from the heirs of Arthur Lattimore. This was known as the "Unity" tract and at present comprises the mill property, the farm of Robert Frey, and West Main street.

In 1794 Abraham bought the tract south of the Mauch Chunk road from Henry Berger, who had purchased it from the original owner, John Sterling. This tract comprises the farms of Isaac C. Worman, Henry Graver, John Rush, and a portion of that of James Dech.

Joseph was born in 1749, and died in 1825. He had five children: Joseph; John; Peter; Mary, wife of Samuel Smith; and Catharine, who married Daniel Walter.

Abraham was born about 1764 and had five children: Abraham, Jr.; Isaac; Henry; Jacob; and Susanna, who married a Schoenerberger.

Jacob Siegfried, son of Abraham Siegfried, was a farmer and lived on a ninety-acre farm in Moore township, Northampton county, near the village of Bath. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and died cir. 1870. His wife, Elizabeth Petty, was of English descent, a lady of culture and refinement. She died in 1886 upwards of eighty years of age. Their children are: Harriet, married to Jeremiah Edelman; Helena, married to David Spangler; Theresa, married to Amandus Fehnel; Hettie, married to Jacob Levan; Hannah, married to George Walker; Harrison, deceased, left two children, Harry and Victoria; Zacharias, married to Lydia Moyer and resides at College Hill, Easton; Richard, married to Sara Nungesser and resides at Bethlehem; Owen; and Amos D.

Amos D. Siegfried, the father of Harry D. Siegfried, was born Dec. 24, 1844, in Moore township. He was a coach maker by trade. He resided in Bath for a period of sixteen years and then removed to Luzerne county, but for eleven years and prior to his death he cultivated the Dech farm in Hanover township Lehigh county. He was married in 1869 to Christina M. Dech, a daughter of William and Eliza M. (Heller) Dech. The farm originally contained 360 acres and is from many points a model farm. The house was built in 1853 by William Dech.

Mr. Siegfried died March 21, 1908, and was buried at Catasauqua. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Siegfried resides at Allentown. They had issue: Harry D.; and Stella, who resides with her mother.

HARRY D. SIEGFRIED, Foreman, was born September, 1869. He was educated in the public schools, and in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. For eight years he was collector for the Allentown Gas Company, and in 1905 became foreman for George Hardner, in whose employ he has continued; he frequently has charge of thirty to forty men. Mr. Siegfried was a personal friend of the former mayor of Allentown, A. J. Yost, M.D. Mr. Siegfried and family accompanied him on a fifteen-month western trip. Mr. Siegfried was married to Josephine Bomberger. He enjoys fellowship in Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; the Independent Order of Red Men and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he is a Republican.

#### SIEGLER (ZIEGLER) FAMILY.

The traditional "three brothers" are said to have founded the family in America. Two of the brothers, Michael and Melchior, settled in eastern Pennsylvania. Michael Ziegler, in 1717, was appointed one of the trustees of the land belonging to the Skippack Mennonite church. He was born in 1685; was naturalized in 1731, and made his last will and testament in 1763.<sup>1</sup> In it he mentions nine children, as follows: Andrew, Christopher, Michael, William, Gertrude, Susanna, Margareth, Catharine, and Barbara.

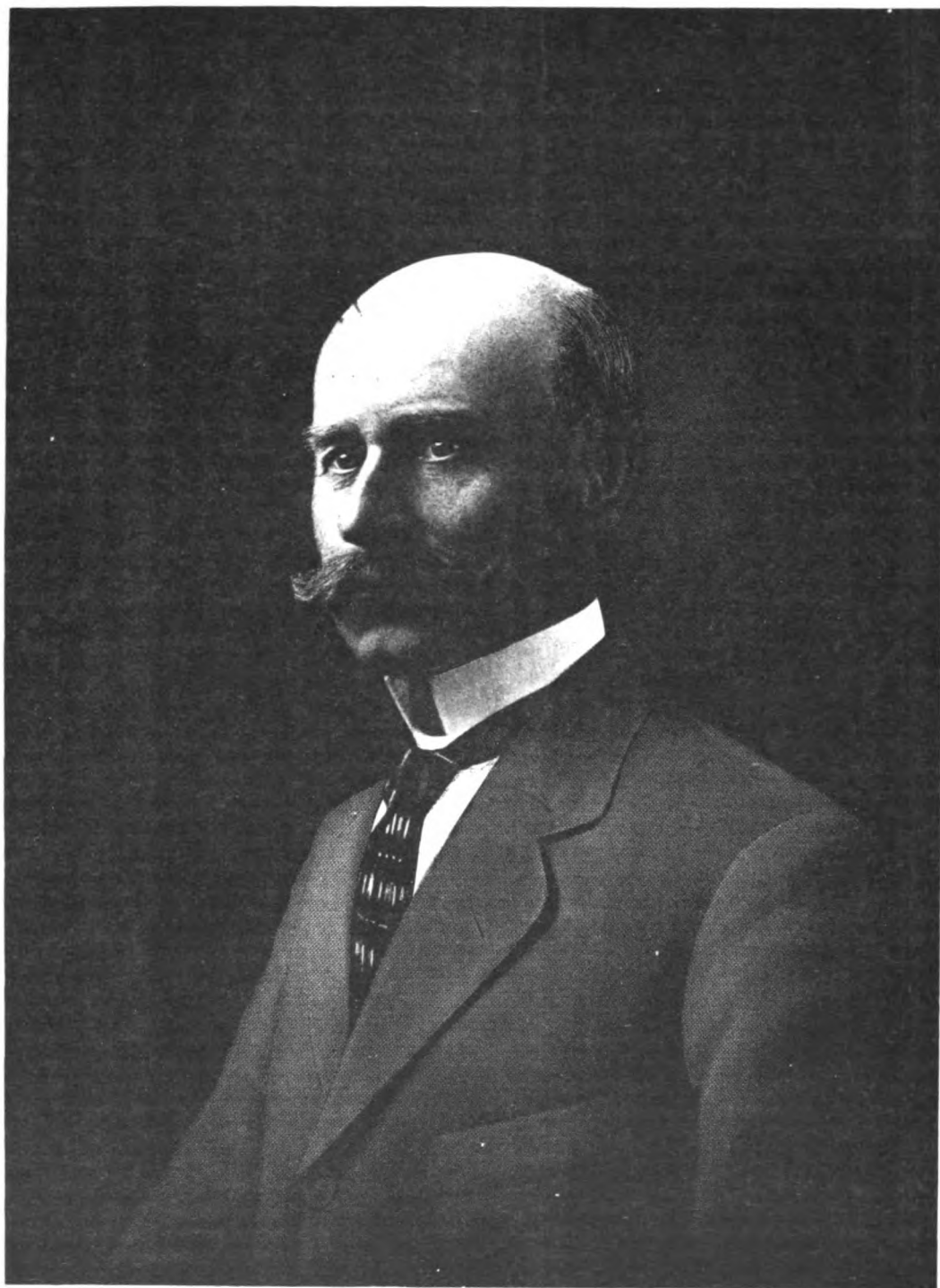
This pioneer first owned but 50 acres of land, but in 1728, he purchased 400 acres more, located in Goshenhoppen, and on the sixth day, of the sixth month of the same year, he was granted 100 acres in Lower Salford, just across the line, bordering on his other land. Four hundred and fifty acres of the Goshenhoppen tract were situated on the Perkiomen creek, in Upper Hanover township, and the sons, Andrew, Michael, Christopher, and perhaps several sons-in-law, owned the land after their father's death.

The descendants of Michael Ziegler are many. The town of Zieglersville in Montgomery county, perpetuates the family name.

Melchior Ziegler, the brother of Michael, was a pioneer settler in Northampton county, in the territory now embraced in Macungie township, Lehigh county. His name appears, in 1749, among the heads of families who built "Ziegler church," and in 1762, his name is among the taxables of Macungie township. He had, among others, the following sons: Philip and Abraham.

Philip Ziegler, son of Melchior, was a farmer in Macungie. His farm of 176 acres, by his last





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will and testament, which was made on Aug. 1, 1815, he divided equally between his oldest son, Solomon, and his youngest son, Philip. In addition to the portion each received of the homestead, Solomon was bequeathed 29 acres of woodland, and Philip 24 acres of woodland situated in Longswamp township, Berks county. Solomon received the portion of the homestead upon which his father Philip had lived, in addition he received two brown mares, and the old mare with foal.

Philip, who bore his father's name, was given the two gray mares, the old horse, and the colt.

John, another son of Philip Ziegler, received the 34 acres of land and its belongings, which his father had bought from "Herr" Trexler; also the weaving loom and its appurtenances, a mare and its colt, and "two mother sheep." His wife, Lizzie, was bequeathed a fine inlaid chest.

The will further states, "My daughter, Sally, shall have all necessary household goods, same as my other daughters received."

The will in great detail and explicitness describes at length just what the "beloved Catharine," his wife shall be provided with: A warm room in the new house owned by Solomon, 8 bushels of rye, 4 bushels of wheat, 7 bushels of buckwheat, 3 bushels shelled corn,  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel coarse salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel fine salt, stanner of lard, 2 hogs weighing each no less than 150 lbs., flax, wool, soap, apple-butter, apple-jack as much as she needs, sugar, 8 pds. of coffee, 2 lbs. of tea,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gal. of molasses, 12 bu. of potatoes, eggs as many as she needs, pasture for two cows, three beds and bedsteads, kitchen clock and its works, spinning wheel, house clock, 2 quilts and 2 bolsters, a tub, linen, yarn, wool, and the large family Bible.

The will mentions further: that the children of "my deceased son Job," shall receive, as they become of age, the following: Job, Jr., \$150.00; Heinrich, \$80.00; and Maria, \$80.00. The son, Benjamin, is to receive his share in money. Solomon and Philip, each were to pay for their portion, in addition to caring for their mother, the following: each \$1,400, to be paid on the installment plan, beginning on May 27, 1817, and thereafter, on every May 27, they were to pay \$75 each until the total amount was paid.

Witnesses to the will were Jacob Romig and Peter Walbert.

Solomon, son of Philip Ziegler, who occupied the homestead, was a farmer. The farm was situated near the line of Lehigh and Berks counties. Some of this land is now embraced in the village of Farmington. The farm consisting of 52 acres, is now owned by Mr. A. J. Ziegler, of Allentown, Pa., who is the fifth generation of

the family. On this farm, in later years, valuable iron ore was mined in large quantity. He was married to Polly Fenstermacher. They had the following children: Lydia, married to Abraham Siegfried; Maria, married to Samuel Derr; Solomon; Charles; Mrs. Willoughby Fenstermacher; Mrs. Willoughby Maberry; Jonathan; Samuel; Mrs. Joshua Roth; and Rev. Amandes, a Reformed minister, lived at Bingen, Pa.

Solomon, son of Solomon Ziegler, was born at Ziegler's ore-beds, near Rothrocksville, Feb. 24, 1820. He had been a farmer until 1861, when he engaged in the general store business at Allentown. He was prominently identified with the Evangelical Church, which he served in various official capacities.

He was married twice, (first) to Sarah Walbert; (second) to Cordelia Burger. The first wife died in 1866, aged 43 years. The second wife died at the age of 79 years. The children were as follows: Louisa, deceased; Josephine, of Allentown; Walter E.; Katie, married to Daniel Hoppes, of Allentown; Jennie, widow of Herman Trexler; Oliver O., history follows; S. Calvin, married to Alvina Hoppes, of Allentown; and Agnes, died aged 13 years.

OLIVER O. ZIEGLER, a prominent citizen of Allentown, where he is engaged in extensive building and real estate transactions, was born in Weisenberg township, March 12, 1857. At the age of fourteen years he learned the trade of cigar-making at Allentown, to which place he came in 1865. When but sixteen, he engaged in the manufacturing of cigars, a business he continued exclusively up to 1882, when he added the grocery business, which he followed until 1906. But as early as 1877 he engaged in the building and contracting business, having erected up to the present time upwards of 425 houses, ranging in price from \$1,800 up to \$38,000.

He resides in his handsome and commodious residence at 236 North Seventeenth street, Allentown.

Mr. Ziegler is a member of the Democratic party. He was married, Oct. 7, 1877, to Miss Emma C. Derr, daughter of William and Maria (Griesemer) Derr. They have the following children: Claude B., history follows; and Beulah A., wife of Robert Rhoads, of Allentown.

Mr. Ziegler and family are members of Grace U. E. church.

CLAUDE BENTON ZIEGLER, real estate dealer of Allentown, was born Sept. 18, 1878. He acquired his education in the public schools, supplemented by a course at a business college.

He first started in business as a grocer; then was interested with his father in his stone-quarries



for a period covering about three years. He then entered in the real estate field, locating finally at 1030 Hamilton street, Allentown, in his own valuable building.

He does business under the name of the Ziegler Real Estate Company, doing a general real estate and insurance business; has also erected a number of apartment houses, and is one of the enterprising business men of Allentown. He is a director and treasurer of the Allen Printing and Supply Company, and of the Fairview Real Estate Company.

In politics, is a Republican, and in religion, a member of Grace United Evangelical church.

He married, in 1900, Alice Irene Schoudt. Their children are: Stanley S.; Clarence R.; Robert E.; Arthur O., and Madeline.

Jonathan Ziegler, son of Solomon and Maria (Fenstermaker) Ziegler, was born in 1826. He was reared upon the farm and attended the common schools of his day. He became a farmer, and ore mine owner and operator, the latter of which brought him large returns. He first removed to Allentown in 1858, where he lived retired until his removal to Rothrocksville, where he died in 1901. He was buried at Siegfried's church, in Maxatawny township. He served as a deacon and elder of Ziegel church in his younger years.

Jonathan Ziegler married Aquilla Richards. Issue: Emma, married A. G. Smith, of Maxatawny; and Albert J. Ziegler.

ALBERT J. ZIEGLER, a prominent businessman of Allentown, was born in 1857, on the family homestead. He was educated in the public schools, and a business college at Collegeville, Pa., after which he was a clerk in a country store for two years. In 1881, he removed to Allentown and entered the employ of the firm of Bittner & Hunsicker, wholesale dry goods merchants, where he remained for six years. He then established a wholesale wood and willow-ware, and carpet store, first at 723 Hamilton street, remaining there for four years, then having outgrown these quarters, he removed to Ninth and Hamilton streets, and in 1910 into his present store at 16 North Seventh street, where he employs a score of people. He has the largest establishment of its kind in the county. He is the owner of part of the old homestead farm, and 200 feet of valuable property in the business zone on Hamilton street. His business has grown from a capital invested of \$1,500.00 in 1886, to a capitalization in 1913, of \$80,000. Mr. Ziegler has much valuable real estate, located in nearly every ward of Allentown.

Albert J. Ziegler was married in 1883, to

Alice M. Mosser, daughter of Lewis Mosser, a prominent citizen of Mossersville, Pa. Issue: Fred M., single, who is associated with his father in business, and Warren Albert, who died in infancy.

Samuel Ziegler, son of Solomon, was born in 1833, died in 1887. He was a farmer in Upper Macungie township. He was a prominent member of Ziegler's church and he served it as deacon and elder. He was a school director for a number of years. His widow, Elizabeth, *nee* Hains, survived him many years. They had the following children: Isabella, married to Peter Merkel; Emanuel, of Trexlertown; Ellen; Alice; Robert C., of Kutztown; and George P., of Allentown.

Abraham Ziegler, son of Melchior, is recorded in 1790, by the Federal census report, as a resident of Salisbury township, now Lehigh county. He died about January, in 1832. He had a son, Abraham, Jr., who died in 1831.

#### JOHN MARTIN SIESSMAYR.

John Martin Siessmayr, for many years was foreman for the Nudinger-Neuweiler Brewing Company of Allentown, Pa. He was born Feb. 4, 1862, at Beyern, Germany, son of Joseph and Christina (Madscar) Siessmayr, both of whom are now (1913) living in the land of their nativity. Joseph was by trade a butcher, which he followed all his life. The family are members of the Catholic church.

John Martin Siessmayr, son of Joseph and Christina, was educated in the national schools of Germany, whose laws require all children to attend these institutions up to the age of 14 years. After leaving school he learned the trade of butcher with his father's brothers, working in this vocation until he came to America.

He married in 1887, at Munich, Germany, Lena Bader, daughter of Joseph and Kreszruz (Kirkmeyer) Bader. In 1891 the family left Antwerp for America, arriving in Philadelphia, July, 1891. Here he found employment in a brewery, where he learned the details of the business, remaining for two years.

In 1893 he removed to Allentown, Pa., and accepted the position as foreman for the Nudinger-Neuweiler Brewing Co., where he remained until his death, in 1898. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery of Allentown.

He was a member of the Catholic church, and was a member of the various societies of that church.

In politics he was a Democrat. He built a substantial home on Turner street, Allentown, where his family now reside. Their children were: Frances, Annie, Max, John, Lena, Bar-

bara, Stephen, and Dora and Mary (twins). John married Florence Weaver, of Allentown, Pa. All the children have received a good education.

Mrs. Siessmayr is a lady of refined tastes and devoted to her children.

SILVIUS FAMILY.

John Silvius (Silfies) lived in Moore township, Northampton county, where he owned and conducted a large farm. He was also a stone mason by trade. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of Petersville church, where he is buried. His wife's maiden name was Althouse. Issue: Benjamin, John, Elias, Peter, Samuel, Elizabeth, married to Charles Zellner; Polly, married to Solomon Marsh, and Looma, married to Reuben Barrell.

John Silvius, son of John, lived in Northampton county, on a farm now owned by the Atlas Cement Company. He held the office of township supervisor. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of Howertown church, and served it as elder. He was married first to Esther Wright. Issue: Josiah. The second time he was married to Eliza Hartman. Issue: Catharine, wife of George Person. The third time he was married to Catharine Rauch, no issue.

JOSIAH SILVIUS, farmer of Whitehall township, near Egypt, was born March 4, 1843. He began to farm on the old homestead. In 1897 he came to Whitehall township, where he purchased the Kemmerer, later Schaeffer, farm of 86 acres. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of the Howertown church which he served as deacon for six years. He is married to Elizabeth Kleppinger, daughter of Edwin Kleppinger, who died in 1911, at the ripe age of 92 years.

SINCLAIR FAMILY.

The Sinclair family at an early period settled in New Jersey. Some of its members now pass by the name of St. Clair. In Hunterdon county, near Riegelsville, N. J., the father of John Sin Clair lived. The latter was born about 1810, and he died at the age of sixty-five years, being buried on the Holland church graveyard. He was an agriculturist and assisted in making the survey for the Belvidere and Delaware Railroad through New Jersey. He was an enterprising citizen. For a time he conducted an extensive mercantile business at Amsterdam, New Jersey, along the Delaware river; also a store on the Pennsylvania side, opposite from Holland, a town on the Jersey side of the river. He possessed a strong personality; was six feet and one inch tall, and weighed 295 pounds.

His wife, Mary Bloom, died in January, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. They had eleven children: William L., Luther, Cyrus, John H., Robert, George, Tillie, Jennie, Laura, Maggie and Belle.

WILLIAM L. SINCLAIR, of Allentown, is a native of New Jersey. He was born in 1856, at Holland, in Hunterdon county, where he spent the first ten years of his life, then he went into Pennsylvania, and learned the cabinet-making trade at Easton, where he afterward worked as journeyman for several years. In 1884, he became connected with the Dorney Furniture Co., at Allentown, as a cabinet-maker, and he has continued with them until this time, a period of thirty years.

He and his wife are connected with the Linden Street Methodist Church, of which they are consistent worshippers. On March 12, 1887, he married Margaret Bowden, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Pryor) Bowden natives of England, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1866, and settled at Glendon, her father having been an accomplished musician, artist, and scholar. They have two children: Tillie (wife of Charles Lehman, Allentown, who have four children: Gerber, Kenneth, Harry and a baby); and Evelyn.

SINGMASTER FAMILY.

John Adam Singmaster, who emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1749, and first settled in Bucks county which then included Northampton county. His son, John Adam, was born there Aug. 6, 1766 and learned the trade of tanner. In 1810, he located at Millerstown, (Macungie), where he purchased a farm of 105 acres from his father-in-law, Rev. Jacob Van Buskirk, D.D., and established a tannery, which he carried on successfully for many years. He was selected one of the first grand jurors of Lehigh county after its erection in 1812. He died July 28, 1820. He was married to Lydia Van Buskirk, born June 14, 1779, died December 17, 1865. They had seven sons and a daughter: John, Jacob, Henry, Samuel, William, Charles, and Reuben (the last four having gone West), and Sarah, married William Miller, of Allentown.

John Singmaster, the eldest son of John Adam, was born Sept. 7, 1797, and died Dec. 5, 1877. He was brought on his father's plantation and learned the trade of tanner which he carried on successfully in connection with farming for many years at Macungie as successor to his father. He was married to Esther Weiler, born Feb. 6, 1802, died April 22, 1884; and they had five children: Mary Ann, married William Trexler;

Caroline, married Thomas Breinig; James, Edwin and Alexander.

The eldest son, James, father of Mrs. Weaver, was born at Millerstown, Macungie, Sept. 6, 1823, and died July 12, 1896. He was given a thorough education and succeeded his father in the tanning and he also established a coal, grain and lumber business there, which he carried on with great success until he died. He was married in 1850 to Sarah A. Mattern, daughter of John, of Macungie, born Oct. 5, 1824, died Sept. 28, 1894, and they had four children: Ella, (Mrs. W. M. Weaver); J. Alden; Walter F., married Ida Bachman; and Howard, who died single at the age of 21 years.

Alexander Singmaster, father of Mrs. C. Oliver Shimer, was a very prosperous merchant at Macungie in the coal, grain and lumber business for many years. He was born there Nov. 27, 1834, and he died there Aug. 11, 1911, the last survivor of his father's family. He was married to Hannah Keck, daughter of John, of Upper Macungie, and they had three children: Mrs. Shimer; Elmira, married John Erdman; and Caleb, married Alice Neumeyer.

#### SITTLER FAMILY.

David Sittler, born in 1810 in Greenwich township, Berks county, owned a large farm in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county. There he died on Jan. 4, 1873, is buried at Mertztown, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Naomi Griesemer, a native of Berks county. Their children were: William, David, Daniel, married to Carolina Oswald; Charles, Peter, Louisa, died, aged ten years; Susanna, married to Daniel Neumeyer, and James, of Allentown.

William Sittler, son of David, was born June 16, 1835, in Greenwich township. He was a wheelwright by trade but later he established the first farm implement business at Fleetwood out of which grew the well known firm of Schæffer, Merkel & Company, whose foreman he was for a number of years. Afterward he established the same business at Fogelsville, and in 1892 at Trexlertown, where he built up a large business with the assistance of his son, Henry D., who succeeded him after his death on Jan. 2, 1900. He is buried at the Maxatawny Zion Church.

On July 7, 1854, he married Mary A. Diener, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Leibensperger) Diener. Mrs. Sittler continues to reside at Trexlertown. Their children are all deceased except Henry D., the oldest. They were: Albert, Lizzie, Agnes, William and Charles.

HENRY D. SITTLER, manufacturer and dealer in farm wagons and agricultural implements, at

Trexlertown, was born Dec. 30, 1864, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county. After his education in the public schools and at the normal school at Kutztown, he assisted his father and afterward he traveled and sold farm implements until after the father's death in 1900, when he took over the business at Trexlertown. Mr. Sittler is the largest dealer in his line in the county and he employs as many as twenty people. His warehouse and establishment cover several acres of ground. He also sells fertilizers to farmers for miles around him.

He is a Lutheran member of the Trexlertown Church, having served it as a deacon and is now an elder. Socially he is a Knights of Malta and an Odd Fellow.

In Sept., 1887, he married Ida Gernert, a daughter of John and Hannah (Strauss) Gernert. Their children are: Lizzie, Hannah, William J., and Clarence H.

David Sittler, son of David, was a farmer near Wescoesville. He was married to Sarah, a daughter of Peter Hess. Their children are Franklin P., of Trexlertown; Lizzie, the wife of W. Berkey, of near Wescoesville, and Charles H., of South Whitehall.

Peter Sittler, manufacturer and farm implement dealer, at Eckerts, in South Whitehall, was born Oct. 27, 1844. He learned the machinist trade at Fleetwood where he worked four years. In 1875 he located at Eckerts, then known as Wenersville. He built many horsepowers and thrashing machines, also wheelbarrows. He now sells gasoline engines and farm implements. He is assisted by his son, Alfred J. Mr. Sittler is a Democrat and for twenty-three successive years was the treasurer for the supervisors, also was a school director for four years.

He served as a deacon and elder of the Cedarville Lutheran Church congregation. On June 6, 1874, he married Anna Louise Warmkessel. They have two children, namely: Alfred J., married to Queen Held, and they have Florence, Anna and Ella; Ida married to Richard Knappenberger. They have Irene, Ray and Homer and live at Allentown.

#### DR. FRANKLIN J. SLOUGH.

Jacob Slough, a pioneer, was a resident of Macungie township, now Lehigh county, in 1748, and in 1762 he was assessed twenty-two pounds.

Joseph and Catharine Slough, of the same township, had a son Nicholas, born Aug. 29, 1781. Nicholas Slough had sons, Lucus and Joseph, who, about 1830 removed to what is now Claussville. Joseph established a general store and became a prominent country merchant, and

an influential citizen. He served as postmaster of the village for many years.

Joseph Slough married Anna Knerr, daughter of Conrad Knerr, whose wife belonged to the Helfrich family, conspicuous from the early history of the county to the present time in professional circles. They had a son, Franklin J. Slough.

Dr. Franklin J. Slough, son of Joseph and Anna (Knerr) Slough, was born March 18, 1842, at Claussville, Lehigh county. He received his early instruction from private tutors, and to further his general education, at 16 he was sent to the Allentown Seminary, and later Muhlenberg College, which at that time was under the charge of Professors Phillips and Huford. Thus prepared to intelligently take up the study of medicine, he entered the office of his future father-in-law, Dr. H. J. Helfrich, a tireless and successful practitioner, of Fogelsville. During the winter months he attended the Homeopathic Medical College, now Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, completing the course, March 3, 1862, and being the first graduate of that institution in Lehigh county. Immediately after his graduation he entered the active practice of his chosen profession as a partner of his formed preceptor at Fogelsville. This relation was maintained for a year and a half, when eager to still further supplement his knowledge of medicine, he took a post-graduate course at Bellevue Medical College, New York City. While there he also was a private student of Professors Flint and Hamilton, and had the honor of holding the personal certificates of these famous doctors.

Returning to Fogelsville Dr. Slough again associated himself with Dr. Helfrich. Not long after, however, the partnership was dissolved because of the removal of Dr. Helfrich to Kutztown.

In order to widen the scope of his activities Dr. Slough on Oct. 15, 1875, removed from Fogelsville to Allentown, establishing and conducting in connection with his practice of medicine and surgery a homeopathic pharmacy at the northeast corner of Ninth and Hamilton streets. The step was a wise one, as the sequel has shown later. For the greater convenience of his large clientele as well as his own, he removed his office and pharmacy next door to the home where he has resided for upwards of twenty years, and altogether the combined arrangements at Nos. 120-122 North Eighth street, are ideal for a physician's purpose.

He was health officer of the city in 1883; president of the local pension board during Cleveland's first administration; physician for the poor of Allentown for three years; to say nothing of

his many public services, Dr. Slough by his ability and unselfish devotion to duty, had proven himself a useful and progressive citizen of the highest type.

Dr. Slough, who had written many papers for publication bearing on his profession, including an interesting history of homeopathy, was a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Pennsylvania Homeopathic Medical Society, the Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Association of Pennsylvania and the National Association of Pennsylvania and the National Association of Retail Druggists of Lehigh County. The governor of Pennsylvania appointed him one of the original trustees of the State Homeopathic Hospital at Rittersville, Pa., a position he served with marked ability and faithfulness up to the time of his death.

Dr. Franklin J. Slough married in October, 1864, Miss Agnes M. Helfrich, daughter of the late Dr. Henry J. and Hester (Herman) Helfrich, of Fogelsville. Issue: Libbie O.; Minnie H. A.; Lulu May; and Joseph C. Slough.

Mrs. Slough comes from an old and distinguished family, being a descendant from four generations of Reformed ministers. In her almost exclusive and able management of the pharmacy she has shown many of the splendid characteristics of her ancestors, and always has been the ideal wife and mother and a superior woman of business. Their accomplished daughters are graduates of the Allentown College for Women. The eldest, Mrs. Libbie O., wife of Horace Luckenbach, of Bethlehem, also graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, of Chicago; while Minnie H. A. passed the examination of the State Pharmaceutical Board, and is a practical druggist. Lulu May is the wife of Paul B. Straub, of Pittsburgh. Dr. Slough has an interesting family of social prominence to which he had been thoroughly devoted. He died on April 2, 1914, in his 73d year. In his death the city has lost one of its most prominent, respected and able citizens. He was also one of the oldest practitioners in the county. His funeral was largely attended and he was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

Joseph C. Slough, son of Dr. Franklin J. and Agnes M. (Helfrich) Slough, was born Sept. 5, 1875, at Fogelsville, Pa. He was educated in the private schools of Allentown; graduated at Muhlenberg College in 1896, and from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania; was admitted to the bar July 4, 1899. In politics he is a Republican; was elected Alderman of the Fourth ward in 1907. He holds membership in the L. A. and B. P. O. E., No.

130, of Allentown. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

WILLIAM C. J. SLOUGH, M.D., son of Joseph and Anna (Knerr) Slough, was born May 26, 1846, at Claussville, Pa. He acquired his elementary education in the public schools, after which he attended the Keystone State Normal School. After graduating he read medicine with his brother, Dr. F. J. Slough, at Fogelsville, Pa., then took a course at the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating in 1869. He then practiced at Fogelsville until 1881, when he removed to Emaus, where he built up a large practice. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. He served as a school director for six years; as a councilman three years, and is a member of the Board of Health for nine years.

Dr. William C. J. Slough married (first) Emma Fried, who died in 1878. He married (second) Mrs. Sarah (Snyder) Unger, daughter of David and Sarah Snyder. Issue: Frank Unger, died in 1898; and Helen Unger Slough, a teacher at Emaus, Pa.

Lucus Schlauch was born in Macungie and died in Upper Macungie township, and is buried on Union cemetery, Allentown, Pa. He was a butcher and drover. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Sarah Mohr. They had the following children: Lafenus; Frank L.; Amanda; Edwin; Maria; Sarah; Granville, of Allentown; Malinda; Emeline; and Clara.

Frank L. Schlouch, a retired citizen of Siegersville, was born Feb. 15, 1838. He obtained his early education in the common schools, was reared upon the farm and was engaged in butchering with his father and also was a drover. He came to Siegersville about 1872, and, with the exception of eight years, has always resided there. He conducted the Siegersville Hotel for twenty-eight years, (from 1875 to 1903) and prior to that time conducted the Longswamp Hotel for eight years (from 1867 to 1875). In 1903 he retired to private life, living in a residence at Siegersville built by Tilghman Sauerwein. Mr. Schlouch is a member of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, and of the Lutheran Church.

He was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Fritch, and they had children: Eugene, and Mary, widow of Charles Sieger. He was married (second) to Abbey Hollenbach, widow of Jacob Kern. No issue.

#### SCHMITT (NOW SMITH) FAMILY.

Christian Schmitt was a pioneer in the upper end of Lehigh county. The first mention of his name appears in a document in possession of W. H. Reitz, at Lynnport, which reads as follows:

"LYNN TOWNSHIP, Nov. 12, 1753.

"I do assign and set over all my right, title and interest in this bill of sale unto my brother-in-law, Matthias Schutz, as witness my hand.

"(Signed) Christian Schmitt.

"Witness:

"John Everett

"Andreas Everett"

The next mention of his name appears in the list of members of the Heidelberg church in 1757. On Nov. 5, 1765, he took out two land warrants comprising 38 acres and 90 acres, respectively. On May 29, 1766, Henry Smith, took out two warrants, one of 110 acres and another for 13 acres. All of the above land was situated in Heidelberg township. Christian Schmitt had these children: Christian, Jr.; Michael; Susanna, intermarried with John Miller, and they lived in Heidelberg; and another son, who tradition states lived at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Christian Schmitt, Jr., locally known as "Der Blind Schmidt," was born April 2, 1762, and lived upon a farm near Pleasant Corner. There he died on Aug. 26, 1847, in the 86th year of his age. His wife, Catharine Seidler, was born on Christmas Day, 1764, and died June 2, 1839, in her 75th year. They were married for 53 years and had nine children. They were farmers and their homestead passed to their two sons, John and Christian; and the next owner was William F. Smith, from whom it descended to his son, Henry F., who sold it in 1890 to Lewis B. Reitz.

John Schmidt was born Nov. 9, 1798, and died Oct. 9, 1883, aged 84 years and 11 months. In 1800 he built the house upon his homestead near Pleasant Corner, which his granddaughter, the widow of L. B. Reitz, now owns. Magdalena Miller, his wife, was born Nov. 13, 1803, and died Feb. 3, 1876, in her 73d year. Their four children were: Henry, who died small; William F.; Jeroma, married Elias Werley; and Maria, married Solomon Best.

Philip Schmidt was born April 7, 1801, and he died upon his farm in Heidelberg, Jan. 31, 1877, in his 76th year of age. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1807, and died in 1893, in her 87th year. Among their children were: Adaline, Sallie, Mrs. Penrose Reidy, Sophia, and a son who died in infancy.

William F. Smith, son of John, was born March 10, 1835. He owned the homestead farm near Pleasant Corner, and there he operated a distillery for many years. He was also a drover. In all his undertakings he was successful. For many years he was identified with the State Militia, as a member of the Light Horse Company, his uniform and saddle being still treasured as

heirlooms in the possession of his son, Henry F. He and family were members of the Reformed congregation of the Heidelberg church, where they are buried. He served this church on its consistory for many years. He married Leanna, a daughter of Stephen Bachman (whose history appears elsewhere in this volume). She was born March 29, 1839, and died July 22, 1893. Their three children are: Amanda, widow of Lewis B. Reitz; Henry F.; and Sarah, wife of Irwin P. Kemmerer.

HENRY F. SMITH, proprietor of the Pleasant Corner Hotel and Summer House, in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, was born April 1, 1869. He worked upon a farm until he was 22 years old. In 1889, he became a distiller and carried the business on until 1891; and he was proprietor of the store and hotel at Best Station from 1897 to 1899. After living private for one year in his native township (Heidelberg), he engaged in the drover business and followed it for several years, when he again engaged in farming and continued it for seven years. From 1903 to 1905 he lived upon the homestead farm, and in connection with farming operated the distillery producing 45 barrels of applejack annually. In the year 1905 he formed a partnership with Joseph H. Shirey, trading under the firm name of Smith & Shirey, and they purchased the store, hotel and stock at Pleasant Corner (Jordan P. O.), from G. A. Bachman, and carried on business under that name until 1909, when Mr. Smith became the sole owner and proprietor.

Pleasant Corner Hotel is a modern building with 30 large rooms. It has large double porches which are much enjoyed by the many summer boarders and guests who come there from the cities during the summer months. Mr. Smith and his estimable wife enjoy the reputation of providing their tables with the best of eatables, most of which they themselves raise upon their own land.

He is actively connected with the Central Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F., Pleasant Corner Encampment, and the K. G. E. He is likewise active and prominent as a Republican of the county, being repeatedly mentioned for county offices. At the age of 21 years he was elected the assistant assessor of Heidelberg and later he was a supervisor for seven years, and constable for four years. Frequently he is a delegate to county conventions; he was appointed postmaster of the Jordan P. O. in 1906, and has served this office since that time.

On Jan. 6, 1889, he married Mary R. Reitz, daughter of Phaon and Lucy (Hunsicker) Reitz, of Lynnpport, Pa. They have seven children, viz: Wilmer F., Harvey H., Clayton W., Irwin P.,

Victor J., Clara M., and George R. The grandparents of Mrs. Smith were Jonas and Barbara (Smith) Reitz.

Michael Schmidt, son of Christian, the pioneer, the other line of this large family, was born Dec. 31, 1769. He owned much land and lived in Heidelberg where John Gildner now lives, and there he died March 13, 1844, in his 75th year. His wife, Maria Barbara Wehr, was born April 9, 1776, and died May 27, 1832. They are buried on the old graveyard at the Heidelberg church. Their children were: Henry, who settled in Indiana; Michael, who settled in Luzerne county, Pa.; John, remained upon the homestead; Christian, who settled in Indiana; Elias, who moved to Ohio; Joseph, died at Slatington, Pa.; Salome, married John Neff; Elizabeth, married Henry Handwerk; Julia, married David Mantz; Esther, married Michael Peter, and they lived at Lehighon, Pa.

John Schmidt, son of Michael, who remained upon the homestead, died there at an advanced age. Catharine Miller, his wife, was born Oct. 18, 1801, and died July 2, 1883, in her 82d year. Both are buried at the Heidelberg church, of which they are members. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of David Peter; David; Aaron; Edwin; Owen; and EK.

Aaron Schmidt, of Heidelberg township, was born Sept. 27, 1829. In early life he was a carpenter and afterwards farmed a part of the homestead of his grandfather, Michael Schmidt. In 1856 he built a log-house 16x18 feet upon this farm, and in 1862 he built the present dwelling house; and the barn he built in 1853. He was married in 1855 to Susanna Matilda Mantz. They never had any children but reared Lewis D. Leiby, for whom they stood as sponsors. Mrs. Schmidt died a number of years ago, and Mr. Schmidt was blind from 1909 until his death on March 7, 1913, aged 83 years. He had his home with his god-child, Mr. Leiby, at Germansville, who tenderly cared for him in his declining years.

Levi Smith, a native of Heidelberg township, was born in the year 1836. He followed farming for the greater part of his life and for a few years he was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. When the Civil War broke out he responded to his country's call. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of Heidelberg church. He was married to Louisa Ritter, a daughter of Jeremiah Ritter. She was born March 27, 1834, and died July 12, 1873. They had two children, Tilghman, and Mary, wife of Alvin Hauseman, of Lehighon.



TILGHMAN SMITH, proprietor of the Laurel House, Cementon, Pa., was born in Lowhill township, Dec. 22, 1868. He was reared on the farm and resided in Upper Macungie for a number of years. When about 18 years of age he started to work for the Coplay Cement Company and worked for them for 13 years. Later for ten years he was employed by Jacob Weidman & Company, in their bottling establishment at Cementon. In 1909, he became proprietor of the Laurel House at the corner of Main and Second streets. This hotel has twenty rooms. Socially he belongs to the F. O. E., No. 110, of Allentown; I. O. O. F., No. 1026, of Siegfrieds. He is also a member of the Loyal Protective Association of the same order, of which he is a past master; P. O. S. of A., No. 305, of Cementon, of which he was financial secretary for six years. He was elected twice to represent the order at the state convention. In politics he believes in the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, having served as deacon in the Unionville and Cementon church. In 1893, he was married to Emma Anthony, a daughter of Jacob and Salome (Steinmetz) Anthony. This union was blessed with five children: Mabel L., Roy V., Helen S., Alice M., and Alvin A.

On Jan. 30, 1732, the proprietaries of the province of Pennsylvania granted Casper Wister a patent for 633 acres of land lying in Philadelphia county. By the subsequent subdivision of Philadelphia county the larger portion of this tract of land was brought within the confines of Maxatawny township, Berks county, close by the borders of Lehigh. In October, 1734, Casper Wister and his wife Catharine conveyed 123 acres of this land to one Jost Henry Sasamonhousen, "Blacksmith," who on March 5, 1761, in confirmation of his title to the same, obtained a patent deed for it from the proprietaries, John and Thomas Penn. On Dec. 2, 1761, Jost Henry Sasamonhousen and his wife Petronilla conveyed the same to Henry Sasamonhousen, one of their sons, and on April 19, 1775, Henry Sasamonhousen and Elizabeth, his wife, conveyed it to George Smith, of Macungie township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county. From George Smith it descended to his son, George Smith, Sr., from him to his son, George Smith, Jr., and from him to his son, George L. Smith, who is the present owner and occupant.

Two George Schmits came from Germany to America in the fall of 1749, one on the ship "Patience," on September 19th, and the other on the ship "Leslie," on October 7th. Other George Schmits came in other years, but the weight of

circumstances favors the theory that one of the two arrivals named was the George Smith who came into possession of this tract of land in 1775. Landing at Philadelphia, he in time removed inland with the incoming drift of homeseekers, and settled where now is Fogelsville, with the present bounds of Lehigh county. He and his wife are interred in a family burying ground on the farm which he acquired in 1775, but as their tombstones have long ago crumbled away it cannot be ascertained when either was born or how long they lived. Their son, Joh. Georg Schmit, was born Feb. 12, 1770, while they yet lived in Lehigh county. He married Margaret Klein, born April 10, 1768, and in course of time came into possession of the farm, improved it and lived upon it until the end of his days. He died Jan. 21, 1855, and his wife Margaret Oct. 23, 1850, both being buried in the same little burying ground that contains the unmarked graves of their parents.

When Joh. Georg Schmit came into possession of the farm, the house upon it was a massive stone structure, built in 1740, probably with a view of not merely using it for a house but in case of emergency as a fort as well. This was occupied until in 1841, when it was abandoned for a new and larger house, also of stone, which is the Smith family homestead of to-day. From the information at hand it does not appear fully what family Joh. Georg Schmit and his wife Margaret had, but it is definitely known that they had a son, George, designated as George Schmidt, Jr., and another named John, who lived near Claussville, and there raised a family, among whom were several sons. They also had a daughter, Elizabeth, who died Oct. 13, 1804, at the age of six and one-half years; and a son, Jonathan, who died May 1, 1816, in his twenty-third year, both of whom are buried in the aforementioned little family graveyard.

George Schmidt, Jr., was born April 25, 1800, on the old homestead in Maxatawny, where he always lived. The country becoming Anglicized by this time, the spelling of the name with him changed from Schmidt to Smith. He married Lydia Leibensperger, born Nov. 10, 1798, in Lehigh county, and to them were born seven children, namely: Stephen, Caroline, David, George L., Alfred, James and Rebecca. Stephen died March 27, 1896, leaving a widow, one son and four daughters. Caroline died Jan. 17, 1838, in her tenth year. David married Catherine Adams, engaged at farming in Lehigh county, and died, leaving a widow and two sons. Alfred died March 11, 1847, in his seventh year. James, who was a physician, died unmarried, May 8, 1861, in his twenty-sixth year. Rebecca married





*Dr. J. Smith*

John Kump, of Maxatawny township, who died, survived by his widow and three children. The remains of Caroline, Alfred and James rest in the little family burying ground on the Smith ancestral farm. George Smith, Jr., died Sept. 1, 1890. During his active years he was one of the leading spirits of his locality, enterprising and successful in his own affairs, and bearing his full share of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, and during his long life-time was respected and honored by those who knew him. His wife died Feb. 3, 1865, twenty-five years before the death of her husband, and the two rest side by side in the family graveyard.

Peter Smith came from Macungie township upon a farm near Bath, Northampton county, and there died and probably is buried at the church at Hecktown, Pa. He had children: Jonathan, Peter, and Mrs. Ludwig Bartholomew.

Jonathan, son of Peter, married Magdalena Fehnel and he used to visit the Steininger and Schwoyer families in the western end of Lehigh county. They were relatives. The children of Jonathan and Magdalena Smith were: Rebecca, married Joseph Edelman; Mary, married John Krock; Polly, married Elias Silfies; Susan, married Reuben Weaver; Lydia, married Reuben Edelman; Jonathan, married Sallie Siegfried; and John, who is still alive and has his home at Northampton, Pa.

David Smith was a farmer in Moore township, Northampton county. The family were members of the Reformed Church. He and his wife are buried at Deeter's church. They had these children: Tilghman, lived in Allen township, at Hanoverville; Mary was born in 1813, died unmarried in 1877; Elizabeth, married to John Matchett; Reuben, who settled in Iowa; Peter, who had sons: James, Joseph, and Benjamin; and James J.

James J. Smith, son of David, was born Jan. 14, 1827, died Aug. 28, 1879. He is buried at the Schoenersville church, of which he was a member of the Reformed congregation. Earlier in life he was a distiller, later a farmer in Hanover township, Lehigh county.

He was married to Belinda Flick, a niece of Paul Flick. She was born May 6, 1829, died Oct. 2, 1906, in her seventy-eighth year. They had these children: Benjamin; Emma, married to Benjamin Hockman; Alavesta, married to Benjamin Weaver; George, died small; Alfred J., of Mauch Chunk; Mary, married to George Kostenbader; Rebecca, deceased, was married to William Hitchcock; Wilson J.; Peter A., of Harrisburg, Pa.; Ella, married (first) Charles

Strohmeyer, and (second) Jacob Miller; Elmer M., and Harry, of Spring City, Pa.

WILSON J. SMITH, manufacturer and wholesale confectioner, of Catasauqua, was born in Moore township, Northampton county, August 26, 1861. He attended the township schools and the Weaversville Academy. The first eighteen years of his life were spent upon the farm, after which he learned the baking trade and followed it for twelve years. Of the twelve years he worked as foreman for five years and the seven remaining years he was in business himself at Catasauqua. In 1894, Mr. Smith connected himself with his brother Elmer in the confectionery business at Bethlehem, and three years later he began the business on his own account at Catasauqua. He continued it successfully until 1906, then admitted his nephew, E. J. Smith, under the name of "The W. J. Smith Company." This firm enjoys a large jobbing trade; employ ten people; and have their establishment located on Race street, Catasauqua. In 1911, Mr. Smith was one of the incorporators of the Catasauqua Silk Company and is its treasurer. He and his nephew own an excellent farm of seventy acres in Hanover township.

Mr. Smith is one of the very active and prominent members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church. For a period of eighteen years he served as a trustee of the church. In 1911, he was a member of the building committee that erected the large annex and remodeled the entire church. Socially he holds membership in the K. G. E.; the Woodmen of the World; Loyal Order of Moose; and the Ohio Traveling Men's Association. He was elected a school director of Third ward, Catasauqua; was committeeman of Hanover township for a period of six years, representing the Democratic party on the county standing committee.

He was married to Annie M. Seyfried in 1881. She is a daughter of Francis and Eliza (Rohn) Seyfried, of Hanover township. They had four children, but all died in infancy.

ELMER M. SMITH, dairyman and farmer in Hanover, was born near Shoenersville, Pa., June 30, 1867. He was reared upon the farm, and in 1898 purchased a 25-acre farm located along the Lehigh canal. There he since lives and in addition to farming that tract he farms the Jacob Reichard farm in Hanover of 115 acres. He is a Democrat and was a supervisor for one year. He was married in 1887 to Louisa Rankey, daughter of John and Emma Rankey, who came from Germany. They have these children: Helen, Raymond, Alvin J., Emily B., and Warren J. Mr. Smith and his children are members of the Reformed Church, while Mrs. Smith is a Catholic.

## ANDREW A. SMITH.

Andrew Abraham Smith, late of Allentown, was born in Moore township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1863, son of Jacob and Lucy (Fehnel) Smith, who died many years ago. His widow subsequently married Theodore Steckel and they reside at Allentown.

Andrew A. Smith learned the carpenter trade from his step-father, and afterwards he followed the trade at Pen Argyl, Bangor and Bethlehem. In 1890 he came to Allentown and became a carpenter foreman for James M. Ritter and a year later he entered in partnership with Elmer E. Ritter, son of his employer. The first job of Ritter & Smith was remodeling the H. Leh & Company building at Hamilton and Church streets. They were successful from the beginning and during their business career then erected several hundred houses amongst which are some of the most handsome dwellings in the city, the home of Horatio B. Koch at Fulton and Hamilton streets being among the houses they erected. They also built the addition to the Hotel Allen, enlarged the Franklin school building, erected the administration building at Muhlenberg College, Trinity Reformed church, Kaltenbach & Steven's silk mills in the Fourteenth ward and also at Newark, the National Silk Dyeing plant in the Fourteenth ward, the Franklin Club House, the Masonic Cathedral at Bloomsburg and numerous other buildings.

Mr. Smith departed this life on April 27, 1914, aged 51 years. He had been in ill health for two years. His death occurred while on a visit with his wife to the home of his friend and former pastor, Rev. S. Ezra Neikirk, at Pittston, Pa. Mr. Smith was a member of the Trinity Reformed church, and the B. P. O. E., at Allentown.

Mr. Smith and family lived at No. 1314 Hamilton street, since 1899.

He was married, April 28, 1883, to Susan Hoch, a daughter of Stephen and Catharine (Steckel) Hoch, of Moore township. They had the following children: Clayton A., Mrs. Harry Bailey, Mrs. Charles H. Desch, Margaret E., Madeline D., Lloyd J., LeRoy, Wilmer L., and John E. Smith.

## JOHN SMITH.

John Smith, engineer at Rittersville State Hospital, was born in South Whitehall township, at Guth's Station, on the C. & F. R. R., Sept. 11, 1861, and educated in the township school; then worked in the iron ore mines in that vicinity for a time until he became sixteen years of age, after which he worked on a farm in Ohio until 1882, when he secured employment at Cornwall, in

Lebanon county, Pa., and worked on the railroad until 1893. He next filled the position of engineer at the Allentown Wire Mill for over eight years, and at the city water works for two years; and of manager of the Trexler lumber yard for three years. In 1907 he was appointed engineer at the Rittersville State Hospital for Insane and this position he has served in a satisfactory manner until the present time. He is a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers, Odd Fellows, and P. O. S. of A.; also of the German Baptist church, which he served as trustee, and is now serving as treasurer.

In 1884, Mr. Smith was married to Elizabeth Boyer, daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Watson) Boyer, of Lancaster county, Pa., and they have one child, a son, William T.

Peter Smith, his father, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to America, landing at New York. He first worked as a laborer in the construction of the Lebanon Valley Railroad; then went to Guth's Station on the C. & F. R. R. and was employed in the lime-stone quarries there for a continuous period of thirty years, mostly in the capacity of foreman. In 1890 he moved to Allentown and was also engaged there in lime-stone operations for upwards of ten years; after which he lived retired until his decease in 1905, having reached the age of 66 years. He was a member of the Irish Catholic church in the Sixth ward. He was married to Margaret Fleming, a native of Ireland, who accompanied her parents to America when ten years old and was reared at Philadelphia, afterward removing to Guth's Station, where she met Mr. Smith. They had eleven children: John, Andrew, Elizabeth, James, Thomas, Fannie, Frank, William, and four others who died in infancy, the survivors now being John, Andrew, James and Thomas.

## JOSEPH SMITH.

Joseph Smith, prominent teacher of instrumental music at Allentown for many years, was born at the Lehigh Gap on May 13, 1851, and received his preliminary education in the local schools until he was 16 years old, then attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown for two years, and taught school in Whitehall township for two years. During vacations he was engaged on the L. V. R. R. and then secured regular employment which he continued for over three years. He afterward acted for six years as manager of his father's hotel in the Ninth ward of Allentown, then filled the position of engineer of the Thomas Iron Company for seven years, and of the Allentown Cement Company for four years. He now devotes his entire time to music.

When a boy only seven years old he manifested great fondness for music and at that early age began to take lessons on the violin, and when thirteen years old also took up the study of music on the piano and cornet. In 1866, his proficiency on the cornet became recognized by his election as leader of the Whitehall Cornet Band, though but sixteen years old, and he filled the position in a successful manner until 1873, when he removed to Allentown and there continued his devotion to music.

In 1875, he organized the Allen Athletic Band, and re-organized it in 1876 as the Centennial Cornet Band, which he directed until 1884, when it was discontinued. In that year he became associated with the Allentown Band as a cornetist under the leadership of Prof. Martin Klingler. Since then he has been teacher of the bands at Mountainville, Aineyville, and Siegersville, and five bands at Allentown (American Hose Company, Keystone Athletic, National, Germania, and Citizen's); also at Fullerton and South Bethlehem. The great Juvenile Band of Allentown, which comprises 57 pieces, has been instructed by him since its organization. Prof. Smith has distinguished himself as a composer of instrumental music.

He married Barbara Bernhard, daughter of Carl Ludwig and Margaret Bernhard. They had eleven children: Charles Jacob, George Henry, Franklin Joseph, Louisa, Catharine Cecelia, Oscar Leo, Magdalena, Agnes, Leo Gregory, Otto, and Ellen Matilda. Of these, George, Louisa, and Magdalena died in infancy, and Franklin at the age of 23 years; and Charles, Leo, and Otto have become musicians under the instruction of their father.

The father of Prof. Smith was born in Germany, on Sept. 6, 1820. After first working at Manhattanville for a while, he went to Lehigh Gap and worked at blacksmithing in the difficult construction work of the Lehigh Valley Railroad through the gap; then he removed to Allentown and conducted a hotel in the Ninth ward for a number of years, and afterward served as a collector of taxes for upward of twenty years, when he retired. He died in 1904, at the age of 84 years. His wife was also a native of Germany, and died at the age of 76 years.

#### SAMUEL R. SMITH.

George and Joseph Smith, natives of Germany, emigrated to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania. George located near Shoenersville, in Northampton county, at a place known as Rocky Hill, and Joseph settled upon a farm situated between Bath and Nazareth in the same county. He had two sons and three daughters, one of

whom was married to a Mr. Julian, a Frenchman in the employ of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

George Smith had owned several farms. The latter he had bought from Elias Lapp and he served both Allen and East Allen townships as school director and tax collector for thirteen years. He was born Nov. 26, 1828, died Nov. 9, 1907, aged 78 years, less 17 days. He was married to Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Christopel Brown. She was born Jan. 5, 1829, and died on Jan. 26, 1908, aged 79 years and 21 days.

He and his wife were Lutheran members of Snyder's Church, which he served as a deacon, elder and trustee, and both are buried in the cemetery at Shoenersville. Their children follow: Rebecca, deceased (m. Allen Scherer); William H., of Allentown; Louisa (widow of Harrison Bartholomew), Jane (widow of David Becker), George, a blacksmith of Allentown; Henry O., a salesman, of Bethlehem, and Samuel R., mentioned later.

Samuel R. Smith, a prominent real estate dealer of Allentown, was born near Bath, Pa., May 29, 1871, son of George and Elizabeth (Brown) Smith.

He was educated in the public schools, the Weaversville Academy, and graduated from a commercial school at Bethlehem. Afterward he accepted a position as bookkeeper and had charge of the G. B. Markle & Company's accounting department at Jeddo, Pa. He served them for three years when he resigned the position to accept another one in the accounting department of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, which he served for five years. After he had been the payroll auditor with the Bethlehem Steel Company for one year, he became the chief clerk for the Bonneville Portland Cement Company, at Siegfried. He served the later position for four years, and on June 1, 1903, he became associated with Robert S. Siegel under the name of Siegel and Smith and this firm were leading real estate dealers and insurance brokers of Allentown until on April 1, 1913, when Mr. Siegel retired from the business.

Mr. Smith and his family are members of the Salem Reformed Church and he has served it as a deacon.

He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., and is a 32° Mason, also a member of Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading; and of Keystone Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F., of Bethlehem.

He was married in 1892 to Annie C. Clewell, a daughter of Martin and Rebecca (Dilapline) Clewell. They have the following children who are given the advantages of a higher education:



Miss May E., who in 1911 was graduated from the Allentown high school; Raymond W., graduated in 1913 from the same institution, and is now a student in Lehigh University; Florence R., a student in Allentown high school, and Edith L. is a student in the grammar school, and Robert S., the youngest of the family.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, secretary of the Pet Emporium & Supply Company, of Allentown, is a son of George C. Smith, who was born in January, 1830, and died in November, 1910, was born in Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, on July 1, 1856. He was reared on the farm and remained with his parents until he was 23 years old. For a number of years he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as a fireman and later as an engineer. For eight years he conducted a farm in Hanover township, Lehigh county, after which he engaged in the hotel business at Bethlehem for eleven years, during which time he conducted hotels at three different places. He was also salesman for the Bangor Manufacturing Company for a number of years. He owned and conducted a taxicab business in Allentown for a year. He is married to Mary E. Young, a daughter of Abraham Young. The results of this union were thirteen children: Cuny, proprietor of the Hotel Sterling, in Allentown; Charles, silk weaver; George, steam fitter in Los Angeles, Cal.; Harvey, deceased; Amy, wife of John Geisinger, of Bethlehem; Gertrude, wife of Mr. Allen; Sarah, wife of Charles Bell, of Bethlehem; Herbert, a baker, of Allentown; Howard, deceased; Fred, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Harley, at Muhlenberg College; Earl and Ida.

John D. Payne, treasurer of the Pet Emporium & Supply Company, of Allentown, is a son of J. S. and Anna (Cunningham) Payne. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., on Sept. 17, 1874. He conducted a wholesale liquor store in Hagerstown, Md., for a number of years. He is the owner of a large apple orchard in West Virginia. He is a member of the Elks No. 778, in West Virginia, and the F. & A. M., No. 140, of Williamsport, Md. He is married to Ida M. Rutherford, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

#### WILLIAM A. SMITH.

William A. Smith, son of John A. and Catharine (Solt) Smith, was a native of Brattleboro, Vermont, and was born December 22, 1839. Like his father, he was a forgerman and a charcoal burner, learning the trade in his native state. John Smith came to Pennsylvania and followed his occupation at East Penn and Albrightsville. The son, William, moved to

Philadelphia about 1850 and there worked at forges and some years later removed to Mauch Chunk, working for the Stroh and Albright Iron Manufacturing Company. After the forges went out of commission he followed the blast furnaces and came to Hokendauqua in May, 1876. He worked at the latter place for the Thomas Iron Co. until two years before his death, June 29, 1909. He took a prominent part in the Civil War, enlisting December 29, 1861, from Carbon county, and was mustered in at Philadelphia as a private for three years. He served in Battery H, 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Heavy Artillery. He was honorably discharged December 9, 1864. He served in a number of engagements. Mr. Smith was one of the leading members of the Evangelical Association at Coplay, serving as a trustee from the time of its erection in 1881 until the church was abandoned in 1906. He was class leader and exhorter. He was married to Catharine Knappenberger, daughter of Thomas and Caroline (Green) Knappenberger, of Carbon county. They had ten children: Sarah, married to Alexander Smith, deceased; Leanda, married to John Beltz; William R.; Milton, of Hokendauqua; Amanda, married to John Bleiler; Charles M., of Hokendauqua; Harvey, of Catsauqua; Edwin, deceased; Frank, of Tipton, and Irvin, deceased.

William R. Smith was born at Brattleboro, Vermont, April 4, 1862. His school opportunities were very limited, but by personal application and using his spare moments, he took a technical course in a correspondence school, which has been a great help to him in his chosen calling. At the age of 18 years he became a railroader on the Catawissa, Williamsport and Elmira R. R., starting as a brakeman and ending in 1888 as an engineer. In 1888 he was employed as engineer by the Norfolk and Western R. R. at Roanoke, Va. A year later he was employed by the Mexico and National R. R. and continued railroading until 1893, when he accepted a position with the Atlas Cement Company as "kilnman" and in 1896 he was promoted to the power department as engineer. In 1904 he was promoted to the foremanship of the power department, having charge of from 80 to 90 men. Mr. Smith is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 250, of Sunbury; No Surrender Council, No. 103, J. O. U. A. M., of Catsauqua; Camp No. 409, P. O. S. of A., of Coplay; Union Council, No. 24, American Order Steam Engineers; the Cement Association, No. 4, of National Association of Steam Engineers of Cop-

lay; and the Sons of Veterans of Siegfrieds. He has frequently been sent as a delegate to the national convention of Steam Engineers. He and family are faithful and loyal members of the Reformed church. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican and served a number of years as councilman. On December 19, 1886, he was married to Kate Silfies, daughter of Reuben and Lucinda (Smith) Silfies. They have four children: Helen, head clerk in Gruver's store, and Florence, married to Augustus Comatowski; Ruth, married to George Farny, who has one child, Catharine; and Hubert. One son, Harold, is deceased.

George Schmidt was a farmer and lived in the vicinity of Hellertown, Bucks county, Pa., where he was born in 1790, a son of Jacob Schmidt. His death occurred in 1854 and he is buried at the Lower Saucon church, of which he and his wife, Anna Maria Stoneback, also a native of Bucks county, were members of the Lutheran congregation. Mrs. Schmidt died soon after the Rebellion, aged about seventy-eight years. Their children were: Thomas (who settled in Marion county, Ohio, about 1843); William S.; David (who settled in Northumberland county, Pa.); George (who settled at Delaware, Ohio); Samuel (who located twelve miles from Delaware, at Prospect, Ohio); Nancy (who married Philip Roth, and lived near Hellertown); Sarah (who married Franklin Weiser and lived at Bethlehem, Pa.); Polly (who married Joseph Weissel and lived in Marion county, Ohio); and Hannah (who married William Fetter and died in Columbus, Ohio).

William S. Schmidt was born in Bucks county in 1816. When he was about twelve years old his parents located in the vicinity of Hellertown, Pa., and there he lived until he died in 1883, aged sixty-seven years. Earlier in life he was a carpenter and afterward he followed farming. He was the treasurer of the Lower Saucon church for twenty consecutive years and a foremost member of the Lutheran congregation. His first wife was Charlotte Strawn, a daughter of William Strawn and wife, named Heft, who was of English descent. He died at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and is buried at the Springfield church in Bucks county. By this marriage he had four children: Mary E. (married Daniel Werthknecht); Christian (married William Barba); Benjamin (died in his 19th year); and William H. Mrs. Schmidt died near Hellertown, June 7, 1853, aged thirty-three years; then he married, second, Susanna Cambert and their children were: Jeremiah, Charles,

Louisa (married J. A. Ebert); Thomas F.; Oliver and Emma (married to Kirk Strock).

WILLIAM H. C. SMITH, a farmer, trucker and fruit grower, near Hoffmans, in Washington township, Lehigh county, was born May 18, 1853, and reared near Hellertown, Pa., and at the age of nineteen years he learned coach trimming, which trade he followed for seventeen years in Lehigh county. He purchased his present farm of 114 acres in 1886. This farm was the John Rockel homestead. It was in the Rockel family since 1755, and continued in that name until Mr. Smith bought it. The main part of the present dwelling-house is built of logs, much over 100 years old. In 1889 Mr. Smith built an addition to this house and otherwise greatly improved the buildings and soil. One of the barns was built in 1809 by Adam Rockel, son of Johannes Rockel.

Mr. Smith and his family are active members of the Lutheran congregation of Frieden's church which he served as an elder for a number of years. He officiated as superintendent of the Sunday-school and filled other offices. He is an intelligent and energetic citizen, and has made a success of his undertakings.

In 1875 he married Elemina Susanna Smith, daughter of Henry and Lovina (Stapp) Smith, and Henry was a son of Jacob Smith, buried at Egypt, Pa.

Henry Smith was a soldier in the Civil War and died while in service at New Orleans, where he is buried.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith have these children: Victor S. (married Mamie Ruch); Charles H. (married Jennie Jones and died aged twenty-seven years, being survived by his widow and a daughter, Irene); Edwin A. (died aged five years); Preston W. (married Tamar Minner); Raymond E. (married Eugenia —); Franklin H. (married Lillian Wieand); Charlotte S., and Ellen L.

Christian Schmidt lived in Albany township, Berks county, in the vicinity of the New Bethel church, and his children were: Catharine (m. Philip Yoxtheimer), Lydia (m. John Ulrich), Jonas, Reuben, and Joshua.

Joshua Smith, the youngest son of Christian Schmidt, possessed the homestead farm in Lynn township near Lynnport, which is now owned by Albert D. Smith, his grand-son. He built the present stone dwelling-house in 1862; and the brick addition was built by William Smith in 1870. He was actively identified with the Lutheran congregaton of the Jacobs congregation at Jacksonville, and in 1862 was one of the build-

ing committee which supervised the erection of the present church.

His wife was Lydia Wagaman, and their children were: William, Elizabeth (m. Charles Oswald), Maria (married three times, first to David A. Leiby, second to Joseph Handwerk, and third to Michael Lutz), and Brigetta (m. Nathan Braucher).

William Smith, the eldest son of Joshua, was born October 12, 1834, and he died February 29, 1884, aged 49 years. He was a farmer on the homestead of 106 acres when he died, having begun farming for himself on that place. He had another farm which is now owned by Albert Faust.

He was a Lutheran member of the Jacobs church and was buried at Jacksonville, having served the congregation as deacon, elder and trustee. His wife was Caroline Kistler, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Dietrich) Kistler, born June 23, 1837, and died September 11, 1883; and they had twelve children: Sarah (m. Albert Behler), Lydia (m. Daniel Schroeder), Louisa (m. John Fetherolf), Amanda (m. Charles A. Klingaman), Alvena (m. George Fetherolf), James W., Carolina (m. Milton Kistler), Mary (m. Jonas Weaver), Jennie (m. Carmi Lichty), Messena (m. Charles S. Oswald), William H., and Ellen (m. Rev. George Fritch at Pen Argyl).

JAMES W. SMITH, the eldest son of William, a farmer in Lynn township, was born November 30, 1866. He was reared on a farm and in 1885 went to Kansas, locating in Lincoln county, where he worked at farming for several summers, then bought a fourth section (160 acres) for himself and farmed it for three years. In the Fall of 1890 he returned to Lehigh county, and in 1896 was married to Alice Rausch, a sister of Jacob Rausch and his wife, Esther Kline, but she died shortly afterward. In May, 1900, he married a second wife, Ellen Rausch, a sister of his first wife, and by her he had five children: Stanley, Irene, Verna, William and Alice.

In 1897 he purchased the farm where he now resides, containing 75 acres. It was formerly included in the Martin Wertman homestead, and later the Sechler homestead (Gideon and John S. having had it for a number of years). Daniel H. and Alvin F. Creitz then owned it in partnership for a time and they divided it into two tracts, Alvin taking 60 acres and Daniel 46 acres; and fifteen of the latter were purchased by Mr. Smith after he had acquired the former tract. Alvin F. Creitz erected the present dwelling-house and barn soon after the Civil

War; and the new house was built by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat and served as a school director for six years. He is a Lutheran member of the Jacksonville church and served the congregation as deacon and elder, officiating now as the president of the church council.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, a truck farmer and fruit grower at Hoffmansville, in South Whitehall township, was born in Lynn October 5, 1874, and was reared upon a farm. He attended the district schools. In 1897 he came to Hoffmansville where he owns a valuable tract of 26 acres, upon which there is a large modern house and a barn built by him in 1911. He has an orchard of 250 peach trees and 50 apple trees. He is an up-to-date agriculturist. Politically he is a Democrat, and he was one of the last school directors of the township to serve under the old school law, having officiated as secretary of the Board.

They are Lutheran members of the Unionville church congregation. On June 25, 1897, he married Barbara E. Kuhns, daughter of Tilghman and Esther (Hausman) Kuhns. They have three children: Paul R., Esther C., and Lew. W.

#### SNYDER FAMILY.

Michael Snyder, or Schneider, as the name was originally spelled, lived in Zweibruecken, Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1751, with his family.

Michael, son of Michael Snyder, the emigrant, was born in Zweibruecken, March 17, 1743, and was eight years of age when he arrived here. He was apprenticed to a Mr. Zimmerman, near Kutztown, Maxatawny township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, and his name is of record there in the tax lists for 1767 and 1768. Lynn township is said to have been his home for a short time. As early as 1771 he located in Whitehall township, and was taxed there upon one thousand acres of land in 1785. About the same year he opened a tavern, and his name is recorded in the tax lists of 1786 and 1788 as a tavern keeper. May 18, 1787, for the sum of two hundred and ten pounds, he sold to Peter Rhoads, Esq., three hundred and six and one-quarter acres of land in one parcel. The signature on this deed was written in German, and his wife, Hannah, made her mark; the witnesses to the deed were George Schneider and Peter Kohler. Michael Snyder served his adopted country bravely, enlisting as a private in the War of the Revolution, and in 1777 was captain of a company of sixty men in the Second Battalion, Northampton county militia, commanded by Colonel Henry Geiger. He

was major of the First Battalion in 1780, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Balliet. Subsequently, having sold his land to his son George, Mr. Snyder removed to Trexler-town, where he lived in the old stone house which was but recently demolished, and which stood on the left side of the road leading to Fogelsville, and there his death occurred, April 2, 1834. His descendants were many, consisting of six children, fifty-six grandchildren, one hundred and thirteen great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Michael and Hannah Snyder had children: Peter, of further mention; Michael, of further mention; Daniel, born Dec. 6, 1783; George, of further mention; Johanna, born Nov. 28, 1773; another daughter. These daughters married Samuel Leukel and Mr. Biege.

Peter, eldest son of Michael and Hannah Snyder, was born on Sept. 5, 1771, and died Oct. 14, 1845. He married Maria Romig, born Oct. 17, 1773, died Nov. 14, 1853, and their son, Peter, married Mr. Haas.

Michael, second son of Michael and Hannah Snyder, was born April 13, 1775, and died at Allentown, Lehigh county, July 17, 1837. He was the owner of a hotel at the southwest corner of Seventh and Linden streets, in Allentown, which he conducted personally. Mr. Snyder married a Miss Dankel, and had children: Thomas, who married Deborah, a daughter of Leonard and Barbara (Miller) Weiss, and had children: Rufus and Simon; Oliver, born Dec. 19, 1802, died Feb. 1, 1864; he married Margaret Haines, born March 31, 1804, died Aug. 22, 1880, and had children: Thomas W., Jacob, W. H., Mrs. Daniel H. Greenawald, and Mrs. Edward Stetler.

George, youngest son of Michael and Hannah Snyder, was born June 20, 1790, died Jan. 25, 1871, and was buried in the graveyard of the Jordan Lutheran church, of which he was a member. From his father he purchased the land on which Snydersville is now located, and in addition to farming on an extensive scale, he was a blacksmith and conducted a wheelwright's shop. The first plow with a cast iron molder which was ever made in that section of the country was constructed by Mr. Snyder, and the hundreds of wagons and plows which came from his shop were readily purchased by the settlers all over the state. He was a progressive man, and was the first in that section to burn lime with anthracite coal. The present brick hotel at Snydersville was erected by him in 1835, and was named after him. The front of this is made of pressed brick which was brought from Philadelphia especially for this purpose. He was tall, and of extraordinary physical strength, and in his earlier years fre-

quently made horseback trips to Philadelphia, and there fought the local champions. He was an active member of the state militia. The five hundred acres of land of which he was the owner have since that time been divided into five farms. Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Schantz, born March 20, 1793, died June 20, 1860, and had children: Delilah, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, married Thomas Koch; Sarah, married Samuel Koch; Annie, married Edward Sherer; Hannah, married Moses Hoffman; John, of further mention; George J., of further mention; Rebecca, married Henry J. Schmoyer.

John, eldest son of George and Elizabeth (Schantz) Snyder, was born on the homestead, Aug. 31, 1827, and died at Snydersville, Oct. 21, 1899. His education was acquired in the common schools of that period, and later he cultivated the farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which had come to him as his share of the homestead. Intensely patriotic, he was active at the outbreak of the Civil War. At the breakfast table one morning, he stated to his family and six hired men, "I am drafted. Which of you men wish to go as my substitute?" The six answered, as with one voice, that they would go in his stead, whereupon Mr. Snyder said, "No, I shall go myself, but will take one or two of you men along." The men said, "We will all go along," and he took them all with him to Harrisburg, leaving the harvesting of eighty acres of grain to his sons, George and William. At Harrisburg he was introduced to Governor A. J. Curtin, who had heard of his loyalty and patriotic spirit, and said, "Snyder, you must go home. We need men like you at home." Mr. Snyder reluctantly returned, and when he arrived at his home, found the men and women of the community harvesting his grain. For a time he remained there, but when the call came during the emergency period, he entered the service and remained in the Union army until the close of the war. Later he was appointed a jury commissioner of the county, was engaged in the lumber business and the manufacture of shafts and wagon rims, and became the proprietor and manager of the Snydersville Hotel. Mr. Snyder married (first) Susan, born Aug. 21, 1831, died Dec. 21, 1868, a daughter of the Rev. Jeremiah Schindel; he married (second) Rebecca Blank. Children by the first marriage: J. George, of further mention; William P., of further mention; Jeremiah, who died at the age of seven years; Maud, married A. L. Reichenbach; Joseph P., of further mention; Susan, married James Frankenfield; Anna, married Frank Keiser; Abraham L.; Martin L., of Allentown.

J. George, eldest child of John and Susan (Schindel) Snyder, was born Aug. 31, 1849, and

died Oct. 16, 1913, after a painful illness of almost two years, which he bore with remarkable fortitude and patience. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and this was supplemented by attendance at the Kutztown State Normal School and the Philadelphia Business College. He was then in the employ of his father, in the bending factory of the latter; for some years, and in 1869 came to Allentown. Six months later he became associated with his uncle,

health, Aug. 3, 1912. His business was an enormous one, as he handled from two to three thousand horses annually, made about eighteen trips each year to St. Louis, which is considered the largest horse market in the world, and made numerous other trips throughout the west. He made a specialty of saddle horses, and was undoubtedly the largest saddle horse dealer in the state of Pennsylvania, and the oldest saddle horse dealer that attended the St. Louis sales. Indeed, so



J. GEORGE SNYDER.

George J. Snyder, in the horse business, and was prominently identified with this throughout his active career. He purchased the Hotel Allen livery stable in 1870, and at the expiration of two years removed to North Sixth street, where he was located until 1874. Twenty years were devoted to the livery and horse dealing business, and he then sold his livery interests, giving his entire time and attention to the horse business, until he retired from it on account of impaired

familiar a figure was he, that he was universally known as "Uncle George from Allentown, the horse king." He was the only dealer in the state that had a private yard. While located at Tenth and Chestnut streets he suffered a complete loss by fire, many horses perishing in the flames. He then established himself at Tenth and Linden streets, but shortly afterward built a stable on South Hall street, which he subsequently sold to the Allentown Steam Heat and Power Company. Having







*Jas. P. Dwyer*

erected the large stable at Church and Maple streets, he conducted his operations there for many years, then sold this and established himself at Franklin and Chew streets in 1898. He conducted sales there every Thursday afternoon, it being no unusual thing for him to sell one hundred and seventy-five horses at a single auction. His last place of business was at his farm at Thirtieth and Linden streets. It was his desire to sell this farm to the city in order to protect the water supply, but as this could not be arranged he sold it to J. S. Mack. Until 1903 Mr. Snyder made a specialty of dealing in double teams and fancy spans, but this business gradually decreased as automobiles became popular. He enjoyed the trade of the leading horse fanciers of eastern Pennsylvania, including Colonel H. C. Trexler and other men of prominence. In political matters Mr. Snyder was a staunch Republican, and served his community as a member of the select council for four years, representing the Fourth ward. He and his family held membership in Salem's Reformed church, and fraternally he was connected with the Knights of Honor, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Snyder married, in October, 1876, Sarah, a daughter of Charles and Judith (Fritch) Schrader, of Lehigh county. They had children: Minnie L., who died at the age of twenty years; Helen, died in her sixth year; Harry, died in infancy.

Hon. William P. Snyder, son of George and Susan (Schindel) Snyder, was born in Lehigh county in 1852. He was educated at the Millersville State Normal School and the Muhlenberg College, and then read law with the Hon. R. E. Wright, Sr. He became one of the leading attorneys of the state and one of its ablest platform speakers, having campaigned Pennsylvania and other states for Benjamin H. Harrison, who later appointed him deputy attorney general of the United States, under Attorney General Brewster, and the last named sent him to South Carolina, where he rendered efficient public service. Subsequently Mr. Snyder located in the city of New York and has there also achieved prominence as an attorney.

Joseph P., son of John and Susan (Schindel) Snyder, was born on the homestead at Snydersville, July 3, 1858. He was reared there and his education was received in the public schools of his native township. He was engaged in farming until 1887, at which time he removed to Allentown and became associated with his brother, J. George, in the livery business. One year later the brothers engaged in the contracting and building business under the firm name of Joseph P. Snyder & Company, but this partner-

ship was dissolved in 1899 when J. George Snyder retired from the firm. Mr. Joseph P. Snyder continued the business, which developed into one of the largest contracting firms of the city and employs from forty to fifty men. He also deals extensively in real estate. For many years he was one of the most active and influential men of the Republican party, and in 1901 was elected by a large majority as county commissioner. One of the first men in the county to take part in the Progressive movement, he is most active and energetic in that party. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Allentown. Mr. Snyder married, in 1888, Mary C., a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Dry) Kutz, and a granddaughter of John Kutz. They have had children: Susan C., who was graduated as a member of the class of 1908 from the Allentown College for Women, and from Bucknell University in the class of 1912, is an artist of ability; May L., who was graduated from the Allentown College for Women in the class of 1912; George S.; Maude E. Mr. Snyder is closely attached to his family and his evenings are spent at the handsome home at No. 226 North Twelfth street. During the summer months the family lives on a farm near the Little Lehigh, called "Schneider Heim," one of the most comfortable summer homes in the county. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce; Jordan Lodge, No. 673, Free and Accepted Masons; John Hay Republican Club; Young Men's Christian Association; and a contributing member of the Allentown Band.

Martin L., son of John and Susan (Schindel) Snyder, was born on the homestead at Snydersville, Dec. 21, 1868. He attended the public school in "Snyder's School House" for seven years and worked upon the farm until in the spring of 1883, then came to Allentown where he has lived up to the present time. He was a hostler six months for Dr. Hassler on North Seventh street, after which he became a bobbin boy in the Pioneer silk mill and rose step by step until he was promoted to silk weaver, which trade he followed two years, when his health failed. He was then employed for several years by his brother, J. George Snyder; then was a bartender two years for Fred George at 716 Hamilton street, when he connected himself with Hotel Allen, being bar clerk there three years. The following five years he was manager of the Hotel Allen restaurant under J. H. Harris. Mr. Snyder again returned to his brother, J. George, and continued with him until Sept. 25, 1899, when he accepted a position as driver for the National Biscuit Co., and now fills the highest position of this company in the Allentown agency; has charge

of twelve men and greatly increased the output of the company.

Mr. Snyder, since 1906, is interested in Allentown real estate; has large holdings of valuable corner property, and erected the large modern residence and four fine cottages at Tenth and Jackson streets. He resides with his family at 968 Jackson street.

He and family are members of the St. Andrew's Reformed church. Politically he is a stalwart Republican, and socially he is a member of the following bodies: Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; the Travellers' Protective Association; the United Commercial Travellers; and the Chamber of Commerce.

On Jan. 28, 1896, was married to Minnie S. Deshler, a daughter of Milton and Cecelia Carline (Hartman) Deshler, of Lehigh county.

George J., son of George and Elizabeth (Schantz) Snyder, was born Dec. 9, 1834, and died Aug. 8, 1908. He was educated in the common schools, and at a private school in Easton. For a number of years he assisted his father, then removed to Allentown in 1862 and established himself in the horse dealing business. He purchased a hotel at Tenth and Linden streets in 1877, naming this "The Snyder House." He made many trips to the West and Canada in the course of his business and was widely known. Among the famous horses owned by him were "Honest George" and "Monroe Wilkes," the former later becoming the property of the well known horseman, Mr. Hamlin, of Buffalo, who matched him with "Belle Hamlin," and made the world's record of 2:12. A staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Snyder was elected a select councilman from the Seventh ward in 1892, and served four years. He purchased the old Black Bear Hotel in 1864, this being located on the site of Hess Brothers' Store, and owned this for a number of years. Mr. Snyder married, in 1853, Martha, a daughter of the Rev. Jeremiah Schindel, and they had children: Mrs. A. H. Boas, Mrs. E. L. Newhard; J. Jeremiah; Charles W.; Dr. Harry S., of Allentown; Mrs. Madison Sieger, of Hazleton.

#### NICHOLAS SNYDER FAMILY.

A parchment deed, dated August 29, 1835, is in possession of Mr. B. O. Snyder, of Allentown, Pa. It recites the following history:

"The Proprietors of Pennsylvania, by Patent Deed dated December 14, 1770, and recorded in Patent Book A. Vol. II, p. 461, conveyed unto Richard Peters 116 acres of land, who sold the same unto Abraham Frantz, Dec. 15, 1770. The latter sold it unto Nicholas Snyder on December 9, 1774, and he by deed bearing date September

15, 1794, sold 58 acres and 119 perches unto his son, Jacob Snyder, who with Maria, his wife, by deed bearing date, February 22, 1812, sold it unto Peter Snyder, who with Hannah, his wife, by deed dated January 29, 1819, sold it unto Jacob Snyder, who with Catharine his wife conveyed the same tract of land unto Peter Snyder, on August 11, 1825."

The above tract of land was situated in Lehigh township, Northampton county, where Nicholas Snyder had lived and died and tradition tells us he is buried at the St. Paul's church, at Cherryville, Pa. In 1790 Peter Snyder still had two grown-up sons at home, and Nicholas Snyder, Jr., had two sons and two daughters, who were all less than sixteen years of age. Henry Snyder, who had no children in 1790, also lived in Lehigh township at that time. Peter Snyder the pioneer, doubtless had three sons and probably Henry was another of his sons.

Peter Snyder was a native of Lehigh township, Northampton county, and there he was a farmer. He is buried at the Indian Land church of which he was a member. By his first wife, a Miss Semmel, he had these children: Jacob, Abraham, Daniel, Peter, Josiah and Jonas, who was drowned aged eighteen years. By his second wife he had the following children: Adam, Simon, Thomas, Catharine (Benninger), Lydia, Elizabeth (Saeger), Hannah (Bartholomew), Maria known as Polly, and Sallie.

Simon Snyder (son of Peter) was born Sept. 9, 1814, on the homestead and for ten years he was the lock-tender at Lehigh Gap. He was a member of the Evangelical church and he was first buried at the Evangelical church graveyard at Berlinsville, Pa., then a slate quarry was opened up near by and for that reason he was re-interred and was buried by the side of his wife, Mary Ann Easterday, on the Greenwood cemetery, Allentown. He died Jan. 13, 1892. Their children follow:

Elemina is single at Philadelphia.

Paul, of Palmerton, Pa.

Abbie, (m. Daniel Vogel).

Stephen was killed at Lehigh Gap.

Simon P., of Berlinsville, Pa.

Emma, the widow of F. P. Seibert, lives at Allentown.

Tilghman, of Etna Mills, Ind.

Benjamin O., mentioned later.

Walter, of Neffs, Pa.

Westley died suddenly in November, 1912.

BENJAMIN OSCAR SNYDER, an Allentown merchant, was born at Berlinsville, Pa., March 4, 1862. After his education in the public schools and at the Schuylkill Seminary at Reading, Pa., he was licensed to teach school and for one term

he taught the school at Fire Line, in Upper Towamensing township, Carbon county, Pa. Mr. Snyder was one of the first to attend the Schuylkill Seminary at Reading. He came to Allentown in 1883 and for twenty-one years was a clerk in stores. Sixteen of these years he was a clerk in the Globe store. In October, 1903, Mr. Snyder engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business at the corner of Seventh and Washington streets, where he has successfully carried on the business to this time. He erected a residence at 741 North Seventh street in 1891. He is a member of these lodges: Allentown Castle No. 55, K. G. E., Franklin Chamber No. 9, Knights of Friendship. Mr. Snyder and family are active in church and Sunday school work and they are members of Bethany United Evangelical church of which he is leader of class No. 5, and he is a member of the official board of the church. He is the superintendent of Bethany Sunday school since the year 1908; and from 1901 until he became the Sunday school superintendent he was the teacher of the Ladies' Bible class.

On September 15, 1883, he married Alavesta Fretz. She was a daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Holey) Fratz, of Kreidersville, Pa. She died survived only by her husband. On May 5, 1891, he married Mary B. Stauffer, a daughter of Jesse and Eliza (Baer) Stauffer, of New Zionsville, Pa. Their children follow: Charles, H., Edgar M., Russell N., and Ella Miriam.

Felix Snyder was born in Whitehall township, (now Fullerton) where he learned the cigar making trade with a Mr. Eckert who was one of the first cigar makers of that section. With his trade he also conducted a farm along the Lehigh river where now the Lehigh car wheel and axel works are located. Later he sold his farm to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and settled in Whitehall township where David Shoemaker, the dairyman, now resides, owned by the Werner Brothers. He was married to Lydia, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Gift) Moyer, of Allentown. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin B., William T., and Maria married Charles Graffin, of Catasauqua.

Franklin B. Snyder, son of Felix, was born in Whitehall township, Jan. 5, 1836, and died Nov. 10, 1891. He learned the cigar making trade and was one of the first in Catasauqua, where he resided nearly all his life. In politics he was a Republican and took an active interest in public affairs. He was married to Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Sanders) Lewis, a native of New Jersey. She was born Feb. 23, 1838, and now makes her home with her son, George. To Mr. and Mrs. Snyder the follow-

ing children were born: Alfred F., of Monroe county; Sarah A., married to P. M. Broadbeck, of Chicago; George L.; and Marcus A.

GEORGE L. SNYDER, son of Franklin B., was born in Whitehall township, Nov. 19, 1872. Like his father and grandfather he learned the cigar-making trade which he followed only a short time. When 17 years old he learned the machinist trade with L. F. Grammis' Sons, of Allentown. He followed this occupation at Wilkes-Barre five years, at Easton three years, and at Bethlehem for a few years and with the Dent Hardware Company, at Fullerton, for five years. On Dec. 4, 1905, he became the proprietor of the Windsor House at Fullerton, which he conducted until 1913.

He is a charter member of Lodge 1105, I. O. O. F., at Easton; Red Men; Woodmen of the World; F. O. E.; Order of Owls; and the Fullerton Beneficial Association. In 1892 he was married to Maria Kline, a daughter of Michael Kline. To this family three children have been born: Fred B., Miriam M., and William R.

#### SNYDER (SCHNEIDER) FAMILIES OF LYNN TOWNSHIP.

In the compilation of this long settled and very numerous family, its historian recognizes the lack of positive evidence in respect to its ancestors; the difficulty in the spelling of the name and that so many in the same generations bore the same name; and the great want of gravestones and documentary records of the earliest generations of the family. In view of these facts, only such statements shall be made of which there can be no reasonable doubt.—*W. J. D.*

The name Valentine Schneider appears among the earliest pioneers of Lynn township who are said to have settled there about 1735. In a list of the heads of families published of this district, many years ago, there appears the name of Bernhard Schneider; and about the time that he lived in the southwestern section of Lynn, there also lived a Heinrich Schneider in the northwestern section.

Jacob Snyder, on Oct. 11, 1765, took out a warrant for 107 acres of land located in this district. In the assessment roll of Dec. 27, 1781, these names appear: Heinrich, Bernhard, Henry and Daniel; and in the tax-list of 30 years later, in 1812, when the county was erected, the following names appear: Jacob, Henry, John, Peter, Jacob, George, William, John, Samuel, Peter and Christian; which list includes the name of John Snyder among the "single freemen." In the court house at Easton, Pa., there is of record the last will of John Peter Schnyder, of Lynn, who died in 1777. The given name of his wife

was "Catharine." The executor was Frederick Sechler. The will mentions Servis Schnyder as the youngest son, and he was to receive fifteen pounds more than any of the other children. An item states: "My estate is to be divided equitably amongst all my children except as before stated," but the names are not given.

*Heinrich Schneider Family.*

Heinrich Schneider lived in the southeastern section of Lynn township and owned a farm near the Lynnville Church, now the property of Dr. F. C. Seiberling. He is buried on the old graveyard at New Tripoli. He was born April 17, 1749, and died on Nov. 15, 1822, in his 73d year. Among his children were: Heinrich, Johannes and Peter, all of whom remained in the district. Heinrich Schneider, son of Heinrich, was the oldest of his father's family, and he succeeded to the homestead farm. Among his children was another son, Heinrich, who was born April 10, 1795, married March 2, 1822, Lydia Holben, and they again occupied the Schneider homestead. There he died on July 23, 1849, in his 55th year. His wife was born March 16, 1804, and died on Aug. 23, 1862. They had three sons and one daughter, namely: Henry; son; John; and Mary, married to Erasmus Muse.

Henry H. Snyder, son of Heinrich, was born April 24, 1821, and he again succeeded his father to the ownership of the homestead upon which he died on June 10, 1883. He was a Reformed member of the Lynnville church which he served both as deacon and elder.

He was married to Lydia Hantz, who was born in 1828 and died in 1868. She was a daughter of Daniel Hantz, of Lynn township. Nine sons and three daughters were born unto them, namely:

Henry, mentioned later; Amandus, of Grimville, Berks county; Mary, deceased wife of Henry Snyder; William, who died in July, 1911, in Alaska; Jonas, who died in the Stoney Run; John M., mentioned later; Alvin, of Lansford, Pa.; Martin V., mentioned later; Lizzie, m. Samuel Bailey, of near Grimville; Levi, business man of Slatington; Wilson; Ellen.

Henry Snyder was born in Lynn township, March 19, 1847. He began farming on a 101-acre farm near Lynnville and there he continued as a tenant for nine years. Afterward he farmed the James K. Fetherolf, at Kempton, Pa., for two years, after which he moved upon the homestead of his forbears until after the death of his father, when he moved upon a farm in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, and there continued to farm until in 1912, when he moved to Palmer-ton, where his son, George B. had located and

established himself in business. Mr. Snyder has served the Lynnville church as a deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

He was married in 1871 to Elizabeth Beers, a daughter of John and Susan (Schuch) Beers, a farmer of New Jersey. They have issue, namely: Henry J., a carpenter at Palmerton; George B.; Charles, who died aged 28 years, and is buried in West Penn township; and Ella J., the wife of Oliver Haas, of Lizzard Creek Junction, Pa.

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*Geo. B. Snyder*

tion in the common schools and his youth was spent upon the farm. At the age of 21 years he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed as a journeyman until in 1905, at which time he formed a partnership with D. Milton Reitz under the firm name of Reitz & Snyder, for the purpose of building and contracting. They commenced business in Slatington, but in 1907 located at Palmerton, where they were extensive builders and contractors until in 1912 when they sold out that business to give all their attention to their planing mill, lumber yard and hardware store which they established at Palmerton. They erected about 200 dwellings, a church, fire engine house, and the handsome "Neighborhood House"

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Felix Snyder was born in Whitehall township, (now Fullerton) where he learned the cigar making trade with a Mr. Eckert who was one of the first cigar makers of that section. With his trade he also conducted a farm along the Lehigh river where now the Lehigh car wheel and axel works are located. Later he sold his farm to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and settled in Whitehall township where David Shoemaker, the dairyman, now resides, owned by the Werner Brothers. He was married to Lydia, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Gift) Moyer, of Allentown. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin B., William T., and Maria married Charles Graffin, of Catasauqua.

Franklin B. Snyder, son of Felix, was born in Whitehall township, Jan. 5, 1836, and died Nov. 10, 1891. He learned the cigar making trade and was one of the first in Catasauqua, where he resided nearly all his life. In politics he was a Republican and took an active interest in public affairs. He was married to Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Sanders) Lewis, a native of New Jersey. She was born Feb. 23, 1838, and now makes her home with her son, George. To Mr. and Mrs. Snyder the follow-

ing children were born: Alfred F., of Monroe county; Sarah A., married to P. M. Broadbeck, of Chicago; George L.; and Marcus A.

GEORGE L. SNYDER, son of Franklin B., was born in Whitehall township, Nov. 19, 1872. Like his father and grandfather he learned the cigar-making trade which he followed only a short time. When 17 years old he learned the machinist trade with L. F. Grammis' Sons, of Allentown. He followed this occupation at Wilkes-Barre five years, at Easton three years, and at Bethlehem for a few years and with the Dent Hardware Company, at Fullerton, for five years. On Dec. 4, 1905, he became the proprietor of the Windsor House at Fullerton, which he conducted until 1913.

He is a charter member of Lodge 1105, I. O. O. F., at Easton; Red Men; Woodmen of the World; F. O. E.; Order of Owls; and the Fullerton Beneficial Association. In 1892 he was married to Maria Kline, a daughter of Michael Kline. To this family three children have been born: Fred B., Miriam M., and William R.

#### SNYDER (SCHNEIDER) FAMILIES OF LYNN TOWNSHIP.

In the compilation of this long settled and very numerous family, its historian recognizes the lack of positive evidence in respect to its ancestors; the difficulty in the spelling of the name and that so many in the same generations bore the same name; and the great want of gravestones and documentary records of the earliest generations of the family. In view of these facts, only such statements shall be made of which there can be no reasonable doubt.—*W. J. D.*

The name Valentine Schneider appears among the earliest pioneers of Lynn township who are said to have settled there about 1735. In a list of the heads of families published of this district, many years ago, there appears the name of Bernhard Schneider; and about the time that he lived in the southwestern section of Lynn, there also lived a Heinrich Schneider in the northwestern section.

Jacob Snyder, on Oct. 11, 1765, took out a warrant for 107 acres of land located in this district. In the assessment roll of Dec. 27, 1781, these names appear: Heinrich, Bernhard, Henry and Daniel; and in the tax-list of 30 years later, in 1812, when the county was erected, the following names appear: Jacob, Henry, John, Peter, Jacob, George, William, John, Samuel, Peter and Christian; which list includes the name of John Snyder among the "single freemen." In the court house at Easton, Pa., there is of record the last will of John Peter Schnyder, of Lynn, who died in 1777. The given name of his wife



same township, Oct. 8, 1897. He had a 100-acre farm one mile east of New Tripoli, and the house in which he lived was destroyed by fire in 1910. This farm is now embraced in the extensive estate of his son, Nathan. He was married to Catharine Heintzelman, daughter of George, born July 23, 1828, and died June 8, 1869, and their children were: Owen; Willoughby; Nathan H.; Daniel; Sarah, married James Korn; Polly, married Nathan Heintzelman; Louisa, married (first) Phaon Miller, and then David Hauseman; and Mary, married George Kistler. He married as his second wife, Julianna Mantz (1837-1889) who was a daughter of David and Julianna (Smith) Mantz, and a sister of Sarah (Mantz) Miller, the mother of Senator James A. Miller, of Lehigh county, and the children of the second marriage were: Lewis F.; Edwin; Henry, now deceased; and Francis P. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation at Ebenezer church, and he served all the offices of the consistory.

EDWIN H. SNYDER, son of David, farmer near New Tripoli, was born in Heidelberg township, Feb. 1, 1845, and he worked for his parents until he was within a few months of full age. In 1867 he began farming on the homestead and for 17 years farmed his father's place in the township named; then he bought a farm in the same township which he had cultivated on the shares under a lease from 1899 to 1911. In 1910 he purchased the Daniel Moyer farm near New Tripoli and there he now resides.

In 1867 Mr. Snyder was married to Zenia Weber, daughter of David, born Dec. 8, 1849, and died June 25, 1900; and they had five children: Mary J., married Ellsworth G. Lentz; Rosa Ann, married Henry W. Sittler; Ida M., now deceased, who was married to James Peter; George D., who died when 3 years old; and Henry E. Mr. Snyder and his family were members of the Reformed congregation at Ebenezer church, and he served as deacon and elder, also as treasurer for 8 years. He is a Republican in politics and served as supervisor of the township for 3 years.

Nathan Snyder, son of Peter (who was the son of Peter), was born in Lynn township, May 4, 1849, and learned the trade of shoemaking which he followed for several years; then he began farming on his father's farm along the Schochary creek, which he continued for 10 years, and for 18 years he owned and cultivated it until 1904, when he sold it to Nathan Heintzelman, the present owner. Since that time he has lived at New Tripoli where he still retains some land which he farms. He is a Republican and served as a supervisor of the township for 3 years. In

1873 he married Maria George, daughter of Levi, of Lowhill, later of Schuylkill county, and they had three children: Mary, now deceased, who was married to Milton Reitz; Oscar N., of Egypt, Pa.; and George E., of Allentown. They are members of the Reformed congregation at Ebenezer church, of which he was a deacon and trustee.

Willoughby Snyder, son of Daniel (who was the son of Peter, who was the son of Johannes, who was the son of Heinrich), is a carpenter of Lynn township, where he was born March 1, 1851. He worked upon a farm until he was over 25 years of age and then learned the carpenter trade. He owns a farm of 80 acres which is situated on the north side of Schochary creek and on this farm he built a house in 1872, and a barn in 1889. The tract belonged formerly to David Mantz, and Mr. Snyder lived there and carried on farming in connection with carpentering from 1872 to 1905. His son, James, having lived then on an adjoining tract of 28 acres of land, Mr. Snyder moved there and he has since made that his home in retirement. He was married in 1871 to Messina M. Hausman, daughter of James and Julian (Mantz) Hausman, and they have two sons: James D., and Ralph. They are members of the Reformed congregation of the Ebenezer church and he served as a deacon and trustee.

NATHAN H. SNYDER, son of Daniel, bank director and extensive farmer near New Tripoli, was born July 14, 1866. He received his education in the common schools of the township while brought up on a farm, and he continued in his father's employ until he became 20 years old, after which he worked for wages for three years. In 1891, he began farming the homestead and he has continued to do so until now. The property embraces 67 acres, but he enlarged it by adding a tract of 37 acres, and then another tract which consisted of 115 acres (of which he sold off 20 acres). The 115-acre farm was the Conrad Kistler property. The quantity of land now farmed by Mr. Snyder is about 200 acres, and he realizes large crops from its management. In 1910 he erected there a large frame dwelling house, which he occupies as his residence.

Upon the organization of the national bank at New Tripoli, he became one of its directors and still serves that position. He is a Republican in politics, and he served as tax collector of the district. He affiliated himself with the Odd Fellows, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

In 1887 Mr. Snyder was married to Ellen L. Stump, daughter of Nathan Stump (who lived at the Pinnacle in Albany township, Berks county)

and they have 6 children: John; Homer M., married Alice Loch; Mary C.; Arthur D.; Paul C.; and Ellen May.

LEWIS F. SNYDER, a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer at New Tripoli, was born on the Snyder homestead, July 10, 1871. He was educated in the common schools of the district and reared as an agriculturist. In 1892 he began farming as a tenant in Heidelberg township, and for a year was in Weisenberg township. In 1893 he purchased his farm of 83 acres and has occupied it since 1894, having developed it to a high state of cultivation, particularly for raising potatoes. This was the James Hausman homestead, which continued in the family name for many years. The present barn on the place was erected by James Leiby in 1888, and the present dwelling by Mr. Snyder in 1904.

Mr. Snyder is a Republican. In 1907 he was elected as a school director of the township, and he acted as secretary for a time and as president from 1908 to 1911. He is a Reformed member of the Ebenezer church, which he served as deacon and is now serving as trustee. He was married to Rosa A. Henry, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Wagaman) Henry, and they have two children: Pierson D., and Angelina S.

JAMES D. SNYDER, photographer of New Tripoli, is a native of Lynn township and was born July 21, 1874, (being a son of Willoughby and grandson of Daniel). He attended the public schools of his district and was reared upon his father's farm. He owns a 29-acre tract of land which lies adjoining his father's farm, and on this property he occupies a nice frame residence. In 1901 he began taking photographs, and having a taste for art he soon built up a large business which necessitated the building of a gallery on his own property in 1901. He has taken many local views and buildings, which are for sale in the stores of the township and vicinity. He is an active member of the P. O. S. of A., and has served as secretary of his Camp since 1900. He is serving the Reformed congregation at New Tripoli as a deacon. In 1895 he was married to Mary J. Miller, sister of Senator James A. Miller, of New Tripoli.

*Bernhard Schneider Family.*

Bernhard Schneider was one of the largest taxpayers of Lynn township in 1781, only two persons having paid more tax, Philip Mosser and Thomas Everett having each paid eight pounds and he paid seven pounds. His homestead is pointed out as the John Derr farm, situated about one mile south of Stein's Corner. He was buried on the old burying ground at New Tripoli. He helped to establish the first church there,

which was burned down by the Indians before its completion. He was married to a Sassaman and their children were: Barbara, married first to John Shellhammer, and had a son, George; and next to John Philips, and had a son, John; Peter; Heinrich; John; and Jacob.

Peter Schneider, the eldest son of Bernhard, was a blacksmith and farmer, and he owned the farm which is now the property of D. Albert Snyder, in Lynn township. He was married twice, first to a Krauss, and second to Anna Maria Derr, (a widow). The children by the first wife were Daniel; Peter; Jacob; Lydia, married John Frey; and Jonas; and those of the second wife were: John; Salome, married Daniel Fenstermacher; Molly, married Peter Fenstermacher; and Catharine, married Joseph Kunkel.

Heinrich Schneider, the second son of Bernhard, owned and lived on the tract which is now the farm of Dr. F. C. Seiberling. His wife was a Sassaman and they had two children: Jonathan; and Heinrich, the latter owning the homestead and the former an adjoining farm.

John Schneider, the third son of Bernhard, lived on the farm where Benneville Derr now resides in Lynn township. His wife was Elizabeth Hess and their children were: Heinrich; John; Peter; and Catharine, married John Grim.

Jacob Schneider, the youngest son of Bernhard, owned for a time the middle tract of the homestead, but he sold it and moved to Heidelberg township.

Daniel Snyder, the eldest son of Peter, was a farmer where Franklin B. Snyder now lives near the Lynnvile church. His wife was a Shellhammer and both were buried at New Tripoli. They had eight children, some of whom went to Ohio: Jesse; David; William; John; Mrs. Christian Fenstermacher; and Mrs. Stengel; and two others whose names could not be learned.

Peter Snyder, the second son of Peter, was a justice of the peace and also carried on farming in Lynn township. He was buried at New Tripoli. His wife was Rebecca Scheetz and their children were: Elias; David; Lenius; Joel; Lydia; Lovina; and Rebecca.

Jacob Snyder, the third son of Peter, was a blacksmith and farmer in Lynn township. His wife was Elizabeth Werley and their children were: Jacob, and Heinrich.

Samuel Snyder, the fourth son of Peter, was a farmer who resided where Jacob Snyder now lives. His wife was Hattie, daughter of Michael Frey, and both were buried at the Lynnvile church, of which they were Reformed members. They had four children: Daniel; Mary, married Francis Weiss; Rebecca, married Henry Snyder;

and Polly, married Jacob Kistler, the husbands of the three daughters having died.

Jeremiah Snyder, the fifth son of Peter, was a farmer in Weisenberg township. His wife was Diana Holben, and their children were Jacob; Jonas; John; and several daughters who died young.

Heinrich Snyder, the sixth son of Peter, moved to Ohio, and some of his daughters later visited their eastern relatives. He had a son named Jonas, who lived at Mauch Chunk, Pa., and a daughter, who was married to a Hess.

Jonas Snyder, the seventh son of Peter, was born Jan. 31, 1830, in Lynn township, and is now one of the aged residents of that community. He lives about one mile north of New Tripoli, having lived at the same place since 1850. He was a carpenter by trade, but he also carried on the undertaking business and during his career buried nearly 500 persons. For many years he was active in church affairs as a member of the Reformed congregation at Ebenezer church, which he served as elder and trustee; and in 1890 he was one of the building committee which supervised the erection of the present edifice. He was married to Maria Dankel, daughter of John and Lydia (Trine) Dankel, who died in 1911 in her 78th year. They had seven children: William E.; Edward D.; Louisa; Jane; Laura; Harrison; and Amanda.

John Snyder, the youngest son of Peter, was a farmer in Greenwich township, Berks county. His wife, Abbie, bore him one son, William.

John Snyder, son of Daniel, was born about 1802 and farmed until his decease, aged 40 years. He was a Reformed member of the Ebenezer church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee. He lived where Maurice Miller now resides. His wife was Magdalena Fenstermacher and they had eleven children: Lovina, married Joheph Wehr; Lydia, married Nathan Handwerk; Jonas; John, who was killed in the Civil War; Daniel; Amanda, who died young; Mary, married B. F. Troxell; Polly, married Joseph Wehr as his second wife, upon the decease of her sister Lovina; Madina, married Harrison Hentzky; Caroline, married Frederick Wertz; and William.

David Snyder, son of Peter, lived in Lynn township on the farm now owned by his son, Monroe P. He was a farmer. He was a Democrat and served as supervisor and assistant assessor. The barn now on the farm was built by him. His wife was Catharine Kistler, daughter of Perry and Mary (Kieffer) Kistler, and they had 11 children: Elmira, married Daniel Fenstermacher; Janetta, married Oliver Fisher; Delila, married Harrison Henry; Ida, married El-

mer Werley; Henry; Monroe P.; Wilson K.; and Osville. Mr. Snyder and his family were members of the Reformed congregation at the New Jerusalem church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

MONROE P. SNYDER, son of David, farmer of Lynn township, was born there Sept. 26, 1864. He was reared on the farm and at the age of eighteen years learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for seventeen years. He then embarked in the lumber business for 8 years, having at different times several partners and employing a considerable number of men for carrying it on, including the saw-mill and teams. In connection with this business he has operated a farm since 1897. This farm was the Gideon Opp homestead, who was an original settler; and other succeeding owners were Solomon Hoffman, Christian Kistler, Perry Kistler, and his father. The tract now embraces 113 acres.

Mr. Snyder is a Democrat and served the township as an auditor; also as school director since 1908. He has been an active member of the Reformed congregation at the New Jerusalem church, serving as deacon and trustee, and also as one of the building committee. He was married twice; first to Ellemina, daughter of Samuel Greenawald, by whom he had two children: William C., and Alvin C.; and next (Jan. 25, 1896) to Sarah, daughter of Nathan and Fietta (Kerschner) Heintzelman, by whom he has 5 children: Marvin Nathan; Katie F.; Mabel S.; Ellen L.; and James M.

Daniel E. Snyder, son of Daniel, was born Sept. 7, 1830, in Lynn township, and lived on a farm situated south of Lynnvill, now owned by his son, D. A. Snyder, and there he died Sept. 9, 1900, aged 70 years. The tract is upwards of 70 acres. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of the Lynnvill church and held various church offices and he was buried in the cemetery there.

His wife was Elizabeth Frey, daughter of Jonas Frey. She was born Oct. 15, 1830, and they had four children: D. Albert; Owen; Jacob; and Ellen M., married James O. Ebert.

D. Albert Snyder, son of Daniel, farmer on the old Schneider homestead, was born in Albany township, Berks county, in 1862, and whilst an infant accompanied his parents to the place in Lynn township where he now resides. The farm, now embracing 84 acres, was purchased by him on April 1, 1899. He is a Democrat and served the township as auditor and assessor; also represented his district on the county standing committee. He was married in 1899 to Mary Derr and they have 6 children: Minnie E.; Irwin A.; Charles E.; Edwin F.; Fred F.; and Maude

S. He and family are members of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's church in Lynnvillle, which he served as deacon.

JACOB SNYDER, son of Daniel E., a farmer of Lynn township, was born March 25, 1867, and when 20 years old he learned the carpenter trade which he followed for six years in the coal regions, and afterwards he followed it during the Spring, but in the Summer and Fall he helped farmers with their threshing. He owns a 73-acre farm which is a part of the Bernhard Schneider homestead, and which was later "Yockel" Jacob Schneider's, a son of the pioneer. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Snyder was married in 1893, to Sarah A. Frey, daughter of Jacob and Sallie Ann (Leiby) Frey and they had 4 children: Bertha M.; Warren J.; Claude, who died in infancy; and Lulu S. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at the St. Peter's church at Lyonville and he has served as a deacon since 1906.

Jonathan Snyder, son of Heinrich, was born in Lynn and always lived there. He was a farmer and had a part of the original homestead. His farm is now the property of Frank B. Snyder, his grandson. He is buried at New Tripoli, where he was a Reformed member of Ebenezer church. His wife, Magdalena Mantz, is buried at Lynnvillle. She was born Oct. 13, 1791, and died Sept. 5, 1863.

Mr. Snyder gave money to Peter Miller, the historic clock maker, with which to buy material for two grandfather's clocks, and after their completion he received only one of them and the other was kept by Peter Miller as compensation for his work. This Snyder clock has always remained on the property and is now owned by Frank B. Snyder. Their children were: Catharine, married to Eli Oldt; Sallie, married to John Oswald; Jonas; and Charles, who died in infancy.

Jonas Snyder obtained the homestead of 92 acres. He was born there July 22, 1820, and there he died July 18, 1900, in his 80th year. He was the first deacon of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's church, at Lynnvillle, which he served as an elder many years, holding that office at the time of his death. He was also a member of the building committee. He married Mary Ann Bittner, born in 1831 and died in 1889, in her 58th year. Their children were: Amanda, married Lewis German; Phaon; Frank B.; Eli; and Owen.

FRANK B. SNYDER is a farmer on the old homestead near the Lynnvillle church and there he was born Sept. 1, 1854. He began farming the homestead as a tenant after he became of age and

after farming it for 4 years he purchased it. In 1900 he built the present large barn and in 1903 the modern residence. He is a prosperous and substantial citizen. In politics, he is a Democrat, and served as registry assessor three years, auditor three years and school director for many years. He has officiated as treasurer of the St. Peter's church at Lynnvillle since 1886. He was married to Susan Wessner, a daughter of Jacob Wessner, of Wessnersville. Their children are: Granville F.; Morris A., married to Katie Bausch; and Lillie A.

#### CHRISTIAN SNYDER FAMILY.

In the vicinity of the Lehigh Furnace, in Washington township, lived Christian Snyder, a farmer. His children follow: Christian; George; John; Violetta, married to David Bloss; Lydia, married to Stephen Peter; and Elizabeth, known as "Betsy," married to Eli Peter.

John Snyder, son of Christian, for many years owned and cultivated the first farm on the south side of the "Schochary," on the road leading from New Tripoli to Lynnvillle. In 1891, he retired to New Tripoli, where he died about 1902, at an advanced age. He was married to Susanna Baer and they had issue, viz: Mary, married to David Krassley; Anna, married to Peter Krum; Susanna, married to Eli Gerber; Rosa, married to A. Ravert; Sarah, who kept house for her father after Mrs. Snyder had passed away, died unmarried; and Caroline, married to Monroe Heintzelman, of Lynn township.

#### NATHAN SNYDER,

Farmer of Lowhill, was born Feb. 27, 1862, in Weisenberg township, near Werley's Corner. He was reared on his father's farm and educated in the township school, and he continued there until 1894 assisting his father. He had also learned the carpenter trade and followed it for fifteen years. Then he purchased the farm of 138 acres in Lowhill where he resides and he has carried on farming there until the present time. He served as a deacon of the Weisenberg church.

In 1894, Mr. Snyder was married to Josephine Werley, daughter of Henry, farmer, of Weisenberg, near Seiberlingsville, and by her he has seven children: Beulah, m. Charles Schlauch; Lillie; George; Ida; Lila; Wilmer; and Hattie.

His father was Peter Snyder, of Weisenberg where he was born in 1836 and brought up on a farm, and he carried on farming and carpentering until 1870, when he removed to Lowhill and there followed the same occupations until his decease in 1901. He served as a deacon and elder of the Weisenberg church. He was married to Lydia Weiss, daughter of Daniel Weiss, a farmer of

Weisenberg, who served in the Civil War as a private in Co. I, 41st Regiment of Pennsylvania Vol. Militia during the emergency of July, 1863. They had seven children: John, Nathan, (above); Mary; Tevillia, m. Albert Snyder; Wilson, m. (first) Lizzie Millbner, (second), Kate Heintzelman; and two died in infancy.

His grandfather was David Snyder. [For antecedents see sketch of Edwin H. Snyder, of Lynn, in this publication. And for the antecedents of Henry Werley, see sketch of the Werley Family.]

#### SNYDER FAMILY.

Stephen Snyder, a farmer and miller lived in Lower Towamensing township, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, but for a number of years he had been engaged in the butcher business. His later life, however, was spent in farming until his retirement to Parryville. There his wife Sarah, *nee* Kistler died past sixty years of age. After her death Mr. Snyder made his home with his son, Aboil K., at Maple Grove, Berks county. There he died on Aug. 18, 1894, aged 88 years and one day. He is buried at Parryville. Their children were: Aboil K., and Dildine, who died at Parryville.

Stephen Snyder by a former marriage had nine children, viz: Elena, Matilda, Fianna, Amelia, Stephen, Harriet, Julia, and two who are deceased.

ABOIL K. SNYDER, of Alburdis, was born in Towamensing township, Carbon county, April 21, 1853. At the age of fourteen years he engaged in the meat business for himself, and when sixteen years old he went to Buffalo and purchased two carloads of cattle which he brought to Parryville, Pa., where he disposed of them.

From Parryville he removed to Leighton, and from there he located at Maple Grove, Berks county, in 1883. There he followed the butchering trade until 1895, when he moved upon a farm at Alburdis but continued his business up to 1909. At that time he hold the butchering business to his son, Mahlon W. and built his fine large residence at Alburdis, where he since resides.

Mr. Snyder has always dealt extensively in cattle in connection with butchering and this part of the business he has continued to the present time. He also deals in flour, feed, hay, cement, fertilizers, etc.

Politically, Mr. Snyder is affiliated with the Republican party and in 1913 was elected the second burgess of Alburdis.

He and family are members of the Evangelical Church.

On June 20, 1871, he married Ellen Drumbore, daughter of Thomas and Catharine (Fen-

stermacher) Drumbore, of Carbon county. They have the following children, viz: Minnie, the wife of William Findlay, of Alburdis, issue, Ella, married to Oscar Marsteller and they have a son, Franklin D.; Laurie; John; Bessie; Thomas; and William; Mashlon W.; Clinton T.

Mahlon W. Snyder, son of Aboil K., was born at Parryville, Pa., April 3, 1874. In 1909 he succeeded his father to the butcher business and the homestead at Alburdis. When he was fourteen he began driving a butcher team and continued it for twenty-three years without missing a single day. He employs thirteen people in his business and has a large trade. In 1912 he purchased a farm of 123 acres from the Thomas Iron Company. He made large improvements to these buildings, using 33 tons of cement. He also owns the Henry Herbster tract of fourteen acres at Alburdis. In 1912 he built two houses and in 1914 another one, all located in Alburdis.

In 1894 he married Ella Hertzog, a daughter of David and Lydia (Schiffert) Hertzog. Issue: An only daughter, who died, aged 2 days.

CLINTON T. SNYDER, butcher at Guthsville, this county, was born at Parryville, Carbon county, June 21, 1875. After his education he assisted his father in the butcher business until 1905, at which time he engaged in business for himself at Siegersville, where he continued about one year, then located at Guthsville, where he has continued up to the present time. He has an established trade and employs twelve people. His shop is modern and the equipment is all the best obtainable. He kills during a year averaging about 525 cattle, 800 hogs, and 200 calves. His six teams cover the following towns and intermediate territory: Lynnvill, Newside, Neffs, Laurys, Cementon, Egypt, Fullerton, Allentown, Cedarville, Ruppsville, Fogelsville, Seipstown, Claussville, Lyon Valley, and Schnecksville.

His residence at Guthsville was the homestead of Daniel Stettler. He also owns the George Guth farm at the Jordan bridge, located between Guthsville and Hoffmansville. It consists of 103 acres of fertile land. The buildings on it Mr. Snyder repaired and the property throughout is well managed by him.

He holds membership in the F. O. E., and the Tigers of the World, both of Allentown.

On June 27, 1896, he was married to Anna Butz, a daughter of Edwin Butz. They have the following children: Aboil, Florence, Grace, Sallie, Charles, George, Helen, Lillian, Margaret, Leona, Clifford, and Floyd.

Simon Schneider, the progenitor of this branch of the Snyder family, is said to have emigrated from Switzerland. He arrived at Philadelphia

on Nov. 22, 1752. Ten years afterward, he secured a tract of land in Upper Milford township, about a mile northwest of the present village of Zionsville, containing 72 ac., 140 ps., by purchase from Adam Krammes, and a patent was issued to him for this tract on March 27, 1782, which was named "Snyderburg." He subsequently acquired additional land until the entire tract embraced 112 acres. He was a farmer by occupation, and also conducted a distillery on the place. His wife's name was Anna Elizabeth, and they had five children: Rosina, born March 5, 1771; Bettina, born June 12, 1774; Samuel, born Aug. 14, 1777; Philip, born March 22, 1781; and Elizabeth, born 1786.

Samuel Snyder, the elder son of Simon, was reared as a farmer and he followed farming until his decease. He was married to Margaret Heil, born Sept. 7, 1780, died March 1, 1862, a daughter of Jacob and Eva Heil. They had six children: 1. Jacob, married Miss Muller, and had six children; John; Samuel; David; Jacob; Susanna, who married Alexander Roth and Mrs. Christman. 2. Samuel Heil. 3. John, married Lydia Kern and had six children: Jonas; Matthias; Sarah, who married Daniel Shell; Diana, who married Jonas Wetzel; Susanna, who married Charles Moyer; and Lydia, who married Reuben Schubert. 4. David, married a Miss Roeder, and had two children: Mary, who married John Carl; and Emmeline, who married Henry Berky. 5. Judith, married John Orth and had two children: Stephen and Edward; and 6. Mary, married (first) Jacob Andrews, and (second) Jonathan Schiffert, and had six children: Mrs. Nuss, Mrs. Wanner, Mrs. Yeakel, Mrs. Trump, Benjamin Andrews, and William Schiffert.

Samuel Heil Snyder, the second son of Samuel, was a farmer. In 1841, he was married to Lydia Lichtenwalner, daughter of George and Maria (Knauss) Lichtenwalner. She was born May 3, 1813, died Nov. 8, 1880, and was buried in Fairview cemetery, at Polo, Ill. They had seven children: 1. Leon L. 2. Milton, at Polo, Ill., married Lucinda Trumbauer and have two children: Minnie, who married Harvey Heathcock; and Dr. Charles Snyder, at Waterloo, Iowa. 3. Maria, who died in infancy. 4. Amandus, married Lucy Schuler and had four children: Charles, who died young; Linnie, who married George Lichty; Titus, who married Dorcas Frey; and John, who married Minnie Bieber. 5. Elvina, married James Reed, at Polo, Ill., and had six children: Mattie, who died young; Elmer; Bertha, who married a Mr. Sweet, a farmer at Polo; Ida; Ralph; and Harry, who died young. 6. Eli, at Sedgwick, Kansas, married Sadie Richard-

son, and had three children: Goldie, Sadie, and Hattie, and married second wife, with whom he had a son, Eli, and a daughter; and Samuel, at Waverly, Ohio, married Maggie Wolf and have two children: Harmon and Mary Marguerite.

Leon Lichtenwalner Snyder, the eldest son of Samuel H., was born Nov. 8, 1843, in Upper Milford. He received his education in the township school and the Allentown Seminary, and afterward taught school at Freeland, and in Upper Milford for upward of twenty years. During this time he also farmed the homestead. He officiated as a justice of the peace for one term, acted as surveyor, notary and scrivener, and was the local representative of the Lehigh County Mutual Horse Insurance Company for 33 years in connection with general insurance. In 1870 he filled the position of township enumerator. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., also of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, and the Sunday school as superintendent for 30 years. In 1865, he was married to Caroline E. Gaumer, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bastian) Gaumer, and they had one child, a son, Harvey Leon.

Dr. Harvey Leon Snyder, son of Leon L. Snyder, was born in Upper Milford, Feb. 1, 1868. He attended the local schools and the preparatory school of Muhlenberg College, after which he took a course of study in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and was regularly graduated. After a preliminary practice of his profession at the Frankford Asylum, in Philadelphia, for a time, he then embarked in business for himself at Zionsville. Subsequently he also practiced at Macungie, Quakertown, and North Wales. While on his way to see a patient at North Wales in a heavy rain-storm, he was accidentally killed in crossing the railroad. He was married to Mary Bliem, and they had three children: Henry Leon, a student at Muhlenberg College; Mary Estella, and Harvey Joseph.

Samuel Moll Snyder, son of Jacob, was born at Zionsville, in Lehigh county, on Feb. 19, 1841. After attending the township school, he learned the trade of miller, and after he had become of age, located at Catasauqua, where he filled the position of head miller for many years in the large grist mill of William Younger. He then engaged in the flour and feed business at that place and carried it on successfully for ten years, when he sold it to Monroe E. Koehler. He next directed his attention to contracting and the building of houses, which he followed in Catasauqua and vicinity for many years. In 1869, he erected a home for himself and family on Second street, which he occupied until his decease,



a period covering 43 years, and there his widow continues to reside.

In 1847, Mr. Snyder was married to Sarah L., daughter of Henry and Lydia (Schaner) Kurtz, and they had two children: Henry J., who died in infancy; and Edgar S.

His father, Jacob Snyder, lived at Zionsville, and owned the Snyder homestead. He was married to Catharine Moll, and they had five children: Susan, John, David, Samuel M., and Jacob.

#### CHARLES P. SNYDER.

Jacob Snyder, an aged citizen of Northampton county, still living near Palmerton, was born near Millport, where he was reared on a farm and carried on farming for a number of years, when it was sold to the New Jersey Zinc Company. He was married to Mary Ann Miller and they had two children: Puriett, and Ella, who died in her girlhood. His wife is also living at an advanced age beyond four score years.

Puriett, the only son, was born on the homestead and brought up at farming. He then secured employment in the zinc works and became foreman, which position he has since filled in a satisfactory manner. He was married to Ida Seems, and they had three children: Janet, Charles P., and Claude E. She died in 1894.

CHARLES P. SNYDER, the grandson of Jacob, was also born on the homestead, April 2, 1884. He attended the public schools until he became sixteen years of age; then he was engaged as a machinist at Palmerton, Bethlehem, Cherryville, and Allentown, and also in New England until 1910. In this time he qualified himself in the construction of automobiles; then he located at Slatington, and embarked in the business of conducting a garage and negotiating the sale of automobiles, in which he has been very successful. He is also interested in a garage at Weissport. He has affiliated with the Sons of America, and the Knights of Pythias.

In 1910, Mr. Snyder was married to Florence Nicholas, a daughter of Calvin and Elenor (Andrews) Nicholas, and they have one child, Ethel E.

#### E. FRANK SOBERS.

Jacob Sobers was a native of Monroe county, Pa. He was a miller by trade until in 1870, at which time he removed to Bethlehem, Pa., and engaged in the contracting business, which he followed until his death in February, 1909. He was buried in Fairview cemetery, Bethlehem. He was married to Elizabeth Leibert, a daughter of Jacob Leibert, of Forks, Pa. Issue: E. Frank,

of whom below; Sarah; James; George; and John Sobers.

E. Frank Sobers, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Leibert) Sobers, was born in 1858 in Monroe county, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and at Bethlehem, and while yet in his teens he became an apprentice in the machinist trade at the Bethlehem Steel Works under John Fritz. There he worked in the various departments for more than twenty years. He engaged in the baking business at Bethlehem in 1902 and five years later, in 1897, he erected a modern building 90 by 144 feet, containing five ovens, capable of turning out 35,000 loaves of bread per week. He employs a large force of men making and marketing his products. Mr. Sobers drew his own plans for his bakery and supervised its erection and the installation of the machinery therein. He invented a machine to facilitate the operation of bread making, and also a solid rubber tire for automobiles. He is a progressive and enterprising business man. In politics he is an independent voter. He is a member of the Lutheran Church; the B. P. O. E., at Bethlehem; the Knights of Malta and other fraternal orders.

E. Frank Sober was married (first) to Agnes Michell, who died early in life leaving two children: Robert, who died young, and Bertha, who married William Gompert. Mr. Sober married (second) Emma Scholl, who died in 1903, leaving no issue. Mr. Sober married (third) Annie Steward. They have one daughter, Norma Sober.

#### SOFRANSKY FAMILY.

Harris Sofransky, a son of Wolf and Rebecca Sofransky, was born near Vilna, Russia, in the year 1862. While he remained in his native land, he was engaged in the scrap iron business, and, upon coming to America in the year 1886, continued in the same at South Bethlehem, Pa., where he settled. In this he succeeded so well that in the year following his own arrival, he was able to bring his family over to this country from Russia. Mr. Sofransky is a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregation of Sons of Israel. He married in the year 1878, Minnie Krinsky, a daughter of Nathan and Rebecca Krinsky, and by her has had the following children: Sarah, deceased; Abraham; Mary, now Mrs. William Beresin, of Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Sofransky reside at No. 502 North Third street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Abraham Sofransky, eldest son of Harris and Minnie (Krinsky) Sofransky, was born Oct. 3, 1883, at Vilna, Russia. When four years old, he came to the United States with the remainder

of his family to join his father who had preceded them by a year. After his arrival he took public school training and later a course in the American Business College at Allentown, Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom in 1898. For a year and a half thereafter he worked as bookkeeper for Samuel Weisenberger at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but on May 4, 1900, began business with his father in Allentown, under the firm name of H. Sofranscy & Son, which, in 1906, was changed to H. Sofranscy & Company. On Aug. 1, 1910, the business was incorporated for \$75,000, under the name of H. Sofranscy Company, with Abraham Sofranscy as president and general manager, and Wm. Beresin as secretary and treasurer. The company now operates one of the largest scrap iron and waste material plants in the eastern states. Mr. Sofranscy is a Republican in politics and a member of Jordan Lodge, F. & A. M.; Vienna Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Lecha Wonk Tribe, Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Keneseth Israel congregation.

Mr. Sofranscy was married March 14, 1911, to Miss Mabel L. Lehman, a daughter of Louis and Flora (Heinan) Lehman, of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Sofranscy reside at No. 1449 Hamilton street, Allentown.

#### SOLLIDAY FAMILY.

The Sollidays, of Bucks county and other parts of Pennsylvania, were French Huguenots, driven from France during the religious persecution of the seventeenth century. They first fled to Germany, where they became Germanized, subsequently coming to America. While the name, "Solliday," the present spelling in Pennsylvania, does not appear in Rupp's list of thirty thousand immigrants, who arrived between 1727 and 1776, persons who settled here were the ancestors of the family in America. The name is variously spelled. The family first appeared in Bucks county, so far as we are informed, in 1762, when Frederick Solliday settled in Bedminster, and purchased one hundred and forty-two acres and one hundred and twenty seven perches of William Allen, May 6th. He may have been there prior to this date, from the recital in the deed, which says the land was there "in his actual possession and seisin." His occupation is given as "shoemaker." The name at that time was spelled several ways. Of Frederick Solliday but little is known. He had sons, Frederick; Jacob, who purchased the homestead of the father, 1794; Daniel, Henry, Emanuel and Benjamin. Frederick Solliday, the immigrant, died 1804, and his sons, Jacob, Emanuel and Henry administered to his estate,

August 8. In the letters of administration the name is spelled "Sallade." The son, Frederick, died 1782, and Michael Weisel, Jr., administered to his estate, October 21. His widow died, 1794, and Michael Weisel also administered to her estate. Her name was Elizabeth and on her petition March 10, 1783, the court appointed Weisel guardian for her minor children, and on her subsequent petition, September 13, 1783, the same person was appointed guardian of her youngest child, "born since the decease of the father, aged three months." On November 6, 1797, the child Frederick, petitioned the court to appoint his uncle, Emanuel Solliday, his guardian, "having arrived at the age of fourteen years." The first recorded will of the Sollidays, we meet with, is that of Joseph Salliday of Plumsteadville, executed January 29, 1825, and probated April 21, leaving a widow, Anne, and children, Samuel, Lewis and John N. Salliday. The will is signed Joseph "Salladay," but at the head, is written Joseph "Sollade." Sarah Solliday, died at Doylestown, 1867, and her will probated August 2. Daniel Solliday died in Springfield, 1873, and his will was probated June 27, and Benjamin Solliday died at Doylestown, 1885. John N. Solliday, the most prominent member of the family in this county, was county auditor two terms, 1862-63, and 1875-77. The family was patriotic and served the country in the Revolution. Melchoir Sallada, an armorer by trade, enlisted in Captain Lewis Farmer's company, Colonel Miles regiment, April 6, 1776, but was discharged by order of Congress to re-enter the service as armorer. Frederick, Emanuel and John Solliday were members of the Bedminster company of Associators, Captain Robinson, Third Associated Battalion. Daniel Sallada, a private in the Third Pennsylvania Continental regiment, was living in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, 1835, at the age of ninety-six. The first colonel was Joseph Wood, succeeded by Colonel Thomas Craig, and was at Brandywine and Monmouth. The Salades were in the Minnisink, on the Upper Delaware, as early as 1752. The late Samuel Solliday, New Hope, was several years in business at Doylestown. Thomas C. Atherholt, Philadelphia, is a descendant of the Sollidays in the female line.

Samuel Solliday for many years conducted a general store on the Main Street of Hellertown, Pa. From there he moved into the Lebanon Valley where he lived until his death. He is buried at a church near the line of Lebanon and Berks counties. His wife was a Mory and among their children were Jacob; Samuel, Jr.; Isabella (m. Ephraim Moyer); Hannah (m. a

Trexler, and they had sons, Obadiah and Daniel; and Reuben S., who conducted a foundry at Eighth and Union Streets, Allentown.

Samuel Solliday, son of Samuel, is buried in Lower Saucon township. For some years he followed his trade of molding, at Lebanon, Pa. There he made one of the first coal stoves in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Later he worked in a foundry near Coopersburg. He continued at his trade until he was advanced in years. His last employers were Hess Brothers at Hellertown. He was married to Catharine Furry, and they were members of the Reformed church. Their children were: Charles; Harriet (m. to William Moyer); Lucinda (m. to Henry Search); Emma (m. to William Mann), and Alice, who died soon after her marriage to John Arner.

Charles Solliday was born February 29, 1852, at Lebanon, Pa., where the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Station is now located. He was a moulder by trade, and was employed at different periods by the following concerns: Hess Brothers, at Hellertown, and the Bethlehem Steel Co. He died at Rittersville, Jan. 7, 1907, having lived at that place since 1897. He and his family were members of the Lutheran church. On February 29, 1876, he married Elizabeth App, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Leibenguth) App. Mrs. Solliday resides at Rittersville. Their children are: William; Samuel F., and Lloyd, who died small.

SAMUEL F. SOLLIDAY, a photographer of Rittersville, Pa., was born Sept. 15, 1876, in Lower Saucon township. At the age of fourteen years he learned the moulding trade at the Hess foundry at Hellertown, and he followed the trade for about four years, after which he engaged in the huckstering business for about one year. In the year 1898 he engaged in the photographing business, and since 1900, he has his gallery in the Central Park, at Rittersville. During the winter month, he follows commercial photographing, both at home and throughout the rural district.

#### SOUERWINE FAMILY.

The Souerwine family in Lehigh county has in all probability descended from ancestors of this name who were first settled in Berks county. In the federal census of 1790, there appear the following in Lowhill township:

John Souerwine, wife, and two children, a son and daughter, under the age of sixteen years.

Jacob Souerwine, wife and four children, two sons and two daughters above the age of sixteen years.

John Souerwine afterward moved to that part

of the county in the vicinity of Newhard's, which is now included in Washington township. He was married to a Miss Flexer and they had eight children: Reuben, David, John, Elias, Charles, Elizabeth, Lydia, married to Mr. Hartz; and Matilda, married to Mr. Bartholomew, of Lehigh. They were members of the Lutheran congregation at Union church.

Reuben, the first mentioned son, a stone-mason by occupation, afterward carried on a farm in Heidelberg township. He was married to Lucy Newhard, and they had seven children: Daniel, William, Lewis, Jeremiah, Matilda, Sallie, married to Benjamin Andrews; Fianna, married to Benjamin Rex; and Elias.

Daniel, the first named son of Reuben, resided in Washington township. He was married to Lydia Hoffman, and they had nine children: Amelia, Amanda, Maria, Emma, Alice, Maggie, Katie, Wilson, and Benjamin.

Elias Souerwine, of Slatington, son of Reuben, was born Sept. 30, 1847, in Washington township, and brought up on a farm until he became twenty years of age. He was afterward engaged in the lumber business at Slatington from 1875 to 1878; then he was elected supervisor of roads in the borough and served for a period of twenty-three years. He also filled the office of tax collector for twenty-five years. In 1871, he was married to Louisa Andrews, a daughter of Stephen Andrews, and they have three children: James, Ellen, and Lewis F. They are members of the Lutheran congregation in the borough, and Mr. Souerwine officiated as a deacon, and also as an elder.

LEWIS F. SOUERWINE, the younger son of Elias, was born March 6, 1877, at Slatington, and educated in the schools of the borough. He learned the trade of machinist, and worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company, and the Carbon County Improvement Company; then filled the position of chief machinist for the Hazel-Dell Slate Company, and afterward served as manager of the Frantz Manufacturing Company, of Cherryville.

In 1897 he engaged in the bicycle business and carried it on for several years; then the automobiles made their appearance in the borough and he embarked in this business, which he has carried on in a successful manner until the present time. He is local agent for the Ford automobile. He employs four men. In 1913, he established a large and superior garage at Slatington for repairing and storing automobiles.

In 1903, Mr. Souerwine was married to Minerva Knoll, daughter of Alvin and Ellen (Breyfogle) Knoll.

Elias Souerwine, the fourth son of John, was

born May 17, 1816. He resided at Newhard's, was a shoemaker by trade and also cultivated a small farm. He was married to Elizabeth Newhard, born July 18, 1817, and they had five children: Alfred; Mary, married to William F. Baker, of Allentown; Henry; Paul, enlisted in the Civil War and died in the hospital at Harrisburg; Kate, married to John J. Williams; and James, who died in infancy. He died March 31, 1877, and she died Sept. 7, 1887. They were members of the Lutheran congregation at Frieden's church, where they were buried.

Henry, the second son of Elias, was born May 2, 1842, in Washington township, brought up on a farm and there educated. He was employed in a school slate factory from 1864 until the time of his decease, April 19, 1909, a continuous period of forty-five years. He officiated as a township auditor for a number of years. He was married to Elizabeth Nonnemacher, daughter of Jacob and wife, *nee* Herbst, Nonnemacher, and they had seven children: James, who died in infancy; Benjamin A.; Ellen, married to Samuel Remaly; Emma, married to Robert Krause; Calvin; Lillie, married to Harvey Druckenmiller; and Elmer. They were members of the Lutheran congregation at Frieden's church. He officiated as a deacon, elder and trustee. He died April 19, 1909.

BENJAMIN A. SOUERWINE, the second son of Henry, was born Jan. 27, 1868, at Newhard's, and reared on a farm until he was twenty-two years of age; then he began farming for himself on the shares, and continued to do so until 1901, when he purchased the farm where he now resides, known as the Miller plantation. In 1903, he erected the frame dwelling-house and afterward added other improvements to the place. The old log dwelling which was erected about 1750 is still standing. In politics he is a Republican, and is serving as a director of the School Board. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.

In 1886, Mr. Souerwine was married to Agnes Semmel, daughter of Moses and Leanna (Geiger) Semmel, and they had six children: Minnie; James; Florence, married to Robert Bachman; Annie; Carrie; and Edna. James, the eldest son, was the U. S. census enumerator.

#### SOWDEN FAMILY.

Samuel Sowden was born in Liskeard, Cornwall county, England, May 11, 1816, and was a son of Samuel and Mary (Tenney) Sowden. In his native country he was engaged in farming, and the mining of tin. In the year 1839, he was married to Mary, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Elliot. She died in 1842, aged 35 years, and was buried at Liskeard.

To them were born two sons: Hon. William H., the popular orator and campaigner of national fame, twice congressman from the Berks-Lehigh district, and John, who learned the watchmaking trade and who emigrated to Australia.

In 1846 he came to America, and located in Northampton county, in the vicinity of Hecktown, where he engaged in the mining of iron ore. He followed this occupation for several years, when he accepted a position from the Allentown Iron Company as superintendent of their mines throughout Lehigh county. In 1858, he resigned his position and removed to Ironton where he again resumed the mining of iron ore. He resided there until about nine years before his death when he moved to the vicinity of Meyersville. Mr. Sowden played an important part in the development of iron ore mining in the county. He was public spirited, friendly and neighborly. In politics he was a Republican. In religion he adhered to the doctrines of the Reformed Church. In 1849 he was married a second time taking for his wife Elizabeth H., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sowden) Williams also of Liskeard, England. She was born September 27, 1827, and the following year came with her parents to America, locating at Philadelphia, where she continued to reside until her marriage to Mr. Sowden. This union was blessed with six children:

Dr. Ralph T., Amelia T. married to William R. Reinhard of Shamokin and who died in 1882. Edwin E. who died in 1869. Jabez B. of Slatedale. Samuel who died in 1863, and Mary E. married to Morris A. Lentz, of Slatedale.

He departed this life Feb. 5, 1891, aged nearly 75 years, and was buried at the Egypt Church. His good wife having preceded him but a short time, she dying Aug. 17, 1890, aged 63 years.

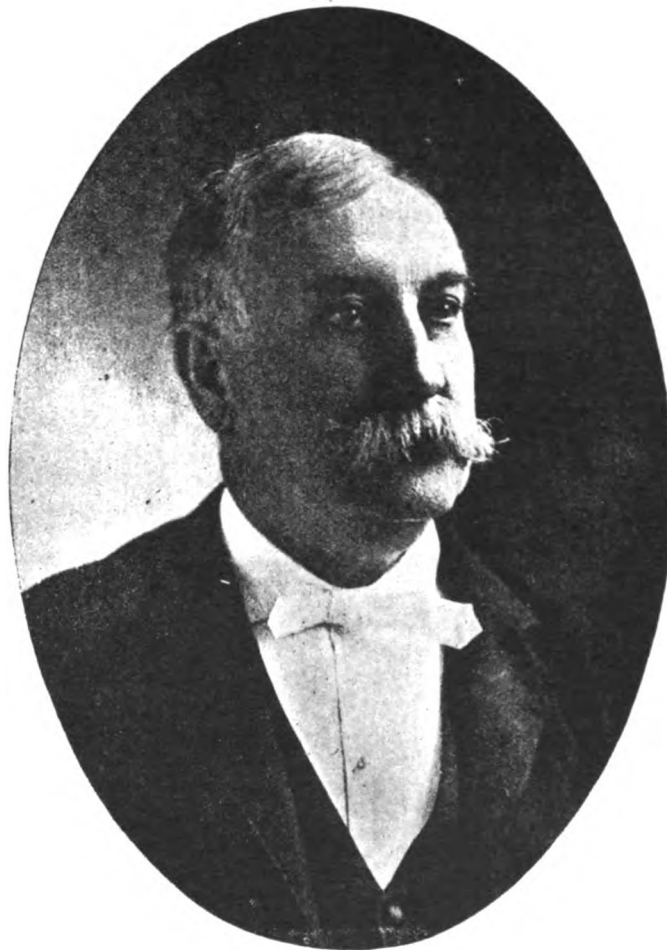
#### HON. WILLIAM H. SOWDEN

was born June 6, 1840, at Liskeard, England, died at Allentown, March 3, 1907, aged 67 years. After his education he taught school one term, then entered the law office of Hon. R. E. Wright as a law student, but on Aug. 13, 1862 he entered the Union Army as a corporal of Company D, 128th Regiment; was wounded in the leg on Sept. 17th, in the battle of Antietam. A legacy from England in 1863, enabled Mr. Sowden to enter the law department of Harvard College; after graduating in 1865 he returned to Allentown where he began the practice of the legal profession, in which he was conspicuously prominent until his death, but it was in politics in which Mr. Sowden gained national prominence before he was in middle life. He was a Democrat.

In 1868 he was elected to his first political office, that of solicitor to the county commissioners and strangely enough he ended his useful career in the same office in 1907. In 1872 he was elected district attorney.

As early as 1864 Mr. Sowden was upon the

Lehigh delegation that nominated R. E. Pattison for governor. In 1884 Sowden again became the congressional candidate, this time under the Crawford county system, which he was instrumental in its adoption. He won at the primaries over four competitors by 50 majority and was elected to the



HON. WILLIAM H. SOWDEN.

stump campaigning for G. B. McClellan, who was the candidate against Lincoln for President of the United States. Four years later he stumped the state for Seymour and again in 1872 he did similar service for Horace Greeley, the Democratic presidential candidate. In 1874 Sowden was the nominee of his party for lieutenant governor. In 1876 he was for the first time a candidate for congress in the Tenth District of Pennsylvania, but was counted out by one vote. In 1880 he was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Gen. W. S. Hancock for the presidency. Two years later he led the

Forty-ninth Congress. In the same year he was delegate-at-large to the Chicago national convention which nominated Cleveland for the presidency.

In 1886 he was re-nominated for congress; the Republicans did not put a man against him, as Sowden was a sincere protectionist. He made a most commendable record in Congress and served on the most important committees.

In 1890 he was once more a state delegate and helped to nominate R. E. Pattison for governor. In 1896 he was defeated for mayor of Allentown by 236 votes. In 1898 he was again nominated

for lieutenant governor and for two months stumped the state. From 1900 to 1902 he was city solicitor of Allentown. In the latter year he was again a candidate for the congressional nomination, but was defeated by a narrow margin. It was then that the Republicans induced him to accept the congressional nomination at their hands. In this great fight, though defeated

not even his bitterest enemy ever dared question his integrity. He was one of the ablest stump speakers of the country, and some of his Pennsylvania German stories and sayings will long be remembered. He had thousands of steadfast friends who mourned his death as one of their own family.

William H. Sowden married, in 1865, Mary



*Ralph T. Sowden M.D.*

by the heavy Democratic majority in Berks county, Sowden carried his opponent's own district, ward, city and county.

In 1904, Mr. Sowden made his last fight for congressional honors, this time on the Republican ticket, and he carried his own county by 400 majority and only lost the district by 1,100 votes. In 1906 he was elected county solicitor and while serving in this position he rendered very efficient service to Lehigh county.

During the entire career of this born fighter

Alice Huntzinger. They had two children: Bessie, married to Hon. James L. Pugh, a judge, of Washington, D. C.; and Edward H., who died in infancy. [See detailed sketch of Hon. William H. Sowden, in Vol. I, page 242.]

RALPH TENNY SOWDEN, M.D., was born in the city of Allentown, Dec. 23, 1850. He attended the public schools of that town until his eighth year when he became a pupil in the country school located at Balliettsville, which he attended until he was fifteen years old. He then



accepted a position in the mining region at Rittenhouse Gap. Berks county, where he remained one year. He then returned to his home near Meyersville and attended Muhlenberg College during the winter session of 1867, walking daily to and from school, a distance of six miles each way.

As a youth he worked in the ore mines, and later also in the coal mines.

At the age of seventeen he began to teach in the public schools in the county. After teaching several terms he attended the Normal School at Kutztown. During the summer he followed various occupations and from the money thus earned he was enabled to carry out the fond hope of becoming a medical doctor. In June, 1873, he entered Crittendens Commercial College in Philadelphia and graduated from the school in seven weeks, being the first one to receive his diploma in that period of time.

In 1874, he began to read medicine in the office of the late Dr. W. P. Kistler, then residing at Schnecksville. In the fall he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and finished his junior course. In the fall of 1878, he entered the senior class and graduated with honors in March, 1879.

Upon graduation he opened an office in Shamokin, but not liking the location remained there but a brief period.

In May, 1880, he located in Slatedale, where he has resided ever since, laboring in season and out of season to alleviate suffering and pain.

His faithfulness as a physician, uprightness and honesty as a man has won him the admiration and confidence of the community. Though a Democrat in politics, he has been twice elected school director from a strong Republican district. He was president of the board for several years, and much of the advancement of the local schools is due to his untiring efforts. He was for several years vice president of the County Directors' Convention and elected as a delegate to the State School Directors' Convention held annually at Harrisburg. Dr. Sowden is treasurer of the Slatedale Band, the Citizens' Fire Company, and Washington Camp, No. 323, P. O. S. of A.

He is a past commander of Star of the North Commandry No. 92, A. I. O. Knights of Malta of Slatington, having been one of the charter members; past district president and at present county president of the P. O. S. of A. Also a member of the Lehigh Valley Medical Society. He and his family are members of the Slatedale Reformed congregation. He was for many years secretary of the church. On June 12, 1881, he was united in holy wedlock with Mary A. S., a daughter of Alfred and Sabina (Blose) Lentz, of Washington township. They had issue:

Ralph T., who met with an accident which resulted fatally Feb. 22, 1907, aged 24 years. Ella S. A., married to Howard E. Mounce, of Philadelphia, and who have two children, Ralph W. and Margaret E. Samuel A., married to Jennie Smith and have one child, Russel T. Mary A., at home. Dr. Edgar L., graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1911, and was awarded a gold medal for passing the best examination in neurology. He was a resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital, at South Bethlehem until July 1, 1912, when he associated himself with his father in the practice of his profession. Dr. Sowden had the misfortune of losing his estimable wife, who after a two days' illness departed this life on April 7, 1913, aged 51 years.

#### CAPTAIN CHARLES SPANGLER.

Captain Charles Spangler, a manufacturer of Allentown, was born December 4, 1859, at Williamsburg, Blair county, Pennsylvania, son of William and Susan (Heimbach) Spangler.

Captain Spangler was educated in the public schools of Allentown, to which place his parents moved in 1860. At an early age he began to work in the foundry and to learn the machinist trade, serving his full apprenticeship. Within one year after he had completed his trade, in 1881, he established his present business, as Charles Spangler, Machinist and Founder, which is located at the southwest corner of Third and Walnut streets. He employs thirty people, and manufactures iron, brass, aluminum castings, straight and circular boiler 'grates, and does general repair work.

Mr. Spangler connected himself with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, upon his twentieth birthday, on December 4, 1879, and for a period of twenty-six consecutive years was in active service. He rose from a private of Company D, Fourth Regiment, to the office of captain of the same company, during the eleventh year of his service.

Captain Spangler was at the head of Company D, Fourth Regiment, at the opening of the Spanish War in 1898. Practically his entire company enlisted for the conflict, and it was one of the first companies to be mustered in the U. S. Service, on May 9, 1898. The company was at Chickamauga, Georgia, for a time, and then entrained at Rossville for Newport News, to form part of the Porto Rican expedition aboard the city of Washington. It was the first company of the Regiment to land at Arroyo, and with the First Battalion on the Cayey Road on the morning of August 13, 1898, as support to a Missouri



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Battery, were ready for the command to begin hostilities when a messenger arrived announcing that a Peace Protocol had been signed suspending hostilities. The company remained in camp at Gauyama with regular duties of outpost during the rest of the month, marching to Ponce on September 1, where it embarked on board the City of Chester, and sailed to New York. Returning home, a two-months' furlough was granted and November 16, 1898, was mustered out of the U. S. Service. The company reorganizing as Company D, Fourth Regiment, Captain Spangler was again elected, and served until January 20, 1905, when he resigned. During his service, he participated in all active duties incidental to the call out of the troops for the industrial disturbances at Homestead and in the coal regions.

Captain Spangler is a charter member of George H. Schwartz Camp, No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans. He was elected Department Commander of United Spanish War Veterans of Pennsylvania, in 1904. The National Convention of this order at St. Louis, by resolution, ratified the choice.

Politically, he had been an active Republican, until in 1912, when he became one of the organizers of the Independent movement, which, in Pennsylvania resulted in the organization of the Washington Party, which is a part of the Progressive Party of the nation. In 1913, under the commission form of government for cities of the third class, Captain Spangler became a candidate for the office of councilman, and from a list of forty-nine candidates he received the third highest vote on the ticket, and in November, was one of the four men to be elected.

Captain Spangler is prominent in Masonic circles of Allentown. He is a member of Barger Lodge No. 333, F. and A. M., Alton Lodge No. 1, Knights of Mystic Chain. He is also a member of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce.

He and family are members of the First Presbyterian church. He is active in Sabbath school work, and is connected with the Men's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school. Earlier in life Capt. Spangler was a member of the Baptist church, and he served the church organization as treasurer for several years.

Charles Spangler married Rosa Smith, on Oct. 7, 1886. She is a daughter of Russell and Nancy (Scholl) Smith, of Saegersville, this county. The following six children bless their union: (1) Maud E., who is a talented musician and singer. She sang in the Allentown churches until 1908, when she began singing in the leading Congregationalist Church in Philadelphia, also in the

Holy Lutheran Communion church in the same city. In the fall of 1912 she was engaged to sing in the First Presbyterian church, Allentown.

(2) Lloyd R. a machinist by trade assisted his father until 1909, when he accepted a position on the Pacific coast.

(3) Lawrence died in 1909, aged 16 years.

(4) Helen R., is a graduate of the Allentown High School since 1913; and is now her father's bookkeeper.

(5) Elizabeth A.

(6) Edith M.

William Spangler, a native of Blair county, Pa., was born June 2, 1828, and died January 6, 1880, aged 51 years, 7 months and 4 days. Mr. Spangler and his wife are buried on Union Cemetery, Allentown, Pa. He was a wheelwright, and came to Lehigh county in 1860, where he built and repaired many of the grist mills of the Lehigh Valley. He came to this county through Captain Charles Mickley, who was a distant kin, and who was interested in grist mills both in the Lehigh valley and Blair county.

Later Mr. Spangler connected himself with Barber and Company, who were pioneers in the foundry business in this section and gave employment to a number of men. This concern made many castings for mills, and had the trade in this line for many years. William Spangler and one Henry Trumbauer owned one-fourth interest in the concern of Barber and Company, but some time after the retirement of Mr. Barber from the firm, Mr. Spangler likewise withdrew.

He was married to Susan, a daughter of John Heimbach and wife, *nee* Deshler. She was born September 14, 1834 and died May 12, 1893. The following eight children were born to them:

Anna Belle, born January 22, 1857, and died February 7, 1883; Charles; Leshner, died in infancy; Emma died young; Martha married Os-ville Schlosser; Sallie married E. O. Reyer, president of the Cement National Bank, Northampton, Pa.; Mary, died young; Harry, of Allentown; and Ida Ellen, born December 18, 1874, and died December 17, 1897.

#### SPENCER FAMILY.

The ancestry of this name is traced through centuries in England and extends to the ninth generation in this country. It is of Norman origin, and relates to an occupation known generally now as steward. The ancient family of this name was seated long at Stotford, Bedfordshire, England, and was founded in the time of William, the Conqueror. In ancient time the kitchen was called the spence, and one who was designated

as de (of) spence or spencer, came in time to have this as a surname. In the Revolutionary records the name is spelled variously. The exact connection with those bearing the name at the present day cannot always be established with accuracy, owing to the destruction of early records, but that the family has an ancient origin beginning with the Normans in 1066, cannot be doubted.

Almon Spencer, who was a farmer all his life at Greenwich, Washington county, New York, where he owned a farm of eighty-five acres, died at the age of sixty years and is buried at Greenwich. He married Caroline, a daughter of Bartollett James, of Greenwich, and they had children: Ella, who married S. M. Hawkins, and resides at Manchester, Vermont; Warren and Jessie, deceased; Charles, a farmer at Manchester, Vermont; Lucius, a farmer, at Bennington, Vermont; two daughters who died in infancy; Edgar A., of further mention; Mirl, lives in Rutland, Vermont; a son, who died in infancy.

Edgar A., son of Almon and Caroline (James) Spencer, was born at Greenwich, Jan. 28, 1870. He was the recipient of an excellent education in the public schools near his home, leaving these at the age of eighteen years, and then accepted a position as clerk in a general store at South Shaftsbury, Vermont, which he held four years. He next filled a similar position at North Bennington, Vermont, after which, in 1895, he went to Allentown, and became an adjustor in the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company. He was advanced to the position of night foreman in due course of time, and in 1901, to that of day foreman of the barbed wire department, and has filled this up to the present time. His position is a most responsible one and he has two hundred and forty hands under his control. He is a member of Castle No. 55, Knights of the Golden Eagle; St. John's Lutheran church, and the Republican party. Mr. Spencer married, in 1896, Mary A., a daughter of Dr. Carver and Ameylie (Boyle) Rice, of Greenwich, New York, and they had children: Blanch A., Edgar, and Mary Louise.

#### HERMAN SPIEGEL.

Herman Spiegel, of the firm of Boehm and Spiegel, of Allentown, was born in Austria in 1868. He was educated in the schools of his native country and Allentown. He learned the trade of wood carving, which he followed for a number of years. In 1905 he became a member of the firm of Boehm & Spiegel Co., who conducted their business at Bethlehem until August, 1911, when they moved to Allentown, where they increased their working force to 35 men. He is

an active and faithful member of the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, being actively identified with the leading organizations of the same. In 1897 he was married to Anna M. Buehrle, daughter of F. and C. Buehrle, of Allentown. They have four children: Joseph; Catharine, Frank, and Herbert.

Joseph A. Spiegel, the father of Herman Spiegel, was born in Austria in 1828. Coming to America in 1882 he located at Allentown where he followed cabinet making. His wife, Catharine Hefel, was born Jan. 26, 1838. Mr. Spiegel died from typhoid pneumonia which he contracted during the terrible blizzard on March 26, 1888. He was a member of the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The names of their children are as follows: Anna; Joseph A., deceased; Martha; Herman; Christiana; Agatha; John; Ferdinand; Mary; and Catharine.

#### HARVEY W. SPRAGUE.

Harvey W. Sprague was a native of Churchville, Monroe county, N. Y., born Sept. 18, 1819, and died May 30, 1902. He was educated in the common schools of the day, and became a farmer. He was also a captain of the old State Militia for many years. He was in religion, a Universalist. He married Sarah Smith. The surviving children are: Charles A. and Franklin, of Wilson county, Kansas; Henry A., of Churchville, N. Y.; Sarah L., Mrs. Dr. Charles A. Albertson, of Oswego, N. Y.; and Harvey O., of Salisbury township, Lehigh county.

Harvey O. Sprague, son of Harvey W. and Sarah (Smith) Sprague, was born at Churchville, N. Y., March 12, 1846. He was educated in the public schools and the Ann Arbor (Michigan) University, graduating in 1869, in the law department. After graduating, he located in Kansas, where he engaged in farming, law and real estate, for four years. He subsequently removed, in 1876, to Hillsgrove township, Sullivan county, Pa., and followed farming for two years. He then located at Elmira, N. Y., and followed railroading for 13 years. In 1891, he removed to South Bethlehem, Pa., and located on a six-acre tract at Ackers, (formerly the Geiss or Goff) Hotel, in eastern Salisbury township. In politics he is a Democrat and is a justice of the peace of the district since 1910. He was also a justice of the peace in Sullivan county, Pa. He and family are members of the Reformed Church. He was earlier, a Universalist. He married Sept. 18, 1873, Henrietta O. Huckell, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Plotts) Huckell. Issue: Harvey W.; Benjamin H. and Harry S., twins; Edward W., and two who died young.

HARVEY W. SPRAGUE, the eldest son of Harvey O. and Henrietta O. (Huckell) Sprague, was born Aug. 13, 1874, in Hills Grove township, Sullivan county, Pa. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools of Elmira, N. Y., and at Lehigh University, at South Bethlehem, Pa., graduating in 1896 in mechanical engineering. He then entered the employ of the Bethlehem Foundry and Machine Company, where he became the general superintendent in 1899. In 1907 he became chief engineer for the Alsen's American Portland Cement Company, at Catskill, N. Y., where he remained for one year. He then returned to South Bethlehem and was engaged with the Bethlehem Steel Company for a time. Subsequently he and Clyde E. Snyder, under the name of the General Crushed Stone Company, became the successor of George L. Knauss, at Rittersville, Pa., which they conducted until the incorporation of the Sprague Machine Company, at Fountain Hill, of which enterprise Mr. Sprague was the head and leading spirit until his retirement from the concern in the spring of 1914.

He is a member of St. Mark's church and is a member of the church council since 1911.

Harvey W. Sprague married, April 12, 1898, Elizabeth M. Nace, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bachman) Nace. Children: Marion, and Mark Sprague.

#### STAHLER FAMILY.

John Nicholas Stahler, a native of the Palatinate, Germany, emigrated to this country in 1738, arriving at Philadelphia on Oct. 27, 1738. He settled in what is now Upper Milford township, where, in 1744, he took up a tract of land containing 26 acres, 51 perches, and in 1759, he purchased from Henry Schiszler an adjoining tract of 149¾ acres, obtaining a patent for both tracts Oct. 5, 1761, at £27, 5 sh., and 6 d. This land is situated about a mile from the road to Zionsville, and he lived here for fifty years, until he died in September, 1794. He was married to Maria Magdalena and they had six sons: Anthony, John Nicholas, Jr., Philip, Ludwig, Henry and Peter. In his last will and testament, dated Sept. 17, 1794, he appointed his son Ludwig as executor. His real estate was divided between two of his sons: Henry, who accepted 79 ac., 33 ps. at £540; and Peter, 86 ac., 67 ps. at £510.

Anthony Stahler, his eldest son, was born in December, 1739, and died Dec. 24, 1797. His wife Susanna was born in July, 1748, and died June 22, 1813. They had three sons: Anthony, Jr., John Nicholas, and Henry; and five daughters. John Nicholas, the second son, was born in June, 1752, and died Sept. 24, 1830. He was

married to Barbara Baer, and they had three sons: Lawrence, Daniel, Jacob, and three daughters.

Lawrence Stahler, the eldest son of John Nicholas, Jr., was born April 19, 1779, and died Aug. 15, 1854. He married Magdalena Reinhard, daughter of John Adam. She was born Aug. 12, 1789, and died April 27, 1876. He served as a justice of the peace from 1812 to 1845. They had nine children: Joshua; Reuben; Joel; Daniel; Asor; Mary, married Charles Kline; Annie, married William Reichenbach; Sarah, married Solomon Schantz; and Cillah, married Arah Ortt.

Joshua Stahler, the eldest son of Lawrence, was born Oct. 2, 1814. In 1837, he was married to Sarah Stahler, daughter of David Stahler. He taught school for eight years and subsequently learned the trade of blacksmith. He pursued his trade for ten years, when he became a merchant and landlord, besides farming and the surveying of land. He was elected justice of the peace as a Democrat in 1844, and re-elected in 1848. In 1851, he was elected register of wills of Lehigh county, and then he moved to Allentown. In 1864, he was elected associate judge of the county, and filled the office for two successive terms. In 1874, he was elected an alderman of Allentown, and re-elected in 1878. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He died Oct. 4, 1885. He married Sarah, daughter of David Stahler. She died Feb. 6, 1887. They had five children, all deceased.

Miss Josephine E. Kline, who became the foster daughter of Judge Stahler, is a daughter of Henry W. and Theresa (Kuhns) Kline. Her mother dying when Josephine was nearly five years of age, she was taken to the home of Judge Stahler, who became her guardian. She was educated in the schools of Allentown, and until the death of Judge and Mrs. Stahler, she made her home with them, and to them devoted her life, dearly loving and respecting them.

In 1888, she removed from the Stahler home to 733 Turner street, where she has since continued to reside. She is a member of Zion's Reformed church, and also of the various church societies, and withal a lady of culture and refinement; of a pleasing personality, and is noted for her many acts of charity and good deeds.

Daniel Stahler, the second son of John Nicholas, Jr., was born March 31, 1781, and died Aug. 31, 1854. He established the first hotel at Dillingersville in 1812, then known as Stahler's; and then he was appointed postmaster of the new post-office there, the first established in Upper Milford township, and he held the office



until 1827. He served as a county commissioner of Lehigh county from 1842 to 1845.

Jacob Stahler, the third son of John Nicholas, Jr., was born Sept. 2, 1786. A daughter, Magdalena, was born in 1791, and another daughter, Elizabeth, in 1795.

Philip Stahler, the third son of John Nicholas Stahler, Sr., and his wife, Anna Maria, had eight children: Abraham; Elias, born 1792; Lydia, born 1785; Barbara, born 1787; Christiana, born 1791; Magdalena, born 1797; David, born 1800; and Daniel, born 1802.

Ludwig Stahler, the fourth son of John Nicholas Stahler, Sr., was a justice of the peace by appointment from 1787 to 1821. He and his wife, Catharine, had three sons: Christian, born 1782; David; and John Nicholas; and five daughters.

Henry Stahler, the fifth son of John Nicholas Stahler, Sr., died in 1819. He and his wife, Margaret, had five sons: Anthony, Henry, Thomas, Cyrus, and Isaac; and five daughters.

Peter Stahler, the youngest son of John Nicholas, Sr., was married, but had no children. He served as a justice of the peace from 1799 to 1809.

John Stahler, son of Daniel, and grandson of John Nicholas, Jr., was born in Upper Milford township. He was engaged as a drover early in life and later for many years conducted a hotel at Coopersburg. His wife was Caroline Wieder, a daughter of John Adam Wieder. She died in 1836, aged 26 years, and they had an only son, Daniel. He was afterward married to Catharine Wagner and they had a number of children.

DANIEL STAHLER, son of John by his wife, Caroline, was born in Upper Milford township, Feb. 25, 1832. In early life he was a farmer and also a drover, and he was later engaged in burning lime at Bingham, in Northampton county, which he carried on for many years. Afterwards, he purchased the Landis mill and conducted it until his death, Oct. 5, 1888. He is buried at the Blue church, of which he and his wife were members. In 1854 he was married to Cecelia Stahr, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Engelman) Stahr, of Upper Saucon. Mrs. Stahler's father was a blacksmith and made locks, keys, cutlery, spindles, etc. He is buried at Friedenville but his wife at the Blue church. They had two daughters: Emma, who married George Roth; and Cecelia, the wife of Daniel Stahler.

Reuben Stahler, second son of Lawrence, and grandson of John Nicholas, Jr., a prominent bank official at Allentown for twenty-four years, was born Nov. 8, 1816, in Upper Milford township. He remained with his father attending the district school until his fifteenth year, when he

went to Shimersville, and served as a clerk in the store of John Treichler. After continuing there several years, he, in 1841, embarked in the mercantile business for himself and continued for fourteen years. In 1851, he was elected a justice of the peace of the township, and served four terms.

In November, 1869, Mr. Stahler removed to Allentown, and became cashier of the Allentown Savings Institution, which position he held until May 1, 1876. Then he was elected cashier of the Second National Bank, and served until May 1, 1893, a period of seventeen years, when he resigned on account of old age; but he was made vice-president in appreciation of his long and faithful service. During this period he served as a councilman and school director of the Fourth ward. Mr. Stahler assisted in establishing the Pioneer silk mill at Allentown; also the Iowa Barb Wire Company. He had an interest in the Keystone silk mills at Emaus, and was the owner of much valuable real estate in the city.

Mr. Stahler joined the Evangelical Church at an early age. After becoming a member of Trinity U. E. church at Allentown, he served for a time as class leader. He was president of the Board of Stewards until his decease. He also served as president of the finance committee in the erection of the new church. He died Aug. 22, 1902.

In 1843, Mr. Stahler was married to Diana Engleman, daughter of Andrew Engleman. She died in 1900. They had one child, Elmira, who married Henry M. Erdman; and a grandchild, both of whom died. Mr. Stahler in his declining years was nursed most devotedly by a relative, Miss Sarah Stahler, who had been a member of his family for many years.

Henry S. Stahler, the son of Isaac, who was the fifth son of Henry, who was the fifth son of John Nicholas, Sr., was born near Zionsville, March 16, 1837. After attending the public schools, he learned the trade of shoemaker at Macungie, which he afterward followed at Zionsville for fifteen years. Then he returned to Macungie and established the "Centennial Shoe Store," which he conducted for several years. In 1878, he removed to Allentown and after working in the factory of John E. Lentz & Company until the shoemaker's strike of 1883, he resumed business for himself by opening a shop for custom-made shoes at No. 714 Hamilton street, and this he carried on until 1901. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Golden Eagles, and he served as a tax collector of the Fourth ward.

In 1858, Mr. Stahler was married to Mary A. Wieder, born 1836, daughter of John and

Sarah (Gehoe) Wieder, and they had three children: C. Frank; Emma L., married Oliver Neumeyer; and Ella J., married Frank S. Klick. They were members of the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon for many years. He died Dec. 1, 1905, and was buried in the Union cemetery.

C. FRANK STAHLER, son of Henry S., was born April 18, 1859, in Upper Milford township. He attended the public school and learned the trade of shoemaker under his father. In 1878 he accompanied his father to Allentown and they worked in the factory of John E. Lentz & Company until the shoemakers strike of 1883; then, after clerking for a while, he acted as foreman in the factory of the Allentown Shoe Manufacturing Company, for ten years, and becoming identified with the Lehigh Valley Shoe Company, he filled the position of manager for eleven years. With this experience he embarked in business for himself by organizing the C. Frank Stahler Company, for the manufacture of shoes and he has since directed its operations in a successful manner.

Mr. Stahler represented the Fourth ward in city council from 1899 to 1903, officiated as president for two years, and he also represented the ward as a school director from 1904 to 1908. He is affiliated with the Free Masons and Odd Fellows. He was an active member of the Macungie Brass Band from 1875 to 1880; and he was one of the organizers of the Arion Society of Allentown.

In 1887, Mr. Stahler was married to Annie R. Boyer, daughter of Charles E. and Susanna (Snyder) Boyer, and they had two children: Harold B., born 1888, died 1911, having become very prominent in musical circles by his accomplishments; and Marion G. They are members of the Salem Reformed church, which he has served as deacon and elder, and also as one of the building committee in the erection of its superior and costly stone edifice on Chew street. He has taken great interest in the Sunday school work as a teacher.

Henry Stahler, the third and youngest son of Anthony Stahler, was born at Zionsville. He was educated in the local schools of the village and learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed until his decease. He was married to Eliza Rice and they had nine children: Isaiah, Anthony, Henry, Samuel, Isaac, Hannah, Rebecca, Susanna, and Elizabeth. They were members of the Reformed Church.

Isaac Stahler, the fifth son of Henry, was born near Zionsville, in 1812. He was educated in the subscription schools of the vicinity, and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in a

shop at his residence until his removal to Allentown in 1878, and there he continued it until his decease, Sept. 3, 1893. He was married to Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Daniel Schwartz, of Emaus. She died July 5, 1890. They had five children: Sarah, Irwin, William, Mary E., and a child which died in infancy. They were members of the Reformed church at Zionsville.

Sarah Stahler, eldest child of Isaac Stahler, was born near Zionsville, and there she received her education. She was the housekeeper and nurse for Reuben Stahler, the banker, at Allentown, for many years, until his decease in 1902. She has been actively interested in the Trinity United Evangelical church and its Ladies' Aid Society. Mary E. Stahler has her home with her sister Sarah. She was greatly devoted to the care and comfort of her parents until they died, and she is also interested in religious and charitable work. She is a member of Salem Reformed church.

#### PAUL STALEK.

Paul Stalek, tailor at Allentown, was born Jan. 14, 1887, in Hungary. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen years old and then learned the trade of a tailor which he followed emigrated to America and first located at Bethlehem, where he worked at his trade for several months; but finding greater opportunities at Allentown he went to the "Queen City of the Lehigh Valley," and after following his trade for two years in the employ of the Ladies' Tailoring Company, he was encouraged to engage in business for himself. Accordingly he started a tailor shop at No. 101 West Second street, and there he has conducted a successful business until the present time. He was married to Verona Likly.

His father is Ferdinand Stalek, a carpenter by trade. He was married to Christina Nigrina, and they have nine children, all of them, excepting Paul, residing in Hungary.

#### STAUFFER FAMILY.

Abraham Stauffer, a farmer, lived at Kraussdale, Bucks county. He and his wife, Eva, were members of the Mennonite Church, and they are buried at the Upper Milford Meeting House. Their children were: Abraham, Samuel, Henry, Jacob, Hettie, who died unmarried, aged 54 years, and Betty, married to John Moyer, of Plumsteadville, Pa.

Jacob Stauffer, son of Abraham, who lived for a time at Spinnerstown, died at Milford Square where he lived for four years before his death in 1871, aged 71 years. He was married to

Elizabeth Gehman. Their children were: Catharine, Abraham, Anna, Hettie, John, Daniel, and Lovinia Kummery of Allentown.

#### STECKEL FAMILY.

This family probably originated from Switzerland as the name occurs in the archives at Basel in 1615. The ancestor of this family was Peter Steckel, who arrived at Philadelphia in the ship Bilander Thistle, Oct. 28, 1738, at the age of nineteen years.

In 1742 he was already located in Whitehall township, as appears from the Egypt church records, his name (spelled Stoeckel) appearing as a sponsor at a baptism on Nov. 21, 1742. He located on a tract of land in what is now North Whitehall township, adjoining land of Christopher Bear, and in 1755 resided on a tract of 356 acres. His name appears in 1758 as the owner of two draught horses. He was assessed in Whitehall township, in the year 1762, to the amount of £25; in 1763, £16, and in 1764, £11 on 200 acres of undeeded land. On May 20, 1768, he purchased from Peter Troxell, of Gwynedd township, Philadelphia county, his plantation at Egypt, containing 410 acres and thirty-three perches for £1420. On this tract was a large stone house, built by Troxell in 1756, which still stands, and a stone barn, built in 1758, eighty-five by thirty-seven feet, which was torn down in 1874, when parts of the clay threshing floor were found to be still in good condition.

In this year, 1768, Peter Steckel was the third highest taxpayer in Whitehall township, having been assessed £16, 9, 0. Of his 410 acres, 150 acres were cultivated. He owned four houses, four cows and nine sheep and paid one-half penny sterling per acre, quit rent for his land. He was a member of the Egypt Reformed congregation, and in 1767 contributed £3 toward the purchase of a parsonage, being one of the most liberal contributors. He was one of the most progressive farmers of the vicinity and went to considerable expense in constructing in Archimedes' screw to water the higher ground on his farm. In 1772 he was assessed £17, 10, 0, the second highest in the township. Peter Steckel died in the year 1784, aged sixty-five years. As the members of the Egypt congregation desired to erect a new church building, Christian Saeger expressed a willingness to deed the church one-half an acre of ground, but as he had no land adjoining the church he deeded one-half an acre to Peter Steckel, whose land adjoined the church property, who promised to deed an acre to the congregation. He died before he could fulfill his promise and in 1786 his sons, Henry and Jacob, carried out the wish of their father.

Peter Steckel married Mary Elizabeth Bear, a sister of Christopher Bear, who survived him, and whom, with his son, Henry, he appointed executrix of his estate by his will dated June 30, 1781. His land he bequeathed to his sons, Henry and John. To his son, Jacob, twenty acres, and £50 and to his sons, Daniel and Peter, £200, and to each of his four daughters, £50.

He had nine children who survived him, a son, Peter, Jr., having died in 1771 or 1772, after which he named his youngest child, born Nov. 8, 1772, Peter.

The children of Peter Steckel and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Bear, were:

I. Anna Elizabeth Steckel, born June 24, 1746, died April 26, 1831. She married John Schneider, born in January, 1745, and died June 19, 1803. They are buried at Kreidersville.

II. Catherine Steckel, born April 8, 1749, died April 8, 1830. She married John Martin Mickle.

III. John Steckel, married Mary Magdalena Newhard. He lived on a portion of the Steckel homestead, where he died about 1820. He had four children: (1) Salome, born Sept. 22, 1787, who married Jacob Biery and moved West; (2) Daniel; (3) Peter, and (4) Joseph.

Daniel Steckel, eldest son of John, was born Nov. 25, 1789. He acquired his father's homestead, which he farmed until his death Aug. 18, 1877. He married, first, Salome Keck, with whom he had eight children: (1) Elizabeth, born Nov. 7, 1816, died young; (2) James, born Oct. 20, 1817, died young; (3) Levina, born June 21, 1819, married Charles Freyman; (4) Maria, born Sept. 9, 1820, married Monroe Music, had two daughters, and moved west; (5) Eli, born April 24, 1822, who married twice, had two daughters and died at Cleveland, O.; (6) Alexander, born Dec. 6, 1823, died unmarried; (7) Gideon, born Jan. 18, 1825; (8) Sarah A., born Feb. 15, 1827, died Sept. 30, 1902, married Joshua Miller and had children: Robert A.; Jane E., and Rosa, wife of Wm. Koehler. Daniel Steckel married, second, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Mary Frantz. She was born March 27, 1802, and died July 31, 1880. They had ten children: (1) Caroline, born Feb. 20, 1829, married Joseph Miller and removed to Akron, O.; (2) Esther, born March 5, 1830, married Charles Schaeffer, of Cementon; (3) Reuben, born March 31, 1831; (4) Mary, born May 5, 1832, married Stephen Albright. She had four daughters and still lives at Allentown; (5) Amos, born July 20, 1833, who studied law with Jas. S. Reese, Esq., and later removed to Bloomfield, Ia. He married twice and had a son, William, a banker, and four daughters, Edith,

Mildred, Helen and Stella. (6) William F., born Sept. 27, 1835, who served in the Civil War and was twice married. In his first marriage he had a daughter, Mattie, who married Prof. Whittle, of Arkansas. He married, second, Emma Kichline, and had a daughter, Emma, a practicing attorney. (7) Alfred P., born Nov. 14, 1836. (8) Rev. Lewis D., born Jan. 2, 1839, a Reformed church pastor at Greensburg, who married Barbara Peters and had a son, Abraham, an electrical engineer in New York City, and two daughters, Mary, wife of Doctor Berg, of Frederick, Md., and Martha. (9) Dr. Edmond F., born June 1, 1841, married Bessie Sharp and had three daughters, Elizabeth, Mabel and Minnie. (10) Henry J., born Dec. 27, 1844, married Ellen Shaffer and had three daughters.

Reuben Steckel, son of Daniel, was born in Whitehall township, March 31, 1831. He farmed the homestead until 1884, when he removed to Slatington, where he was in the employ of his brother, Dr. A. P., until his death. He was a member of the Reformed Church and active, both in the Egypt and Slatington congregations. He was the organizer of the Sheidy's Sunday school, of which he was superintendent many years and was succeeded by his sons. He died at Slatington, Sept. 10, 1897. He married Amelia L., daughter of Conrad and Lydia (Rhoads) Leisenring. She was born March 28, 1838, and died March 27, 1907. They had ten children: Howard D., a teacher, of Slatington; Rev. Oscar P., of Mahanoy City; Lydia E., wife of Israel J. Ritter, of Allentown; Abbie M., wife of J. Wilson Rabert, of Allentown; Samuel L.; Reuben, superintendent of a slate quarry, at Slatington; Edmund C., teller of the Citizens' National Bank, of Slatington; Gertrude, wife of Geo. A. Laub, of Allentown; Hattie G., formerly a school teacher, and Amelia, who is now teaching school.

SAMUEL L. STECKEL, slate operator, of Slatington, was born on the Steckel homestead near Egypt in 1868. He was educated in the public schools and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school. When less than twenty years old he became clerk in John C. Mack's slate office, and when the office was removed to Philadelphia he accompanied it as head bookkeeper and remained there four years. In 1892 he returned to Slatington and engaged in the buying and selling of roofing slate and became connected with a number of successful quarries. He is an executor and trustee of the estate of A. A. Kern, his father-in-law, and is one of the leading business men of the borough, employing a large number of men. Mr. Steckel is a member of the

advisory board of the Republican county committee, and a prominent factor in the political life of the community. He served in the borough council several years and was for two years its president. He and his family are members of St. John's Reformed church and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school since 1903. Mr. Steckel married, in 1891, Lillian C., daughter of A. A. Kern, of Slatington. They had three children: Harry A., a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, who is a piano tuner with the Kramer Music House, of Allentown; Mildred, died aged eleven years, and Rachel. Mr. Steckel has interested himself in the education of the motherless children of his brother, and has sent his nephew, H. B., through a medical school.

Alfred P. Steckel, M. D., son of Daniel, was born Nov. 14, 1836, and was educated in the local schools and the high school at Siegfried. He was employed as a blacksmith for three years, after which he taught school in the winter and engaged in brickmaking in the summer, meanwhile studying medicine. In 1862 he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated in 1864, and located at Slatington. On Sept. 14, 1864, he enlisted as assistant surgeon in the 211th Pennsylvania Infantry and served until honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., June 2, 1865. In July, 1865, he returned to Slatington and practiced his profession for twenty years, after which he devoted his time to the various business projects in which he was interested. In 1875, he became interested in the slate business and in 1883 opened one of the largest general stores in the borough of Slatington. He was interested in the old Columbia, Little Franklin and Big Franklin quarries, and also laid out many acres of land in building lots and not only in this, but in other ways helped to improve Slatington and its surroundings. He was burgess in 1865 and 1866 and served in the town council and school board, of which he was treasurer. For many years he was the leading merchant and a moving spirit in the borough. He died Feb. 14, 1897.

Doctor Steckel married, June 2, 1866, Amanda E., daughter of Charles Peters and his wife, Catharine German. They had eleven children: Wm. L., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Margaret E., wife of William Sacks, of Catasauqua; Nevin D.; Mrs. Catharine Froneberger, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Fred P.; Ursula A., wife of Robert Werley; Emma L., wife of Dean Wilcox, of Scranton; Horace B.; Estella M., wife of Frank Kinsey, of Hackensack, N. J.; Harvey H. and Earl H. Dr. and Mrs. Steckel became members

of St. John's Reformed church and the doctor was a member of Samuel Kress Post, No. 731, G. A. R., and an active Republican.

FRED P. STECKEL, slate operator, of Slatington, was born in that borough, March 20, 1876, and educated in the public and high schools and Ursinus College, where he graduated in 1896. While at college he was captain of the baseball and football teams, and subsequently played two years as a professional ball player with the Brockton, Mass., team, in the New England League. In his home town he has taken an active interest in athletics. The illness of his father called him home to conduct his large business interests, which he superintended, after his death, until the death of his mother on March 3, 1907, when the slate business was incorporated as the Columbia Slate Company, and the store business as A. P. Steckel & Co., of which companies he is now president and general manager, with offices at 667 Main street. Mr. Steckel is a member of Slatington Lodge, No. 440, F. and A. M.; Slatington R. A. Chapter, No. 292; Knights of Pythias; P. O. S. of A.; Knights of Friendship and Foresters of America. He served two terms in the borough council as a Republican, and is a member of the Reformed church. He married, Jan. 10, 1901, Ellen J., daughter of William E. and Jane (Morris) Roberts.

Peter Steckel, second son of John, was born June 12, 1792, and died Aug. 21, 1849. He was a blacksmith and carried on that business at Hartman's Ferry along the Lehigh and at the Irish settlement, near Bath, until 1828, when he purchased from Walter C. Livingston a tract of 100 acres, along the Jordan creek, adjoining Allentown, which is still owned by his descendants. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hartman, and had one daughter, Mary Salome, born Jan. 16, 1817; and second, Esther, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Biery) Burkhalter, born Aug. 31, 1801, died March 2, 1891, and had four children: Robert; Amanda, married Peter Mohr; Reuben P., and Anna B.

Hon. Robert Steckel, son of Peter Steckel, was born in Allen township, Northampton county, Sept. 13, 1823. He attended the public schools in his youth, and concluded his education in the Allentown Academy. He then entered the wholesale grocery house of his uncle, in New York City, remaining there several years, when he returned home, and assisted his father in the operation of his farms, later taking entire charge. On his father's death, he became the owner of two of the finest farms in the Lehigh Valley, and operated them successfully for twenty-five years. He then removed to Allentown and became a

member of the hardware firm of M. S. Young & Co., retaining his interest therein until his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. He was twice elected to the State Legislature, in 1872 and 1873. He was a public-spirited citizen, having a kindly spirit, which prompted his generous assistance to the poor and needy. He died Aug. 30, 1886.

Robert Steckel married Miss Hannah Frederick, daughter of George and Hannah (Haas) Frederick. They had but one child, Robert Peter. Mrs. Steckel, since her husband's death, has continued to occupy her home in Allentown, and she and her son were members of the Reformed Church.

ROBERT PETER STECKEL, son of Robert and Hannah (Frederick) Steckel, their only child, was born in Catasauqua, Pa., Sept. 15, 1849. He received a good education and was trained to habits of industry and enterprise. With the family he came to Allentown, and upon his father's death, succeeded to his interest in the hardware business, as a member of the firm of M. S. Young & Co. June 1, 1893, he sold his interest in the store, and devoted his attention chiefly to his banking and agricultural interests, having an excellent farm of 161 acres. He made a specialty of breeding high grade cattle and mules, and his place was equipped with all modern improvements. He was for several years a director in the Allentown National Bank, and also a director and treasurer of the Allentown Glass Works.

In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran. He was a man of sterling qualities and devoted to his home and family. He built a fine mansion in Allentown in 1888, in which his widow now lives. He died Sept. 23, 1906.

Robert Peter Steckel married, March 28, 1874, Rebecca A. Henninger, daughter of Charles and Adaline E. (Roth) Henninger, of Whitehall township. Their only child, Esther Adaline Steckel, early entered the Allentown College for Women, graduating at the age of seventeen years, with the degree of A. B. She then took a post graduate course in art, in which she became very proficient. She was married, June 20, 1896, to George E. D. Guth, daughter of Albert J. D. and Sarah (Kressley) Guth. Their children are: Alice Steckel Guth, born Aug. 10, 1907, and Sarah Rebecca Guth, born June 3, 1911. Mr. Guth and his brother are proprietors of the Lafayette Hotel, in Allentown, operating under the name of Guth Brothers. Mrs. Guth is a devoted wife and mother. Her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Steckel, is a member of St. John's Luth-

eran church and also a member of the Board of Foreign and Home Missions.

REUBEN P. STECKEL.

The late Reuben Peter Steckel, who was a widely known business man of Allentown, a member of the firm of M. S. Young & Company, was born in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county, son of Peter and Esther (Burkhalter) Steckel, and grandson on the paternal side of John Steckel and on the maternal side of Henry Burkhalter. He was the youngest of a family of four children, the others being as follows: Robert, married Hannah Frederick; Amanda, wife of Peter Moore; Anna B.

Reuben P. Steckel obtained a practical education in the schools of his neighborhood, and in the Allentown Academy. In early life he assisted his father in the work of the farm, and afterward entered the hardware store of Barber & Young for whom he continued to act as salesman until 1860, when he was given an interest in the business. Subsequently he became a partner in the firm of M. S. Young & Company, one of the leading houses in that line of trade, their store being one of the most extensive in the Lehigh Valley, stocked with full lines of merchandise. Mr. Steckel managed this business for many years, his wise judgment, conservatism and rare foresight proving of great value in his conduct of affairs. For a number of years prior to his decease he led a retired life, although he retained a financial interest in the business. For two years he served on the directorship of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, his advice and counsel on all matters being considered safe and prudent. Since attaining his majority he was an active Republican, but never sought or held public office. He was a member of the Reformed Church, in the work of which he took a deep interest. He displayed his patriotism by enlisting in the Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, in 1862, in answer to an emergency call, and accompanied his regiment to Hagerstown, Maryland, where the command was stationed at the time of the battle of Antietam in order to assist if necessary, and after the close of the engagement the regiment was returned to Pennsylvania, having been absent for only twelve days.

Mr. Steckel married A. Maria, daughter of Owen and Pauline (Frederick) Diefenderfer. One child, Anna Esther, who graduated from Allentown College for Women, 1905, Albert Academy, 1906, Vassar College, 1910; and since her father's death, 1913, has assumed entire business management of the estate.

Joseph Steckel, third son of John, was born March 27, 1802, and died July 31, 1880. He

was a carpenter for some years and later a farmer and also a hotelkeeper for two years. His father's farm is now owned by the Giant Cement Company and upon it stands a very old weather boarded loghouse. Joseph Steckel became captain and major of the Lighthouse Militia and was popular in the township. He was elected as a Democrat to the first board of school directors and served several years, and was also deacon, elder and trustee of the Egypt Reformed congregation. He married, first, Maria Magdalena Troxell, born Feb. 11, 1805, died Feb. 1, 1838, daughter of John Nicholas and Maria Troxell. They had eight children: Thomas; Josiah; Ephraim; Amelia, born March 11, 1829; Maria, born Aug. 14, 1830; Edward; Lydia, born March 16, 1835, and Angelina, born Dec. 15, 1836. He married, second, Sarah Woodring, born March 3, 1814, died June 21, 1890. They had eight children: John, born July 30, 1840, died July 8, 1887; Aaron, born April 7, 1843; Salome; Owen, born April 22, 1848; Tilghman; Hiram; Oliver and Joseph.

Ephraim Steckel, third son of Joseph, was born April 12, 1827, and farmed in Whitehall until 1876, when he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where he purchased an eighty-acre farm. He died April 5, 1901, and is buried near Amber, Jones county, Ia. He married Sallie A., daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Biery) Steckel, who was born Oct. 23, 1833, and died Sept. 6, 1904. They had eleven children: Frank, of Anamosa, Ia.; Nathan, of Amber, Ia.; Milton; Ellen; Emmanuel; Sarah, wife of Charles Strauss, of Amber; Mary, wife of Wm. Strawman, of Amber; David, also in Iowa; Mrs. Annie Bailey, of Amber; Walter and Abbie.

MILTON STECKEL, son of Ephraim, was born at Egypt, March 5, 1856. He was reared upon the farm and in 1878 moved to Jefferson township, Berks county, where he farmed for five years and in 1883 moved to Whitehall, where he has successfully operated a truck farm for twenty-two years, the first eighteen years of which he regularly attended the Allentown markets. Since 1906 he has been a cement contractor, employing from three to five men in making curbs, gutters and pavements of cement. In 1909 he was elected a member of the township school board as a Democrat and in 1911 was re-elected, under the new code laws and is the first treasurer of the new board. He is an active member of the Egypt Reformed congregation and served five years as deacon, two years as elder and two years as trustee, and since 1906 has been superintendent of the Union Sunday school. He married, first, Sept. 29, 1877, Isabella Troxell, born June 8, 1857, died Aug. 29, 1903. They had seven chil-



dren: Margaret, wife of Morris Lazarus; Thomas, of Allentown; Phoebe, died aged eleven years; Florence, wife of Harvey Kratzer; Frank, married Emily Dreisbach; Charles, died aged two years, and Alfred. He married, second, May 20, 1905, Jane R. Scheirer, widow of Joseph Bertsch.

Edward Steckel, fourth son of Joseph, was born Aug. 30, 1832. He was a millwright and lived at Coplay about forty years. He was a member of Mickley's Reformed congregation, where he is buried. He married Wilhelmina Gilbert and had eight children: Charles; Rosa, wife of Chester Laubach, of West Catasauqua; William; Francis; Lucy, wife of Henry Wassam, of West Coplay; Harvey; Preston J. and Irwin. Charles, William, Francis, Harvey and Irwin are deceased.

PRESTON J. STECKEL, retail coal dealer at West Coplay, was born in Whitehall township, Nov. 28, 1868. He was first employed on the farm and at the age of eighteen years learned the carpenter trade and followed it ten years. He then became foreman of the Giant Mill for the American Cement Company, a position he filled until the winter of 1911. On Jan. 20, 1911, he engaged in the coal business at West Coplay, leasing the Simon Myer's coal yard, which he purchased in July, 1911. He has the only yard at West Coplay. He is a member of the United Whitehall Beneficial Society; the Minsi Tribe, Order of Red Men, and of the Reformed church at Mickleys.

He married, in 1893, Laura Roth, daughter of David and Rebecca (Heintzelman) Roth, and their children are: Edward D., a stenographer, and Harold P.

Oliver Steckel, son of Joseph and Sarah (Woodring) Steckel, was born near West Coplay, Pa., Aug. 18, 1852. His schooling he received in the public schools, and for twenty-one years he was engaged in farming on the Frank Guth farm, east of Saegersville. After retiring therefrom, he went to assist his son at Pennsburg. Politically, he is a Democrat, and is a member of K. G. E., as well as of the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon. He was married to Mary, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Mohr) Gagenbach, in 1875 their issue being: (1) Victor H.; (2) Marcus J., married to Anna Fried, deceased, of Pennsburg, and (3) William O., of Allentown, Pa. He resides at Pennsburg.

VICTOR H. STECKEL, son of Oliver and Mary Steckel, was born at Orefield, Pa., April 26, 1876. Attending the public schools until eighteen years of age, he attended thereupon the New York Trade School for one term, learning the

plumbing and heating business. On Aug. 10, 1896, he began the plumbing business at 551 North Eighth street, Allentown, where he continued until April 1, 1897, when he removed to Pennsburg, where he continues in the plumbing, heating and lighting business. In 1905, he started the automobile business in connection with the above, having salesrooms at Pennsburg and 145 Hamilton street, Allentown, which latter have been recently removed to Sixth and Union streets. He is distributor for the K-R-L-T and Peterson pleasure cars, and the Lincoln and B. O. E. trucks. In 1903, he was elected on the Democratic ticket as councilman at Pennsburg. He is a director of the Pennsburg National Bank since 1911; belongs socially to the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., K. G. E., K. P., K. F. and I. O. U. M., and also is a member of the Reformed Church. He was married to Katie, daughter of Harry B. and Sarah Hartzell, Oct. 29, 1899, and resides at 227 North Main street, Pennsburg.

JOSEPH STECKEL, of West Coplay, eleventh and youngest son of Joseph, twin brother of Oliver, was born Aug. 18, 1852. He spent his boyhood on the farm and was employed on his father's farm until the age of twenty-three, when he learned the carpenter trade, at which he was employed for nine years in the Stemton car shops. He was then employed in the cement mill at Egypt for sixteen years, after which he was master mechanic at the Whitehall Cement Company for five years, from which position he retired on account of ill health. At his retirement his associates presented to him, as a token of their esteem, a gold watch, with this inscription: "Presented to Joseph Steckel by employees of the Whitehall Portland Cement Company, Feb. 28, 1907." Mr. Steckel owns a thirty-five-acre farm three children: Lottie, who died in infancy; Martin North Whitehall, near Levans. He resides at West Coplay since April 2, 1881. He is a Democrat and served six years as school director and was president of the board for three years. He is a member of the Egypt Reformed congregation and of the Whitehall Beneficial Society.

He was married, Oct. 24, 1875, to Ellemanda Silfies, daughter of Levi and Julia (Hess) Silfies. They had four children: Jennie, who married Campbell Newhard; Joseph L., who married Lillie K. Roth; Robert J., who married Mamie Roth, a sister of Lillie K., and Tilghman T., at home.

IV. Jacob Steckel, second son of Peter, the emigrant, was born Nov. 1, 1753, and died June 15, 1836. He built a stone building at Egypt in 1796, where he kept store until 1821 and also kept a hotel until 1815. He was treasurer

of the English school in 1808. He married, Jan. 16, 1780, Eva Catharine Saeger, who was born July 6, 1757, and died Jan. 17, 1815. They had two sons and three daughters: Maria Susanna, born Oct. 11, 1780, died July 10, 1832, married John Deichman; Eva Catharine, born Dec. 12, 1782; Abraham, born Jan. 12, 1785, married a Miss Rabert; John Jacob, born March 21, 1789, died Sept. 30, 1827, in Allentown, who married, first, Mary Ludwig, born March 6, 1792, died Feb. 6, 1817, and had four children, and second, Susanna Gauff, and had one child; Regina, born Feb. 6, 1803.

V. Henry Steckel, third son of Peter, the emigrant, was born in 1756, and died May 30, 1826. He owned the old homestead built by Peter Troxell in 1756, and bequeathed his land to his two sons, Peter and Solomon. He married Maria Schneider, sister of Michael Schneider. His son, Peter, was born Aug. 27, 1785, and died April 4, 1866. He married, first, Elizabeth Biery, born April 8, 1791, died Aug. 25, 1835, and had thirteen children: John Peter, born March 28, 1808, died in Ohio; Esther, born Sept. 17, 1810, married Thos. Gangawere, of Indiana; Deborah, born Nov. 3, 1814, died Sept. 17, 1889, married Enoch Newhard; Catharine, born March 24, 1816, married a Mr. Glick; Elizabeth, born Dec. 14, 1817, died Aug. 9, 1900, married Tilghman Hartman, of Amber, Ia., and had sons, Wm. H., of Waterloo, Ia., Henry C., and Peter J.; Thomas, born June 25, 1820, died March 16, 1906, a prominent citizen of Allentown, who married Jemima Kaull, born March 31, 1819, died Feb. 26, 1898, and had a son, Thomas, died in 1871, and a son, Albert, married to Caroline Engelman, and had a daughter, Grace, widow of Samuel S. Moyer; Charles, born March 6, 1822; Joseph, born Jan. 21, 1824, died in Nov. 1904, in Mulberry, Ind., leaving a son, Martin, and four other children; Clarissa, born Jan. 4, 1826, married Jacob Weiss, of Amber, Ia.; Mrs. Rebecca Guinther, born March 20, 1828; David, born Aug. 6, 1830, died in California, and Sally A., born Oct. 23, 1833, died Sept. 6, 1904, who married Ephraim Steckel. Peter Steckel married, second, Mrs. Catharine Mickley, *nee* Miller, born Jan. 20, 1803, died Feb. 25, 1888, and had four children: Ephraim, born 1836; Maria Anna and William, died young, and Mrs. Matilda McKee.

Solomon Steckel, son of Henry, was born Dec. 13, 1788. He received one-half of his father's land, on which he built a large stone house. He married Anna Maria Geiger. Their children were: Solomon, Jr.; William, born June 4, 1813, married Caroline Leisenring and moved to Indiana and had children, Louisa, married Solo-

mon Fries, Elias, John, Celinda, Caroline, Charlotte, Frances, Ellen and William; Eli, born Nov. 21, 1820, married Levina Newhard; Maria, born Nov. 16, 1822, married (1) a Mr. Frack, and (2) John Lawall; Colletta, born June 24, 1827, married Simon Meyers.

Solomon Steckel, Jr., was born Aug. 17, 1810. He was a farmer and also a veterinarian and a butcher. He was a member of Egypt Reformed congregation and a Republican. He married Sabina Kern and had fourteen children: James; Henry, of Tiffin, O.; Jacob E.; Lewis, died in Libby prison; Wm. H.; Joseph, of Indiana; Eli; John, of Tiffin, O.; Sylvester; Charlotte, wife of Robert Rockel; Colletta; Louisa, wife of Richard Blank; Catharine, wife of Edw. Miller and Josephine, wife of Wm. David.

Jacob E. Steckel, third son of Solomon, Jr., was born March 16, 1836, at Egypt, and died in August, 1909. He was a blacksmith in early life and later farmed a tract he owned near Laury's. In his later years he lived retired at Egypt, where he was a member of the Reformed church. He married Eliza, daughter of Abraham Frantz and had eight children: Asaba; Theodore, who died at Cementon; Francis, of Egypt; Robert, of Cementon; Lillie, wife of Valentine Burger, of Quinter, Kan.; Victoria, wife of Joel Yohe, of Allentown; Rosa, wife of Owen Ebert and Catharine, wife of Chas. Diehl.

ASABA J. STECKEL was born Sept. 1, 1855, and received a common school education. He was a shoemaker at Cementon for twelve years, after which he was an engineer at a cement plant for fourteen years. In 1901 he began farming in Whitehall on a tract of fifteen acres. He is a member of the Whitehall Beneficial Society and of the Egypt Reformed congregation, of which he was some years an elder and four years a trustee. He is a Republican in politics. He married, June 2, 1879, Louisa, daughter of Reuben and Salome (Peter) Sensinger. They have no children.

Capt. Wm. H. Steckel, fifth son of Solomon, Jr., was born at Egypt, June 16, 1841. He worked upon the home farm, alternated with attendance at the public schools, until twenty years of age, when, at the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, on Sept. 18, 1861, and served in campaigns in Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana and the Shenandoah Valley. He was promoted to sergeant on Nov. 1, 1864, and to first lieutenant on Jan. 1, 1865, after Captain Goebel's death from wounds received at Cedar Creek, when Thos. B. Leisenring became captain. He was brevetted captain in action and

mustered out Dec. 25, 1865. After the war he was for some years a farmer, but later was a slater, until compelled to retire by various infirmities. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion. He died at Allentown, where he had removed in 1890, on Nov. 14, 1901. He married, in 1866, Elizabeth Green, of Charleston, S. C., still living in Allentown, and had six children: Eva, wife of Preston Frickett, of Pottsville; John H.; Martha J., wife of Oliver Krause, of Allentown; Louisa, wife of Robert Stahler; William and Lewis of Seipel's Station.

John H. Steckel, son of Capt. William H. and Elizabeth (Green) Steckel, was born at Egypt, Aug. 27, 1869. He spent his youth upon his father's farm, and acquired his education in the public schools. He then took a course in mechanical draughting with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., in 1890, after which he was employed at the Whitehall Cement Mills as general foreman for ten consecutive years, having charge of upward of fifty men. On March 6, 1912, he resigned his position. He then became proprietor of a hotel at Werley's Corner, which he carries on in connection with farming. In politics he is a Republican and active in promoting its welfare. He was a deacon and elder in St. John's Reformed church, at Cementon, where he resided for ten years. He was previously a member of the Reformed church at Coplay.

John H. Steckel married July 4, 1891, Katie Priscilla Briegel, daughter of Daniel and Priscilla (Louck) Briegel, of Robeson, Pa. They had five children: Harvey W., married Anna M. Fritzinger, and resides at Cementon; Katie G.; John H., Jr.; Clifford Jr., and Miriam E., twins, the latter named, deceased.

VI. Margaret Steckel, sixth child of Peter, the emigrant, was born Nov. 12, 1759, and died Sept. 4, 1820. She married Martin Meyer.

VII. Dorothea Steckel, seventh child of Peter, was born in March, 1764, and died May 3, 1798. She married Peter Burkhalter, Jr.

VIII. Daniel Steckel, fourth son of Peter, the emigrant, was born Sept. 1, 1767, in Whitehall township. He settled at Bath, Northampton county, where he was a tanner and farmer and where he died Sept. 18, 1768, aged 101 years and seventeen days. He married Rebecca, daughter of Jesse Jones and had six children: Sarah; Hannah; Daniel; Elizabeth; Joseph and Peter, who was in the War of 1812 and sheriff of Northampton county from 1841 to 1844. Joseph Steckel, born March 29, 1806, died in 1872, married Elizabeth Scholl and had three children: Henry F., Susan A. and Elizabeth; Henry F.

Steckel, Esq., born Feb. 25, 1829, married Annie M. Whitesell and had two children: Jennie M. and Daniel E.

IX. Peter Steckel, youngest son of Peter, the emigrant, was born Nov. 3, 1772, and died Feb. 22, 1866, aged ninety-three years. He was a farmer and tanner, near Klecknersville, where he lived and died and was buried at Moore township church. He married Anna Maria Schott, who was born Dec. 4, 1777, and died Dec. 17, 1855. They had 12 children: (1) Aaron; (2) Charles; (3) Gideon; (4) Solomon; (5) Mrs. Jacob Bower; (6) Catharine; (Mrs. Jacob Schall); (7) Elizabeth, (Mrs. George Young); (8) Hannah, (Mrs. Daniel Hagenbach); (9) Mary, (Mrs. Daniel Schall); (10) Mrs. Christian Young; (11) Mrs. Abraham Young, and (12) Leah, (Mrs. Jacob Lawfer). George, Christian and Abraham Young, were brothers.

Aaron Steckel, son of Peter and Maria (Schott) Steckel, was born June 19, 1811. He was a farmer and tanner near Klecknersville, Northampton county. He owned two farms containing about 100 acres. He was a deacon and elder in the Reformed Church. He died in Sept. 1898, and was buried at Moore township church. Aaron Steckel married Leah Bachman, daughter of Adam Bachman, and had five children: (1) Theodore; (2) Sarah, (Mrs. George Kromer); (3) and (4) Mary and Elizabeth, died young; (5) Aaron F., unmarried and a resident of Allentown.

Theodore Steckel, son of Aaron and Leah (Bachman) Steckel, was born Sept. 10, 1844, in Moore township. He was educated in the public schools of his time and in his leisure hours assisted his father on the farm. At an early age, he learned the carpenter trade and has since then followed this vocation, at Bethlehem and Allentown. He was for some years a contractor, and employed a large force of men. He was secretary of Moore township school board, of which he was a member, for eight years. In politics a Republican; and served as a delegate to county conventions. In religion, a member of the Baptist Church.

Theodore Steckel married in 1865, Lucy A. Fehnel, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Miller) Fehnel. They had eight children: (1) Mary; (2) Thomas, died young; (3) Ellen, (Mrs. John Grube); (4) Lewis P.; (5) Clara N. (Mrs. Edmond E. Knoll); (6) Amy, (Mrs. Edwin A. Miller); (7) and (8) Clyde E. and Claude U. Steckel.

CLYDE E. STECKEL, son of Theodore and Lucy A. (Fehnel) Steckel, was born Dec. 9, 1884, at Pen Argyl, Northampton county. He was educated in the public schools and putting aside his

books at the age of sixteen years, learned the carpenter trade with his father, at Allentown, and followed this vocation as a journeyman until he engaged in contracting and building, in 1907, in partnership with his brother, Claude U., under the firm name of Steckel Brothers, with office at 1110 Chew street. They make a specialty of residential houses. In 1907 they built four houses, in 1908 six houses, in 1909 one house, 1910 ten houses, in 1911 twenty-eight houses, and in 1912 twenty-three houses. Clyde E. Steckel married, Sept. 8, 1904, Mamie A. Seip, daughter of Tilghman and Mary (Wisser) Seip. They have five children: (1) Evelyn; (2) Theodore; (3) Kenneth; (4) Kermit; (5) Marjorie. He and his family are members of the Trinity United Evangelical church.

Claude U. Steckel, twin brother of Clyde R. Steckel, is a member of the firm of Steckel Brothers, contractors, and his general record is similar to that of his brother.

Claude U. Steckel married, July 28, 1904, Mamie Kutz, daughter of Alvin and Sybilla (Buchman) Kutz, and has two children: Althea K. and Elizabeth L. Steckel.

#### STECKEL FAMILY (Bucks Co.)

Henry Steckel, a grandson of the immigrant ancestor from Germany, who settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1725, was born in the county named and located at Doylestown in 1778. Among his children was Samuel Steckel, Sr., who was born in Springfield township in 1789, and followed carpentering and building, which he had learned under his father. He took charge of the business when only eighteen years of age because his father had become blind; and in 1818 he moved to Durham township, where he continued the business until his decease in 1866. His wife was Anna Hammett, daughter of Thomas Hammett, of the city of Philadelphia. She died in 1861. They had eight children: William, Elias, Aaron, Maria, David, Samuel, Julia and Evelina, who died in infancy. He was enlisted in the War of 1812, and became a captain; and since then until he died he was generally recognized and addressed as "Captain."

Julia Steckel, the daughter, was born in Durham township on Nov. 9, 1836, and there she attended the public schools. She married Abraham Beil, of Upper Saucon township, a traveling salesman, and they had two children: Alice, who married William Diehl, of Quakertown, and Annie, who married David Hackman, both of whom died without leaving children. Upon the decease of Mr. Beil, the widow married Abraham Steckel, son of John, by whom she had two sons: George married, first, Nellie Hender-

son, and second, Evangeline Buck, and Albert married Mary Devlin. George Steckel, the older son, became a successful photographer and artist at Los Angeles, Cal., and he received eighteen gold medals from America and France for superior workmanship.

#### EDWIN E. STECKER.

Edwin E. Stecker, of Coplay, was born at Schoenersville, Northampton county, Pa., June 9, 1877. His grandparents, John and Sarah (Miller) Stecker, resided at Tatamy, and followed farming. Oliver P., father of Edwin E., was born July 31, 1852, in Forks township, and for the greater part of his life lived on his own farm near Bethlehem. He filled the offices of school director of Hanover township, as well as that of supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Schoenersville church, which he served as deacon and elder. He was married to Hannah Butz and had 6 children: Cora, married to William H. Colver (she died in 1907); Edwin E.; Alice, married to Titus Heckman; William, married to Sallie Balliet; Sena, married to Willis Bruch, and Sarah, married to Chester Lerch.

Edwin E. Stecker, confectioner, of Coplay, was reared on the farm and in 1900 engaged in the grocery business at Bethlehem, until July 24, 1911, when he sold out and purchased the confectionary and ice cream business from Frank Schleicher, on 2nd street in Coplay. He has the leading ice cream and confectionary parlor in Coplay. During the holiday season he also handles a full line of toys and novelties. He is a member of the Lutheran church. In 1904 he was married to Laura Lambert, daughter of Charles and Amanda (Ganganere) Lambert, of Emaus. They have no children.

#### REV. AUGUSTUS STEIMLE.

Rev. Frederick W. T. Steimle, son of Tobias and Catharine (Rentschler) Steimle, was born in Altzenberg, Württemberg, May 21, 1827; studied at Tübingen; later deciding to enter mission work in Africa, he entered the Missionary Institute at Basel. But the appeal from the United States was so strong that, after ordination, he came to New York in 1851. He was stationed first at Ellenville, N. Y., then for a few months at Williamsburg, after which he became assistant pastor in St. Matthew's, New York, for four years, and in 1855 founded Zion's Lutheran church, Brooklyn, where he was pastor to his death, Feb. 28, 1880. He had been president of the New York synod during the six years of its existence; published *das Gleichniss vom Verlorenen Schaf* (1856); *14 Predigten* (1859). October 7,

1851, he married Anna Neth, ten children being born to them, of which the youngest is Augustus.

Rev. Augustus Steimle, son of Rev. F. W. T. and Anna (Neth) Steimle, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 23, 1870. He attended Miss Meinen's Select School and then Deghner's Academy. In 1882, he entered Luther College, Buffalo, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1888. Afterwards he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., graduating from it in 1891. Being ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, he became assistant pastor at Memorial church, St. Paul, Minn. (1891-92). In January, 1893, he became pastor of St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn. January, 1896, he assumed the pastorate of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Brooklyn, N. Y., being its first pastor, and continuing here till Feb. 12, 1907, when he assumed charge of St. John's Lutheran church, Allentown, Pa. He served as secretary of the Synod of Northwest; English secretary of New York Ministerium, and also of the New York-New England Synod. At present he is a trustee of Muhlenberg College, and also treasurer of the Juvenile Court Association of Lehigh county. In politics, he is a Republican. On June 14, 1899, he was married to Emily Bruning, a daughter of P. C. and Margaret (Stegeman) Bruning, and has the following children: 1. Mildred; 2. Douglas B; 3. Edmund A.

#### STEINHAEUSER FAMILY.

Rev. Albert T. W. Steinhæuser's grandparents, Conrad and Ursula (Yauch) Steinhæuser, were natives of Germany, the former coming to America in 1846; the latter in 1847. They were married in the United States, settled at Rochester, becoming the parents of fifteen children, among whom were Elizabeth, wife of Conrad Hildebrandt; William S., married to Louise Miller; Agnes, married to Delbert Marsielj; Margaret, married to Stephen Kendall, and Jacob.

Rev. Jacob Steinhæuser, D.D., was born in Rochester, New York, July 5, 1850. Having obtained his early education in the parochial schools he afterwards attended the public schools of his native place, and subsequently the Academy of Rochester. He next went to Hartwick Seminary, in Ostego county, New York. Having completed his course of study there, he next proceeded to New York City, matriculating in St. Matthew's German-American Academy. Entering thereafter the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1875. He was pastor at Boonville, N. Y., for two years; then at Cohocton for a similar period, and then at Kingston on the Hudson

from 1878-1888. Thereupon he returned to Rochester to accept the presidency of Wagner Memorial Lutheran College, remaining at its head for six and a-half years. In 1894 he was called to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Allentown, where he continued for almost ten years, or up to his death. Since 1895 he had filled the chair of Hebrew in Muhlenberg College, which institution conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1902.

Dr. Steinhæuser was married, August 19, 1875, to Marie C. Becker, of Buffalo, a daughter of Philip B. and Marie (Wingert) Becker. The issue was seven children: Albert; Walter P.; Elsa M., wife of Dr. Willard Kline; Arthur F.; Hilda E.; Alma L., and Elmer D. Rev. Dr. Steinhæuser died suddenly on Sunday Sept. 25, 1904. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Allentown.

REV. ALBERT T. W. STEINHAEUSER, son of Rev. Dr. Jacob and Marie C. (Becker) Steinhæuser, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1876. Attending the public schools in Kingston, N. Y., up to 1888, he then entered Wagner College at Rochester, from which he graduated in 1894. Afterwards he pursued a post-graduate course in the University of Rochester and then entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., from which he graduated in 1898. His first pastoral charge was New Holland (1899-1903), from where he was called in 1903 to become his father's assistant in St. Michael's, and subsequently, after his father's death, became the regular pastor. Muhlenberg College, in 1910, conferred the A. B. degree upon him. He has written quite a number of papers for the *Lutheran Church Review*, etc. Since 1911, he has been a member of the Examining Committee of Synod. He resides at 201 North 9th street, Allentown, Pa.

#### STEIN (STINE) FAMILY.

Jacob Stein and his wife, in 1742, emigrated from Germany to America, settling upon a large tract of land in Richmond township, Berks county, Pennsylvania. Their son, Heinrich, was born during the voyage in 1742. Other children were: Michael, Peter, Jacob and John.

In the year 1781, the names of Michael Stein and the widow of John Stein are on the assessment roll of Lynn township, this county.

George Stein, grandson of Jacob, the pioneer, was born about 1760. In the Federal census of 1790 we find him living in Albany township, Berks county, and at that time he was the father of two sons and four daughters. He married Catharine Schmidt, born March 3, 1761, died

March 10, 1842, in her 82d year, and among her children was a son, Daniel.

Daniel Stein, son of George, was born during the Revolutionary period, and was a farmer in Lynn township near Jacksonville. Of his children were: Anna, (Hollenbach); Polly was unmarried; and David, born in 1796.

David Stein, son of Daniel, was born Oct. 3, 1796, lived upon his own farm near Hynemansville, where he died Sept. 6, 1870, and is buried at Seiberlingville.

His wife was Magdalena Neff. She was born Feb. 15, 1800, and died Oct. 1, 1877. They were Lutherans. Their children were: Henry; William, who succeeded to the homestead, died at Jacksonville; Joseph, lived near Rothrocksville; Willoughby, died at Frederick, Delaware; and Amelia, born Sept. 14, 1831, married Elias Wetherold.

Henry Stine, son of David, was born May 30, 1823, in Windsor township, Berks county, Pa. He settled upon a farm near Fogelsville, which contained a rich deposit of iron ore. He was engaged in ore mining in connection with operating his farm, at one time employing forty people. He and family were Lutherans and he served as deacon and elder of the Ziegel church, of which he was a member of the building committee that erected the second church to which he contributed liberally in money and labor, hauling nearly all the lumber used in its construction from Allentown.

Mr. Stein was prominent in Masonic circles, and in Democratic politics. He had served his district as a school director and was nominated for the State Legislature, and his election seemed an assured fact but a few days prior to election day, a malicious report was circulated and he failed of election only by a small vote.

He married Catharine Miller. She was born June 23, 1829, died on Sept. 9, 1863. He died Dec. 24, 1896. Mrs. Stein was a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Trexler) Miller, of Upper Macungie, and a grand-daughter of Andreas and Catharine (Schaeffer) Miller. Joseph Miller was born Oct. 11, 1798; died Feb. 26, 1868. His wife was born Oct. 22, 1801.

Mr. and Mrs. Stein had these children: R. Frank; Mary C., who died aged 16 years; Edwin H.; Oscar J.; Aleda A., m. Horatio Merkel; and Benjamin.

R. FRANK STINE, a retired businessman of Allentown, was born Aug. 31, 1849, in Upper Macungie township; was educated in the common schools of that district, the State Normal School, at Kutztown, and the Freeland Seminary. He continued to work upon the farm until 1872 when he formed a partnership with A. C. Kramlich,

under the firm name of Stine & Kramlich, and were engaged in the wholesale liquor business at Catasauqua, Pa., for 21 years. Later the firm became R. Frank Stine and Bro. On Sept. 1, 1912, Mr. Stine retired from business which his brother Oscar J., has continued to the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Stine reside at No. 1020 Hamilton street, Allentown. They have travelled extensively, and are active members of Christ Lutheran church. They have contributed very liberally towards the cause of missions, and helped in the erection of the Lutheran church located in the village of Palo Seco, P. R., to which place they make annual visits since 1912. In this church a Sunday school was organized, in 1914, which has a membership of sixty souls. He was united in wedlock with Ella C. Smith, daughter of Solomon and Miss (Bleiler) Smith, of Weisenberg.

OSCAR J. STINE, attorney-at-law, trades under the firm name of R. F. Stine & Bro., is a wholesale liquor dealer in Catasauqua. He was born in Upper Macungie township, Aug. 8, 1859.

He was educated in the public schools and Muhlenberg College, from which he graduated in 1882. After graduation he read law with his brother, Edwin H. Stine, at Allentown, and was admitted to the Lehigh county bar, June 7, 1886, and practiced with his brother under the name of Stine Brothers. In the fall of 1887 he and David R. Horne, Esq., went to Wichita, Kansas, and opened a law office under the name of Horne & Stein, but in June of the following year, the firm dissolved, Mr. Stine returning to Allentown and resuming partnership with his brother.

In 1891 Mr. Stine became connected in the wholesale liquor business under the name of Stine and Kramlich. In 1898, Mr. Kramlich died and the firm name was changed to R. F. Stine & Bro. In politics, a Democrat, and at one time came within one vote of being elected to council in the rock-ribbed Republican borough of Catasauqua. Like his father he is an adherent of the Lutheran Church.

In 1893 he married Addie Colver, a daughter of the late Samuel Colver, of Allentown. They have these children: Marian C., and Catharine.

John Stein, son of Jacob, the ancestor, married Maria Berk and their children were: Jacob; Peter, Daniel, Benjamin, Solomon, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Hetty. John Stein died about 1835, at an advanced age. Jacob, their son, was born in 1791, married Sarah Sunday. They had children: Solomon; Adam; Nathan; Annie (Mrs. William Schaeffer); Lavinia (Mrs. Daniel Deisher); Lucunda (Mrs. Henry K. Siegfried); Jacob; and Henry, all born in Greenwich township. Jacob Stein was a farmer and distiller. He



owned over 500 acres of land, which he divided into five farms, and built good farm buildings; he also built a school house for the township near his home. He died in May, 1872, aged 81 years. His wife died in February, 1846.

Daniel Stein, son of John and Maria (Berk) Stein, married Elizabeth Kunkel, and had children: Lizzie A.; John; Benneville, had the homestead in Windsor township; Hettie; Elizabeth; George, d. unmarried, aged 52; Beckie; Jacob D., born about 1850; William, who migrated to Ohio; and Sarah.

Adam Stein, son of Jacob and Sarah (Sunday) Stein, born Dec. 8, 1819, was married in 1846 to Florinda Bieber, of Maxatawny township.

He took great interest in educational matters. He gave liberally to the support of the Keystone State Normal School, which was founded in 1866, and served for 11 years as a trustee. He was for three years president and treasurer of the township school board, and was for 12 years a member of the same; in 1864 he was elected county commissioner and served three years.

Their children were: William B., who lived at Kutztown, Pa., married Emma Kisler; Isaac B., married Delilah Sechler; Sally Ann, married William D. Dietrich, and died in 1870, leaving one son; Lewis Adam; Malara, also married William D. Dietrich and had four children, she died November, 1881; and Leonora A., who died in September, 1880, aged 22 years.

George Stein, son of John, whose widow was on the assessment roll of Lynn township in 1781, was a farmer in Albany township. He and his wife, a born Regens (?) are buried at the New Bethel (Eck) church, near Mountainville, in Albany township. They were members of the Lutheran congregation. Their five children were: Daniel, and Isaac, who both lived near New Ringgold, Schuylkill county; Moses, of further mention; Judith, married to Amos Greenawald; and Susanna, who is buried at the New Bethel church.

Moses Stein, son of George, was born April 30, 1827, in Albany township. For some years he owned and conducted a large farm in his native township. He had an exceptionally fine live stock, good farm implements, made and kept his farm in a high state of cultivation, and his buildings were always in the best of condition. Afterward he was a blacksmith at Lenhartsville, Berks county, where he had bought a house and lot in which he lived until the death of his wife, Catharine, nee Lewars, who died in 1895 and is buried at the New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) church, near Lenhartsville, Pa. He died while living with his son Daniel, at Temple, Pa., in October,

1899, aged 72 years. Their children follow: Emelina and Angeline, both died young; Daniel; William H.; and Calvin, who was a farmer in Maxatawny township, Berks county, was married to Hettie Ritter.

Daniel Stein, son of Moses, was born in 1850, is married to Priscilla Strausser and they reside at Allentown. They have nine children, namely: Emma, Naomi, William, Calvin, Moses, Charles, George, and Florence.

William H. Stein, son of Moses, was born in Berks county in 1854. He was a carpenter and followed the trade at Allentown until his death in 1908. He was a member of the St. Michael's Lutheran church and is buried on the Greenwood cemetery. He was married to Mary, a daughter of Daniel Follweiler, of Lynn township, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume. They had the following children: William A., Cyrus D., Edwin M., James H., Katie, Ella, Lizzie, and Elsie.

WILLIAM ANSON STEIN, member of the firm of W. A. Stein & Bros., Allentown, was born near Klinesville, Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1877, son of the late William H. and Mary (Follweiler) Stein.

Mr. Stein obtained a good practical education in the public schools and this was supplemented by a course in architecture in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa. After his graduation in the course above mentioned in November, 1902, he accepted a position as building superintendent at Lebanon, Pa., and served in the above position until 1906, when he organized the present firm of W. A. Stein & Brother, general contractors and builders of Allentown. They also conduct a silk ribbon factory in which they give employment to twenty people.

William A. Stein is a director of the Penn Counties Trust Company; director and treasurer of the successful Merchants Ice Company; director and treasurer of the Stein Bros. Silk Company; is a deacon of the St. Paul's Lutheran church; member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; and Allen Council, No. 23, R. and S. M.; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; Franklin Chamber No. 9, Knights of Friendship; and Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.

Notable among the many buildings in Allentown that the firm of W. A. Stein & Brothers erected are the "Eagles Home"; the residences of W. D. Schantz and Mrs. J. P. Williams. Since the above firm engaged in business they have erected about four hundred buildings. During the year 1913, they built one hundred and forty-one dwellings for the New Jersey Zinc Company. One hundred of these dwellings were built at



*Eng. by L. J. Williams, N.Y.*

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Palmerton, Pa., and the balance of them at Franklin Furnace, N. J.; and they built 18 dwellings for the Taylor, Wharton Iron and Steel Company, at High Bridge, N. J. The firm also performed much construction work for the C. R. R. of N. J., including the company's freight station at Jersey City, N. J. The tuberculosis sanitarium at Glen Garden; the state fish hatchery at Hackettstown, N. J. In 1913 they built the eight-room school house for the borough of North Catasauqua, Pa.

On April 25, 1899, he was married to Cora Kreiss, daughter of Abraham and Jane (Kehler) Kreiss. They have the following children: Annie, Ruth, Paul, and Marie C. Stein.

Cyrus D. Stein, son of William H., is the manager for the Stein Brothers Silk Company, at Allentown. He is married to Ida Korn, a daughter of James Korn, of New Tripoli, Pa.

Edwin M. Stein married Bertha Keller, a daughter of Frank Keller, of East Greenville, Pa.

James H. Stein married Katie Folk, of Pennsylvania, Pa., and is connected with the Stein Brothers Silk Company.

Katie V. Stein was married to Jacob Boyer.

Ella M. Stein was married to Charles Diehl.

Lizzie Stein was married to William Jordan.

#### CHARLES D. STEININGER.

William Steining, born in 1861, in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, and after completing his education in the public schools, he learned, at an early age, the trade of cabinet maker, and was for 12 years engaged with Joel Ritter at Coopersburg. He then purchased a farm, and established a creamery business in Coopersburg, conducting it for 26 years, up to the period of his death. He died in 1912, and was interred in St. Paul's (Blue Church) cemetery. He was a progressive business man; a member of the Lutheran Church.

He married Rebecca L. Ritter, daughter of Joel and Mary (Gehring) Ritter. Their children were: Mary, who married Allen Bossler. his widow resides at Coopersburg; Nora, married George Owen, of Lansdale, Pa., a telegraph operator for the P. & R. R. R. Company; Charles D., of whom below; Anna, married Arthur Sheets; Alice; William; and Edna.

Charles David Steining, son of William, was born in 1889 in Upper Saucon township. He acquired his education in the public schools and in Dorney's Business College at Allentown, graduating at the age of 17 years. He conducted his father's creamery business for about 7 years, and at the death of his father in 1912, he became by purchase the sole owner of the business. He is also interested in two creameries in Allentown,

and owns a small alfalfa farm in Coopersburg. His output of butter averages about 1,500 pounds per week. He has been very successful along the above lines. He was also at one time a contractor and builder. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of the Moravian Church, of which he is an elder.

He married in 1912, Mamie Faust, daughter of William W. Faust, of Center Valley, Pa.

#### STEITZ FAMILY.

John Steitz lived and died in Germany, where he was a carpenter and builder. He died in 1846 in his 62nd year. His wife was Elizabeth Schidts, who survived him many years, having died when 75 years of age. They had ten children, but only three of them grew to mature years: Conrad (who died in South America); August, and Henry (who died at Allentown).

August Steitz was born in Germany, April 24, 1826, and he emigrated to the United States May 2, 1854. At the age of fourteen years he was confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran church and the six following years he worked on a farm, after which he entered the German army, as a member of the 7th Company, in the 2nd Regiment. He learned the basket-making trade and this he followed for two years. After his marriage in the winter of 1852 he crossed the ocean on the vessel "Louisa," which arrived at New York after a voyage of six weeks. He immediately went to Pennsylvania and for two years worked as hostler at a hotel in Philadelphia. In November, 1854, he obtained employment in the Eberhart stone quarry at Catasauqua, Pa., and there he continued nine years, making baskets in the evenings. After leaving the stone quarry Mr. Steitz settled on a small tract of land in East Catasauqua, where he raised garden vegetables and sold them in the town. He followed gardening for twelve years and then became an employee of the Davies Thomas foundry for a period of six years, when he directed his labors to the manufacturing of baskets at No. 426 Race street.

Mr. Steitz was a genial and kind old gentleman, devoted to his church and to the best interests of the community. Politically he was a Democrat and served as county committeeman, as a delegate to county conventions, and as truant officer for Hanover township. His fellow-citizens respected him highly and referred to him as "Father Steitz." On the anniversary of his eightieth birthday his seven children, forty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren assembled at his home to do him honor. Rev. Lambert, the pastor of his church, having presented him with eighty carnations in a most suit-

able address, he was one of the happiest of men upon that occasion.

He was married to Christiana Boonemann. She was born in Germany, August 8, 1829, and died at Catasauqua, April 2, 1886. They had seven children: Henry G., Christian H., Conrad A., John W., Augusta D. (married John Brophy), Franklin L., and Elizabeth C. (married C. J. Deily).

HENRY G. STEITZ, the oldest child of August Steitz, was born in Germany, October 26, 1853. In 1872 he became the proprietor of the Cross-Keys Hotel at Allentown. For a number of years he was the driver of Stockberger's brewery team and later acted as bar-clerk at the Mansion House and the Eagle Hotel, at Catasauqua, after which he carried on the former hotel as its proprietor, and his wide acquaintance and superior social qualities attracted a large and profitable patronage. He possessed a genial nature and a kind, sympathetic heart, which established cordial relations with numerous friends. He was a member of Catasauqua Castle, No. 241, K. G. E., and of the Fullerton Beneficial Society. He died December 21, 1899, having been a sufferer for two years until his death from a sore foot which would not yield to treatment and gave him much trouble and hastened his death. His funeral on Christmas Day was largely attended. He is buried on Fairview Cemetery, Catasauqua, where his parents likewise rest from their earthly labors.

He was married on July 29, 1874, to Sarah C. Hauser, daughter of Matthias and Sarah (Buss) Hauser. His widow still resides at West Catasauqua, where he was the proprietor of the Fairview Hotel on Lehigh street, from 1894 until his death. His only daughter, Gussie, is the wife of William McClehan, an electrician, residing at Coplay, Pa., and they have three children: Miriam, Norma and William, Jr.

Conrad A. Steitz, the third son of August Steitz, was born in Catasauqua in 1858. He was a moulder by trade until in 1898, when he became the proprietor of the Fairmount Hotel, at Eleventh and Race streets, East Catasauqua, succeeding Theodore Geiger, and he conducted this stand until his death in 1907. This his son and widow succeeded him and they are still running the place. He was a Democrat; also a committeeman of Hanover township, and served as delegate to a number of county conventions. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Encampment, both of Catasauqua.

His widow, before her marriage to him, was Frances Dieter, daughter of Daniel and Eliza-

beth (Hagenbuch) Dieter, of Northampton county, Pa., and they had issue: Lizzie (who died young); Tillie (married to Lewis Jones); Frank C.; and Lillie.

FRANK C. STEITZ, the proprietor of the Fairmount Hotel, East Catasauqua, was born in that town, July 1, 1884. He was educated in the public schools and upon the death of his father succeeded him as proprietor of the Fairmount Hotel, which he has since conducted. He is a member of the Order of Redmen of Catasauqua and the F. O. E. of Allentown. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN W. STEITZ, the fourth son of August Steitz, was born at Catasauqua, January 6, 1861. At the age of seventeen years he learned the trade of moulder and this he has followed to the present time. He is a musician of ability and is prominently associated with the musicians of his community. He helped to organize the Catasauqua Band on July 11, 1873, and from that time until in 1909, was an active member of it, having played the altophone. Since 1900 he has played a bass horn in the band. In 1912 he was elected its president. For a period of eight years he played the altophone in the St. Paul's Lutheran church and Sunday-school. He and family worship in the above church. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He raises fancy 'poultry and has given much study to this business.

In 1883, he was wedded to Isabella M. Fehnel, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Seyfert) Fehnel of Northampton county, Pa. They had five children: Mary (deceased); Clayton H., Raymond E. (married to Emma Young, and they have a daughter, Beatrice); Edward J., and Henry August.

#### STEPHEN FAMILY.

On Oct. 20 1744, on the ship, Phoenix, Wm. Wilson, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arrived Jacob Stephen. The name has been differently spelled—Steffan, Steffy, Steffi, Stevan, etc. His wife was Maria Catharine. The names of his children were: Jacob, Frederick, b. Nov. 16, 1784; Jonathan; Isaac; Philip; Magdalena, b. June 16, 1769, wife of John Clouse; Maria Elizabeth, b. 1751, wife of Andrew Klotz; Elizabeth, b. March 4, 1777, wife of Daniel Hughes, and Catharine, b. Oct. 26, 1778, wife of Solomon Swartz.

Jacob (or Adam) Stephen, son of Jacob, was born July 8, 1750; died Dec. 2, 1804. He was married to Susanna Reifsneider, b. Dec. 24, 1749, d. Sept. 21, 1819, the issue being: Jacob; John; Joseph; Maria, m. to Philip Diefender-

fer; Susanna, m. to Abraham Schmeyer, and Elizabeth.

Jacob Stephen, son of Jacob and Susanna, was born in Macungie township, Oct. 11, 1806. By occupation, he was a farmer. He served as Lieutenant of the militia, and was a member of the Reformed church, which he served in various capacities. His wife was Sophia (b. Aug. 15, 1813, d. Jan. 31, 1892), only child of Samuel and Rachel (Schmoyer) Yeager, the issue being: Harrison, deceased, m. to Matilda Schantz; Jacob, deceased, m. to Caroline Danner, of East Texas; Leanda, m. to Hiram Danner, of Dover, Del.; a son; Frank M.; Ellen, deceased, wife of Charles Dubbs, of East Texas; Lewis, m. to Amanda Keck, of Quakertown; and Llewellyn J., b. Oct. 12, 1854, d. June 26, 1874. Mr. Stephen died Oct. 25, 1878, and is buried at Trexlertown.

FRANK M. STEPHEN, son of Jacob and Sophia (Yeager) Stephen, was born at East Texas, Sept. 19, 1847. He attended the public schools until 18 years of age, when he attended Lafayette College, Easton, during 1862 and 1863. He afterwards assisted on the farm until 22 years of age, when he conducted the hotel at East Texas for 17 years, and since then is living at that place in retirement. Politically he is a Democrat, serving for twenty-one years (to 1904), as school-director of Lower Macungie township. Fraternally he is a member of K. of M. and a member of the Reformed church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee. On March 10, 1867 he married Ellen S. C., a daughter of Samuel and Hettie (Steininger) Bortz.

Jonathan Stephen, son of Jacob and Maria Catharine, was born Sept. 26, 1786, and died May 30, 1819. He was married to Susanna (b. July 18, 1792, d. July 30, 1875), a daughter of Dewalt and Susanna (Schmeyer) Albrecht, amongst the issue being Joseph.

Joseph Stephen, son of Jonathan, was a farmer. He was captain of the militia. In stature, he was a man over six feet high, and his favorite pastime was riding horse-back. He married Mary Magdalena (b. Aug. 15, 1784, d. Sept. 19, 1834), a daughter of George Kuhns, of Lehigh township. The children numbered five: Sarah, Maria, Magdalena, Kate and Zebulon. Sarah m. Mr. Wartman, of Pennsburg, another daughter, Mr. Heist, of Hopperville, a third, Wm. Radler, of Macungie, and the fourth, Amos Baker, of Allentown.

Zebulon Stephen, son of Joseph, born near East Texas, March 27, 1818, was a farmer. In politics he had been a Republican, a member of the Reformed church, which he served as deacon and elder. He had been married the first time to Anna Caroline Rethler, b. April 4, 1826, d.

March 7, 1850, the issue being: Hiram, deceased, m. to Mary Bortz; Joseph was killed in the battle of Cedar Creek, during the Civil War. His second marriage was to Catharine (b. Feb. 2, 1815, d. Feb. 20, 1894), daughter of Abraham Sell. From this union were born: Emma, of Allentown; Jane, b. Jan. 4, 1865, d. Feb. 25, 1892, m. to Alfred Bortz; and Harrison W. He died June 23, 1892.

HARRISON W. STEPHEN, son of Zebulon and Catharine (Sell) Stephen, was born at East Texas, Oct. 3, 1857. He attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, from 1875 to 1878. Ever since 1876 he has followed the profession of teaching, and taught two years at East Macungie, three at Bastian's, twelve years at Schmoyer's, one year at Danner's, one at East Texas, ten years at East Macungie, and six years at Cementon. In 1882, he received a permanent state certificate. He served as chief clerk of the Recorder's office, from 1904 to 1907. In politics, he is a Republican, a member of I. O. O. F., and the Reformed church, which he served for four years as deacon and similarly as elder. He married Ellen S., a daughter of the late Charles and Elevina (Eisenhart) Ritter, in Sept., 1879, the issue being: (1) Wallace E., treasurer of the Robertson-Mann Stove Co., of Philadelphia; (2) Florence M., m. to E. P. Saeger, a plumber, of Allentown. Mr. Stephen resides at 247 N. 13th Street, Allentown.

#### REV. JOHN H. STERMER.

Rev. John H. Stermer, pastor of the St. Matthew's United Evangelical Church, Emaus, was born on Sept. 21, 1848, in New Mahoning township, Carbon county, Pa., son of John and Barbara Stermer, natives of Germany. He was soundly converted at the age of 22, on a Sunday evening in a private home at South Wilkes-Barre, and soon afterwards he joined the Evangelical Association and became an active member in that church, serving it in various offices. He was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Conference which met at Philadelphia, in 1883, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ; was ordained as a deacon in 1885 and an elder in 1887 and he has served the following appointments:

Kutztown, .....	2	years
Emaus, .....	1	"
Hamburg, .....	2	"
Annvile, .....	3	"
Mahantango, .....	2	"
Cressona, .....	4	"
Northampton and		
South Allentown, .....	5	"
East Weissport, .....	1	"
Emaus, .....	4	"
Catasauqua, .....	3	"
Palmerton, .....	1	"
Emaus, .....	3	"



Rev. Stermer is a tall and heavily built man. He is possessed of a strong personality and is a forceful pulpit orator. He has served the United Evangelical Waldheim Association near Allentown, as a director for a number of years, and is one of the prominent men in the church.

#### STERNER FAMILY.

In the year of 1734 the ancestor of this family located in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. He had three sons, viz: John, Casper and Nicholas.

A petition of John Sterner, of Allentown, dated Jan. 6, 1794, of record at Easton, sets forth, that he was the oldest son of John Sterner, who lately died intestate leaving a widow Margaret and six children: Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Robertson; Jacob; Abraham; Margaret; Joseph; and John.

A petition of Adam, son of Casper Sterner, late of Whitehall township, dated April 14, 1795, sets forth that his father died leaving minor children: Adam, over 14; John; Catharine; Daniel; and Peter, all under 14.

The will of Nicholas Sterner, of Hanover township, was made Jan. 5, 1803, and was probated Feb. 10, 1807. It mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, and the following children: Abraham; Elizabeth, m. Peter Neihardt; John; Daniel; Christian; and Margaret, m. William Costerd. Abraham and John were the executors of the will.

Abraham Sterner, son of Nicholas, was born in 1750 and died in 1835, aged 85 years. His wife was Elizabeth Mehrkem. She was born in 1750 and died in 1829, aged 79 years. Both are buried in the old Allentown cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran faith. They had removed to Carbon county, Pa., and there had been farming for several years, always being on friendly terms with the Indians. But after several invasions had taken place in that section and after a massacre had occurred these pioneers accepted the advice of a friendly Indian chief who said to them, "Travel toward the noon-day sun for two or three days." He meant to say that they should go to the south of the mountains. Abraham Sterner and family did as they were bidden and settled at "Sterner's Hill," in Whitehall township, and there they remained until their death. Their children were: Henry; George Adam; Elizabeth, m. John Scheirer; Salome, m. John Dieffenderfer; and Catharine, m. Heinrich Miller.

Henry Sterner, son of Abraham, later moved back to West Penn township, Carbon county, and there he farmed until his death which occurred after he was passed 60 years of age. His

wife was a Kline, from Salisbury township. They are buried at the Aquashicola church. Their children were: Gabriel, who left the community when a young man and was never heard from afterwards; Nathan, settled in Fayette county, Pa.; Solomon, whose sketch follows; Gideon, settled in Marion county, Michigan; Abraham, for many years lived at Allentown, but later he moved to a place near the Lehigh Gap, where he died; George, lived and died in Dansville, Livingston county, N. Y.; Absalom, was a shoemaker at Allentown; Henry, was a farmer at Dansville, N. Y.; Simon, was a shoemaker at Allentown; Joel was a shoemaker at Allentown; Francis was a shoemaker at Allentown; Paul, died young; Joseph was a carpenter at Dansville, N. Y.; Susan, married David Sandle, of Allentown; Catharine, m. David Ziegenfuss, of Aquashicola, Pa.; Pauline, m. (first) a Clifton, who died in Libby prison, (second) a Becker, a German, and (third) Reuben Moyer.

Solomon Sterner was born Sept. 27, 1815. He helped to fight the big fire in Allentown in 1848. He was a carpenter and a farmer at Mechanicsville in Whitehall township and there he died on May 16, 1880. He was a Lutheran and is buried at the Mickley's church. His wife was Catharine Heimbach. She died in 1904, aged 81 years. Their children were: Henry F.; Adam; Samuel; Milton, deceased; Solomon M.; Sarah, m. Frank Troxel; Anna, m. Frank Hemmersley; and James and Preston, both died young.

Henry F. Sterner was born in Hanover, Jan. 24, 1843. He was a shoemaker, but for 26 years he was employed in the rolling mill at Allentown, to which place he came in 1860. In 1863, he married Abigail Schneck, and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1913. Mr. Sterner died on Nov. 23, 1913. They had 10 children (three of whom are deceased) as follows: Mary, m. Benjamin Reinert; Rebecca, m. Harry Brader; L. Laura, widow of John Dieffenderfer; Minnie J., m. J. H. Rhoads; Ida; Victor F., history follows; and Henry S. P.

VICTOR FRANKLIN STERNER, of Allentown, was born March 29, 1875, at Allentown, son of the late Henry Sterner. After his education in the public schools in Allentown, he took to railroading in 1893 and followed that pursuit for a period of eight years on the Philadelphia & Reading, and the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Afterward Mr. Sterner learned the machinist trade with the Bethlehem Steel Co., and after working as a journeyman for two years, in 1904, he became associated with the Dietrich Motor Car Company, Allentown, whom he served very efficiently as a demonstrator until in 1914, a business he has followed up to the present. Mr.

Sterner is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., Allentown.

He was married Aug. 29, 1896, to Annie M. Fogel, a daughter of Henry T. and Mary (Muselman) Fogel, of Moore township, Northampton county. They reside in their own residence at 1307½ Chew street, and are members of Bethany U. E. church, Allentown.

Adam Sterner, the second son of Solomon, is a carpenter at Eagle Point, Whitehall township. He is married to Harriet Fisher and they have the following children: Cora, Luella, Kate, Alice, John, Harvey, Solomon, and Hattie.

Samuel Sterner has a small farm at Dansville, N. Y., where he lives. He was married twice and has a son, Elmer.

Solomon M. Sterner is a shoemaker at Allentown since he is sixteen years old. He came to Allentown from Mechanicsville in 1868. He was born Sept. 23, 1852. On May 3, 1878, he was married to Meddie Guth, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Seyfert) Guth. They had these children: Beulah, who was married and has a daughter, Beatrice; and Maggie, who died in her fifth year of age from diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterner are members of the St. Andrew's Reformed church, of which Mr. Sterner was one of the first deacons. He resides at 525 North Fifth street. Politically he is a Democrat.

Geo. Adam Sterner, son of Abraham, was born Feb. 5, 1784. He owned 160 acres of land about "Sterner's Hill" at Allentown. The Allentown furnace is situated upon part of the farm which belonged to him. He and family were members of the Lutheran Church and he and his wife Anna Maria, a daughter of Joseph Yost, of Salisbury township, are buried on the old Allentown cemetery. She was born Nov. 27, 1804, and died Sept. 21, 1870. He died Aug. 19, 1872, aged 88 years, 6 months and 14 days. They had these children: William, who died unmarried; John, lived in Hanover township; Jonathan, obtained the homestead; George, died unmarried; Elmira, m. Levi Freeman; and Lewis A.

Lewis A. Sterner, son of George Adam, residing in South Whitehall, was born on the family homestead, Oct. 16, 1840. He settled in South Whitehall in 1864, moving into a stone house along the Wenersville pike, which is still standing, which was built by Peter Roth in 1818. At the time Mr. Sterner moved upon his farm it was but 73 acres. Later he purchased the Reuben Wenner farm of 23 acres and again in 1874 he added the George Kerschner tract of 28 acres. He now owns a total of 124 acres of valuable land. In the year 1867 he built the present barn and the large brick house in 1889.

Mr. Sterner is a Democrat in politics and was a member of the school board for eight years, serving as its treasurer for six years. In the year 1863 he was married to Sarah Lichtenwalner, a daughter of Charles and Eliza (Schadt) Lichtenwalner, of South Whitehall. She died on Oct. 26, 1901, aged 57 years. Their children are: Edwin, of Macungie; and Clement A.

CLEMENT A. STERNER is a farmer in South Whitehall, where he was born Aug. 21, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of the township and in the Allentown Commercial School. At the age of 19 years he learned the jewelry trade in Allentown and after pursuing it in that city for seven years, he accepted a position with C. Willis Bixler, at Easton, remaining in his employ for two and one-half years. Mr. Sterner then purchased a half interest of the E. J. Faust jewelry store at Allentown. They traded under the firm name of Faust & Sterner and did a large and successful business for 15 years at 715 Hamilton street, after which they mutually dissolved partnership. Mr. Sterner continued with his former partner for four years more, after which he engaged in business for himself and for six years he was located at 128 North Seventh. He sold out to A. A. Peter in 1909, to take up the pursuit of an agriculturist and he successfully operates his father's farm along modern lines.

Mr. Sterner has invented a number of inventions. He invented and had patented a blow pipe; a watch-maker's countershaft which is now upon the market and in 1911 and 1913 he invented an air motor. All of his inventions are successful and useful mechanisms and great labor-saving devices.

Mr. Sterner, like his parents, is a member of the German Baptist Church. Socially he is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M. since 1890; Harrisburg Consistory, 32 degrees; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He married Helen L. Laub in 1899. She is a daughter of John Laub, of Harrisburg, Pa., who was master of Lehigh Lodge, F. & A. M., at Trexlertown in earlier years.

John Sterner, son of Nicholas, was born Nov. 12, 1760, in Hanover township. The State Asylum near Rittersville now embraces part of his homestead, and his buildings were located on the highest point of that elevation. There he died March 17, 1843, in his 84th year. His homestead passed to his son Nicholas, and after him to James Barnes, who sold it to R. E. Wright. His wife was Barbara Waltman. She was born Nov. 26, 1760, died March 23, 1839, in her 79th year.

They are buried at Shoenersville, Pa. Among their children was a son, Nicholas.

Nicholas Sterner, son of John, was born Jan. 1, 1797. He was a farmer upon the homestead until he retired in 1865, to 1026 Hamilton street, Allentown, where he lived until his death on Dec. 23, 1882, aged 86 years, less 8 days. His wife, Catharine Sandel, was a daughter of George and Catharine (Bieber) Sandel. She was born in 1803 and died in 1873. Their children follow: Jacob, died small; Charles; David, was a farmer in Hanover; Levi; James; Elizabeth (1827-1851); Maria, m. Thomas Diehm; Sarah A. (1836-1854); Emma, m. Wm. Clader; Diana, m. H. Kichline; and Clarissa, born 1845, m. Thomas H. Audenreid.

Charles Sterner, son of Nicholas, was born Oct. 16, 1825, and died on Aug. 20, 1904, aged 78 years, 10 months and 4 days. His wife was Sarah Trapp. She was born Dec. 10, 1826 and died Feb. 14, 1897. They are buried at Shoenersville. Mr. Sterner was a life-long farmer on a 52-acre farm in Hanover which his son Alfred J., now possesses. But one year he lived away from this farm and during this time he resided at Howertown. Their children are: Amanda, m. James Moritz; Maria, m. James Laub; Oliver H.; Alfred J.; and Lillie, who died, aged 17 years.

ALFRED J. STERNER, of Catasauqua, was born in Hanover, Nov. 28, 1862. He assisted his father upon the farm until in the year 1887, at which time he engaged in the milk business and daily since that date to the present time he makes a trip from the farm in Hanover to Catasauqua. In 1888 he built a house upon the farm in Hanover and there he resided with his family until 1910 when they occupied their fine residence at No. 17 Front street, Catasauqua, which they built in that year.

Mr. Sterner and family are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church of Catasauqua, and he is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He was first married in 1887 to Annie M. Stillwagner, a daughter of William Stillwagner. She was born Nov. 10, 1863, and died Oct. 31, 1908. They had two children: Hattie M., and Clinton C., married to Ida Heydt. They reside at Fullerton and have a son, Lloyd.

He married as his second wife Annie Schieler in January, 1911. She is a daughter of Peter and Julia Schieler, of Catasauqua, Pa.

Daniel Sterner, father of Harry H., died at Allentown, on July 3, 1909, aged 88 years. He resided at Quakertown, Pa., for 55 years. He was a cigar manufacturer for many years at that place and employed a number of people. He

however, lived retired since the year 1890. He was a Methodist and for many years was officially connected with this church. His wife, Priscilla Horner, is a Mennonite. She has her home with her son, Harry H. She is 77 years old. Their children follow: Charles and William, both of Philadelphia; Harry H., mentioned later in the record; Cecelia, m. Rev. Oscar Hillegas, of Quakertown; Sallie, m. Samuel Baker, of Allentown; and Mamie, died in 1912, aged 33 years. She was the wife of Frank Long, of Quakertown.

HARRY H. STERNER, a builder and contractor of Allentown, was born in Quakertown, June 30, 1871. At the age of 12 years he became a clerk in the general store of his brother Charles, at Quakertown, and he served him for two years. At the age of fourteen years he accepted a position with Howard Miller, as clerk in a grocery store and he filled this position for more than three years. In about 1887 he opened a grocery stand at Twenty-second and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia. He was engaged in business there for about one year when he sold his business and again accepted a clerkship for two years. In the year 1890, he came to Allentown, and on Christmas Day of the following year, was married to Katie R. Dearolf, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Long) Dearolf, of Reading, Pa. Her paternal grandparents were Isaac and Catharine Dearolf.

After coming to Allentown, Mr. Sterner accepted positions with Frank Hersh & Son, and W. W. Wieder, respectively, and later for three years he was a clerk in the Bee Hive store, of which Harry Hunsicker was the proprietor and after the latter retired from business, Mr. Sterner filled similar positions in the Globe store and with Hess Brothers. On Jan. 15, 1908, he resigned his position with the latter firm to engage in the building and contracting business. Mr. Sterner, in the short span of five years has erected 147 of the fine residential homes, mostly in the west end of the city. He built substantial and modern homes ranging in price from four to fifteen thousand dollars apiece. In his operations he employed as many as fifty men at one time.

He and family attend the Grace United Evangelical church, of which Mrs. Sterner is an active member. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E. Their children are: Mildred, Esther, Earl, Dorothy, and Phyllis.

#### STERNER FAMILY.

Jacob Sterner, Sr., grandfather of Jacob G. Sterner, an undertaker of Allentown, was a descendant of a Pennsylvania German family who had settled in Northumberland county in the wilderness about five miles from Sunbury, Pa.

There the pioneer built himself a home and cleared a farm which he afterward cultivated.

Jacob Sterner assisted in organizing what is known as Lantz's church, in Lower Augusta township. He was recognized as one of the foremost citizens of the township, and filled at various times several of the local offices in his township.

Jacob Sterner, Jr., was born in Northumberland county, and came to Salisbury township, Lehigh county, where he followed the trade of carpenter. He married Esther Keck, a daughter of George and Catharine Keck, and they had five children: Mary, married to Daniel Eberhart, who lives in Lower Macungie township; Edwin, died in infancy; Sarah, married to John Lehman; Hiram, married to Susan Wieand, deceased; Jacob G., of whom forward; Edward H., married to Jane Litzenberger, and have two children. Their oldest son, Harvey, is married to Lillie Rabenold; Alfred W., died in infancy.

JACOB G. STERNER, an undertaker of Allentown for a quarter of a century, was born in Lower Macungie, Feb. 14, 1843. He attended the public schools and worked on his father's small farm, and at an early age was apprenticed to the carpenter trade under his father, and continued at that trade until 1884, when, having removed to Allentown, he established an undertaking business at No. 116 South Eighth street. He resides at 614 North Sixth street.

He was married first to Elizabeth Smith, daughter of John Andrew and Catharine (Gibson) Smith, of Long Island. The maternal grandparents were: Alexander and Jane (Stuart) Gibson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sterner are born these children: Esther, the wife of C. E. Wade, they reside in East Orange, N. J., and have four children: Elizabeth, Arthur, Margaret and John Jacob; Lucetta, wife of Elwood S. Harrar, they reside in Ohio; and Edna, the wife of R. F. Weishampel, of Allentown.

Mrs. Sterner died Oct. 31, 1905, and he married second, Margaret Kline. The family are members of the Baptist Church, and in politics Mr. Sterner is an independent voter.

#### STETTTLER FAMILY.

Christopher Stettler, a pioneer settler of Macungie township, arrived at Philadelphia from Germany on Sept. 11, 1732, and from 1736 to 1750 secured warrants for 350 acres of land. His name appears in the tax list of Macungie township of 1772, after which it no longer appears. He and his wife, Catharine Margaret, had six daughters: Eva, born Dec. 25, 1740, died May 22, 1822, married Lorenz Klein; Margaret, born Dec. 13, 1741, died Feb. 26, 1815, married in

1762, Peter Klein; Barbara, born July 18, 1743, died April 8, 1817, married George Steininger; Mary Catharine, born Nov. 15, 1744, died March 3, 1802, married John Lichtenwalner; Apolonia, born June 19, 1748, and Anna Mary, born Aug. 22, 1750.

Daniel Stettler came from Alsace about 1745, and settled in Weisenberg township, where he bought land from Peter Stimble in 1757 and obtained other tracts, so that by 1768 he owned 112 acres, of which twelve acres was cleared. He owned in all 156 acres near Hynemansville. He was a weaver as well as farmer, and died in October, 1788. He and his wife, Catharine, had three children: Henry, Philip and Catharine, wife of David Xander.

Henry Stettler removed to Macungie township, where he married Barbara Steininger, and in 1785 he owned 450 acres of land. Among his children were: Maria Barbara, born June 18, 1777; Eva Catharine, born April 24, 1779, died July 10, 1856, married John Fogel; Anna Maria, born Aug. 3, 1786; Henry, born Nov. 2, 1788, and Daniel, born March 30, 1791.

Solomon Stettler, of this family, was born Aug. 5, 1814, and died April 6, 1888. He lived in Upper Macungie and married Esther, daughter of John and Maria Schadt, who was born March 6, 1819, and died April 25, 1900.

Willoughby M. Stettler, of Wescoesville, son of Solomon, was born and raised in Upper Macungie. He is the owner of the old "Centennial Hotel," built by Henry Bortz in 1797. Willoughby and Sarah A. M. Stettler have two children: Phaon J. and Alice, wife of Charles Trump.

PHAON J. STETTTLER was born in South Whitehall, Feb. 21, 1881, and was educated in the Wescoesville schools, at Guth's Preparatory School for Teachers and the normal school at Kutztown, where he graduated in 1899. He taught school in Upper Macungie for two years, when he took a business course in Blackman's Commercial School and in 1902 entered the Allentown terminal freight office as clerk and stenographer, where he has since been advanced to chief clerk. He is a member of Cedar Council, No. 416, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Wescoesville, and of the Lutheran church of Cetronia, where he has served as deacon. He married Daisy A., daughter of Horace and Alice (Rupp) Beisel, and has one son, Willard B.

Philip Stettler, son of Daniel, was also a weaver, and bought a farm near Seipstown from Jacob Stine. He married, Sept. 5, 1779, Dorothea, daughter of Abraham Knerr. She was born Aug. 11, 1756, and died March 15, 1818.

They had four sons: Philip, Abraham, Daniel and Andrew.

Philip, Jr.'s sons were Nathan, Henry, Philip and Jonas. Abraham had sons, Amandus and David, who were school teachers; Levi, Abraham, James and William. Daniel had sons, Elias, Jacob, John, Daniel, Benjamin and Thomas.

Andrew Stettler, son of Philip, Sr., a farmer of Weisenberg, had sons, Aaron and Amos, in his first marriage. He married, second, Elizabeth Schaller, who died in 1857, and had a son, Joel A.

Joel Stettler, third son of Andrew Stettler, was born near Seiberlingsville in 1821. He was a carpenter and undertaker by occupation. In 1845 he married Juliana Rex, daughter of Abraham Rex. In 1848 they moved to Pleasant Corner, and in 1873 they moved to Slatington, where he died in 1903, and she surviving him eleven years, died in 1914.

He was a man of quiet and retiring disposition and very upright and conscientious in his dealings with his fellow men.

She was a woman of many good traits of character, kind-hearted and self-sacrificing. They were both very devoted to their children and grandchildren. They had three sons: Franklin J.; Henry W., born in 1849, and died in 1857, and Quincy A.

FRANKLIN J. STETTTLER, oldest son of Joel and Juliana Stettler, was born at the home of his grandfather, Abraham Rex, near Saegersville, Lehigh county, Pa., on June 15, 1846. He received his elementary education in the local public schools, also attended Edelman's private school at Saegersville, and Wood's select school at Weisenberg church. In 1863 he entered Waterloo, N. Y., Academy, and after finishing his course, at the head of his class, there, he took a special course in higher mathematics at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. He also studied languages under the private tuition of Doctor Muhlenberg, of Allentown. In 1873 he received a teacher's professional certificate, and in 1875, a teacher's permanent certificate. In 1888 Ursinus College conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon him. In 1891 he passed a satisfactory examination before a state committee and was granted a state certificate.

For seven years he taught rural schools during the winter and pursued his studies during the summer. In 1873 he took charge of the Slatington advanced grammar school. In 1875 he was elected principal of the Slatington schools, in which position he served thirteen years, and during which time he conducted a summer normal school at Slatington for ten years, and also officiated, for two terms, as burgess of that town.

In 1888 he accepted the principalship of the Lehigh-ton schools. In 1890 he was elected principal of the Lebanon city high school. In 1891 he accepted the supervising principalship of the West Pittston public schools at an advanced salary, and remained there six years. In 1898 he again took charge of the Slatington schools and served till 1906, when he resigned, and retired from the profession, after serving thirty-nine years, with the high esteem of his co-laborers, and the reputation of having been one of the leading educators of his generation.



FRANKLIN J. STETTTLER.

After retiring from school work, he engaged in the life insurance business. In 1909 he became managing representative of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, with office rooms in the B. and B. Building, Allentown. In 1913, on account of his merit and ability, he received the appointment of agency actuary in the company's office at Philadelphia. He entered upon the duties of his new position on May 19, 1913.

He has two sons and two daughters by his first marriage:

Mrs. Augusta V. Handwerk; Rochester W.; Alberta A., and Charles S.

He married, second, Celia J. Transue, daughter of William and Catherine Transue, of Bethlehem, who before her marriage was a teacher in the West Bethlehem schools.

CHAS. S. STETTLER, son of Franklin J. Stettler, was born at Slatington, Jan. 31, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and at an early age he became interested in the slate industry. He studied and mastered all the necessary details of mining and manufacturing roofing slate and the various slate products as well as of all the different kinds of machinery used for that purpose.

In 1899, at the age of twenty-four, he became superintendent of the Pittston slate works, near Slatington, where he employed and managed a large number of skilled and unskilled men. He served in that position for over ten years. In 1910 he accepted the management of the Manhattan slate works, at Slatedale, where he also employed a large number of men. He resigned said position in 1913. Since then he entered into co-partnership with his father under the business title of Stettler and Stettler, district managers of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, with office rooms in the B. and B. Building, Allentown, Pa.

He married, in 1894, Edith S., daughter of Lewis and Mary A. (Griffith) Edwards, and has three daughters: Olive, Miriam and Winifred.

QUINCY A. STETTLER, station agent at Slatington, son of Joel, was born April 12, 1867. He was educated in the Slatington schools and graduated from the high school in 1890. He graduated from the American Commercial School at Allentown, after which he was bookkeeper for one year with the slate manufacturer, David McKenna. In July, 1891, he became head clerk for the L. V. R. R. Co., at Slatington, and on June 12, 1907, was promoted to station agent.

Mr. Stettler has been since 1901 a director of the Standard Building and Loan Association and has served the borough as auditor and school director as a Republican. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, Jr. O. U. A. M. and Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been for many years a member of the council, and since 1894 secretary of the Sunday school. He married, Oct. 22, 1895, Tevilla S., daughter of Phaon and Senia (Snyder) Mantz, of Jordan Valley, and has four children: Ray M., Wayne D., Marie and Ruth.

#### EDWIN S. STETZEL.

Edwin S. Stetzel, teacher of music at Allentown, was born in the city, April 8, 1869, and received his education in the common and high schools. Being inclined to music he took a course in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and also received private instruction from John F. Himmelsbach and Harold Mason, a pupil of Leschet-

izky. Upon his return home he directed his special attention to the teaching of music on the piano and harmony. He met with success and in 1908 established a spacious and well appointed studio in the Eckert building. Mr. Stetzel is a member of the First Presbyterian church, where he has been a teacher in the Sunday school. He resides with his parents. His father, Jonathan Stetzel, was born in Upper Milford township, Oct. 22, 1844. As a youth he studied for the ministry at Oberlin University, but in the Civil War became an assistant commissary and later enlisted in the 215th Penna. Volunteer Regiment at Lancaster. Since 1874 he has been a cigar packer with Ruhe Brothers.

He married Frances Ann, daughter of Andrew and Ann Jeanette Wittman. They have three children: Edwin S.; Hattie A., wife of John G. Williams, a confectioner, of Allentown; and John A., a cigarmaker. Henry Stetzel, father of Jonathan, was a minister of the Evangelical Association. He was a native of Alsace, Germany, and emigrated to America at the age of 21 years. He preached at New York (in Castle Garden), Philadelphia and Lancaster, and his last charge was Allentown, where he died at the age of 78 years. He married Sarah Ann Shimer.

#### RAY P. STEVENS.

Ray P. Stevens, the former president and general manager of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, and president of the Allentown Electric Light and Power Company, was born April 3, 1877, in Eastport, Maine. He prepared for college at the Ellsworth, Maine, high school, and the E. M. S. Seminary at Bucksport, Maine, and in 1898 graduated from the University of Maine with the degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. During the period he was attending school and college he conducted a general electric and contracting business in Ellsworth, Maine, equipping many of the large summer hotels at Bar Harbor and vicinity. After finishing college he went to work first for the Bell Telephone Company, and then for the General Electric Company, of Lynn, Mass., at the same time living in Boston and taking post-graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first electric railway connection was in Everett, Washington, where he practically built an entire new system, including power house, shops, etc. Before he had finished this he was persuaded to manage the railway and lighting properties in Everett and under his capable management the earnings doubled in less than five years. He next went to Auburn, New York, as general superintendent of the Auburn and Syracuse Electric Railway Company, where he remained two years.



During this period he made so notable a showing that he was offered the presidency of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, which controls nearly 150 miles of electric railway as well as considerable lighting and power producing property throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. At that time the company was yearly showing a deficit, now it is earning enough to pay a 4 per cent. dividend on the preferred stock. Mr. Stevens possesses great managerial ability, and at the time of his election as president was undoubtedly the youngest railway president in this country. Since then he has twice been elected president of the Pennsylvania Street Railway Association.

Mr. Stevens has served as vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, Allentown, for a number of years, and is public spirited, and affiliated with several fraternal societies, also the Phi Gamma Delta Society.

He was united in marriage to Miss Brina Pendleton, daughter of F. C. Pendleton, member of the firm of Pendleton Brothers, noted ship builders of Maine and New York. The firm of Pendleton Bros., New York, control more sailing vessels than any one concern in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have two children: Edwin P., Alice P. During their residence in Allentown they resided at 43 South Seventeenth street, a beautiful residential section.

S. G. Stevens and his wife Abbie (Parker), the parents of Mr. R. P. Stevens, their only son, reside at Eastport, Maine. S. G. Stevens was a canner and packer of wide reputation, and became the organizer of the Sardine Syndicate of America, which controls thirty-eight factories throughout the country, and employs 6,000 people. In the fall of 1913, upon the announcement of Mr. R. P. Stevens' resignation as head of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, much regret was expressed among the many friends he had made. The newspaper men of Allentown held a banquet in his honor, so did the boards of directors and officials with which he had been identified for years; and the boards of directors of the corporations over which he had been placed passed suitable resolutions upon his retirement. The aged father of Mr. Stevens was an invited guest to the banquet given by the official board of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company in honor of R. P. Stevens.

#### STEWART FAMILY.

Patrick, William and Robert Stewart, brothers, were pioneers in Northampton county, Pa., and settled in Lehigh township in the woods on 600 acres of land. The first Federal census in 1790 records Patrick Stewart as the head of a family in Allen township, which comprised him-

self, wife, two sons over sixteen years of age and 4 daughters. William Stewart, in 1790, lived in Upper Mount Bethel township, and had two sons under 16 years of age and 3 daughters. This enumeration however, does not mention the name of Robert Stewart, but in the description of the location of the 165-acre farm in the deed of release dated 1843, by the heirs of William Stewart to Reuben Stewart there is the following clause: "Thence by land of the late Robert Stewart, north 30½ degrees, west 90 perches to a corner, etc."

William Stewart built a crudely constructed log house near an excellent spring and this served as a dwelling until after the erection of the present house. The log barn was razed in 1889 by W. H. Deshler. William Stewart was a farmer all his life. He and family were Lutheran members of the Stone church where they are buried. His wife was Catharine Kleppinger. They had 8 children: George; Reuben; James; William; Polly, m. William Reyer; Anna, m. Samuel Stem; Catharine, m. Jacob Smoyer, lived near Tiffin, Ohio; and Elizabeth, m. Edward Deshler.

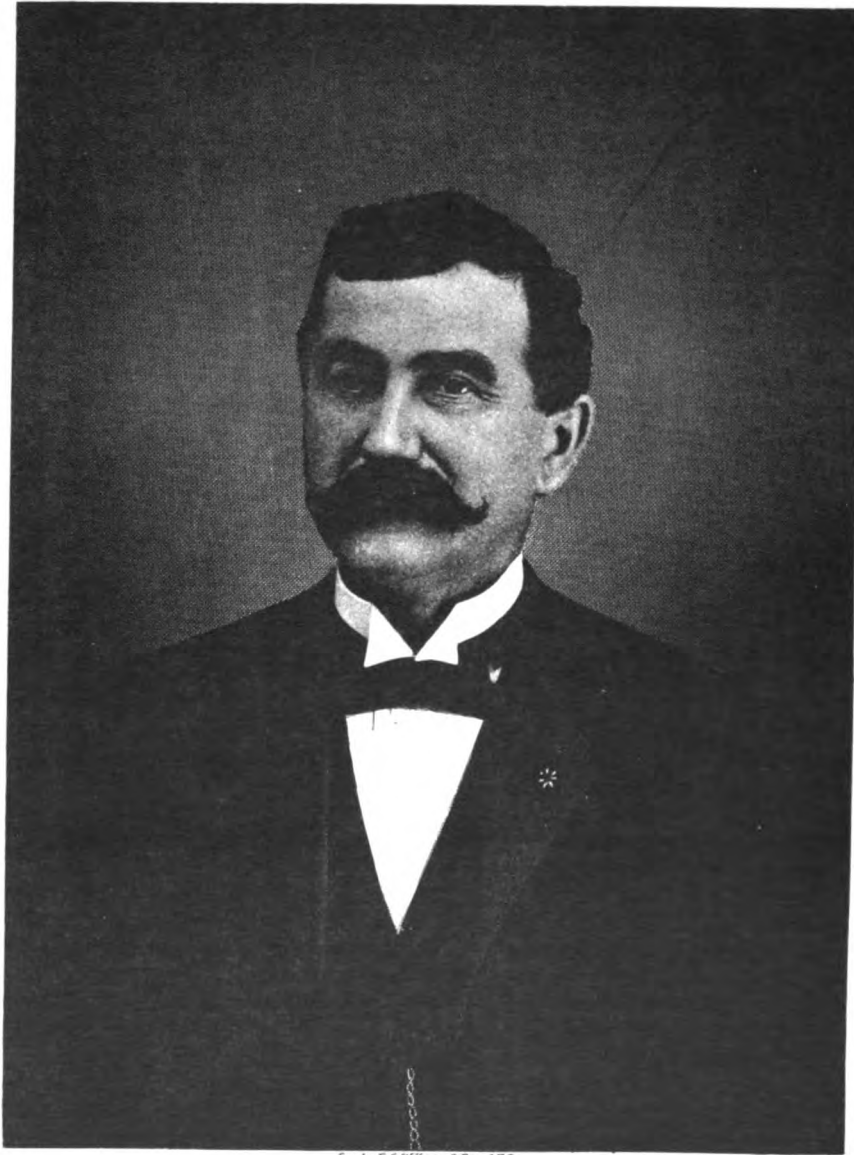
George lived at Cherryville; James lived at Cherryville, later at Catasauqua; Samuel and his wife, Polly, in February, 1843, when they signed the deed of release, lived in Crawford county, Pa., but died at Fostoria, O.; William on March 3, 1843, was apparently unmarried and lived in Wayne county, O.; Catharine and her husband in February, 1843, lived in Mercer county, Pa., but later moved to Tiffin, O.

Reuben Stewart, son of William, was born on the homestead in 1809, and followed farming. In 1843 he purchased the homestead which was then 165 acres, paying \$3,280.00 for it. In 1851 he built the present brick house, the bricks having been made on the premises from clay found near the present Biery's mill. The original log house stood until some time after the erection of the brick residence. After his death in 1888 the farm finally passed into the possession of D. G. Dery, of Catasauqua, after it had been in possession of the family for upwards of 100 years.

His wife, Susan Hiestand, was born in 1818, and departed this life in 1904, in her 88th year. They are buried at the Stone Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were: William, of Seemsville; Annie, deceased; Mary, m. George Graver; Priscilla, m. E. J. Bachman; Nancy, m. R. T. Trumbauer; Abraham D.; David, deceased; Reuben H., whose history appears elsewhere in this volume.

James Stewart, son of William, was born June 18, 1818. He was farmer on the Packer farm at Fullerton for many years. He died Oct. 20, 1869, and is buried on the Fairview cemetery





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at Catasauqua. His wife was Eliza Kress, born June 11, 1820, and died Jan. 6, 1869. Their children were: Oliver; Ellen, widow of Frank Bogh; Elizabeth, m. Hon. Edward Laubach; Sarah, m. William Miller; Laura, m. Charles Hoxworth, and they moved to California in 1911; William, residing at Fostoria, Ohio; Henry (1845-1897); Robert C., died at Treichler's Station, April 21, 1885, aged 27 years, 9 months and 27 days; and John, killed on the rail-

road, Aug. 19, 1882. All of them are deceased, excepting Ellen, Laura and William.

He served St. Paul's Lutheran church, Catasauqua, as official for a number of years.

On Aug. 11, 1874, he married M. Alice Frederick, who with her widowed daughter occupy the homestead residence at 34 Second street, Catasauqua. They had one daughter and one son: Emma J., widow of William Gwynne Davis,



HENRY A. STEWARD.

road, Aug. 19, 1882. All of them are deceased, excepting Ellen, Laura and William.

HENRY A. STEWARD, late of Catasauqua, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Aug. 9, 1845. At the proper age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter trade and for many years he was foreman of the Frederick, Beck & Company Car Wheel and Axle Works, now known as Fullerton Car Wheel and Axle Works. In 1878 he succeeded his father-in-law, Owen

who was born Aug. 31, 1876, and departed this life Oct. 25, 1902, having had two children, Henry S. D. and Wallace G. D.; Frederick A. Steward, the son, is the paymaster of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company. He married Stella Boyer, and resides at Allentown. They have one daughter, Margaret B.

ABRAHAM D. STEWARD, specialist in cancers and tumors, is a resident of Allentown. He was born in Lehigh township on the homestead of the

family and when a young man attended the common schools of his native township and also a school of higher learning at Spring City, Chester county, Pa. In 1882 he began curing people of cancers and tumors, in which he has been successful. He has a suite of offices in the Penn Counties Trust Company building, corner of Eighth and Hamilton streets. Mr. Steward has successfully treated several thousand cases coming from all sections of the United States.

He has a number of relics, among them being three grandfather clocks and several rare corner closets. He is a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 847, I. O. O. F.; also Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., of Allentown.

#### REUBEN H. STEWARD.

Reuben H. Steward, the noted cancer specialist of Allentown, Pennsylvania, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Pa., March 1, 1858, son of Reuben and grandson of William Steward.

His early life was spent on a farm and also as a clerk in a general store. In 1879, he began treating people for cancers, tumors and aneurysms, and so successful has he been from the beginning in the treatment of his patients that they are now numbered by the thousands, coming to him from San Francisco, Cal., Denver, Colo., and Chicago. His cured patients are now found in nearly all the states of the Union. He has his laboratory at No. 1435 Linden street. He uses medicine which is a special preparation of his own and he does not apply the knife in any case. He also prepares from a secret formula, in Laboratory No. 6, Kister's Electric Medical Water, which has a large local sale.

Mr. Steward and family are members of the Lutheran Church. Socially he is connected with Lodge No. 1026, I. O. O. F., at Siegfrieds, Pa., and the Fraternal Mystic Circle, No. 804, and is treasurer of same for the past 12 years.

On June 14, 1888, he was married to Sarah E. Gross, a daughter of Joshua and Malinda (Snyder) Gross, of Bethlehem, Pa. They had five children: Audry G., Lloyd A., Herbert R., and two died young.

John M. Stewart was born in Luzerne county, Pa., Jan. 1, 1834. There he was educated in the public schools and for some years worked in the coal mines. He served during the Civil War as a soldier in the Union army and died on March 29, 1866, and is buried at Egypt. His wife was Alavesta Wright and they had the following children: Nathan J.; William J.; Penrose J.; and Mary, wife of John Christman.

PENROSE J. STEWART was born Dec. 19, 1856, in Whitehall township, and there for some years

he was employed in the ore mines; and for three years he was an employee of the Central Railroad of N. J. Later, for a period of four years, he was an engineer in the ore mines. On April 7, 1884, he entered the employ of the American Cement Company as an engineer, later was promoted to foreman, which position he has filled to the present time. On April 14, 1883, he was married to Annie J., a daughter of Lewis and Charlotte (Hartz) Leh. They have the following children: Lottie E., deceased; Ray E.; Ida, m. David Guth; William P.; Charles L.; Albert; and Theodore, both died in childhood; and Walter D.

Mr. Stewart and his family are members of the Egypt Lutheran church. Socially he is a member of Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., of Allentown. He is a Democrat in politics.

RAY E. STEWART, son of Penrose J., was born March 28, 1885, at Egypt, where he was educated in the public schools and later in 1902 he was graduated from the American Commercial School at Allentown, and from that time until New Year of 1912 he was employed in the office of the American Cement Company. In January, 1912, he became a member of the firm of J. W. Peters & Co., of Egypt.

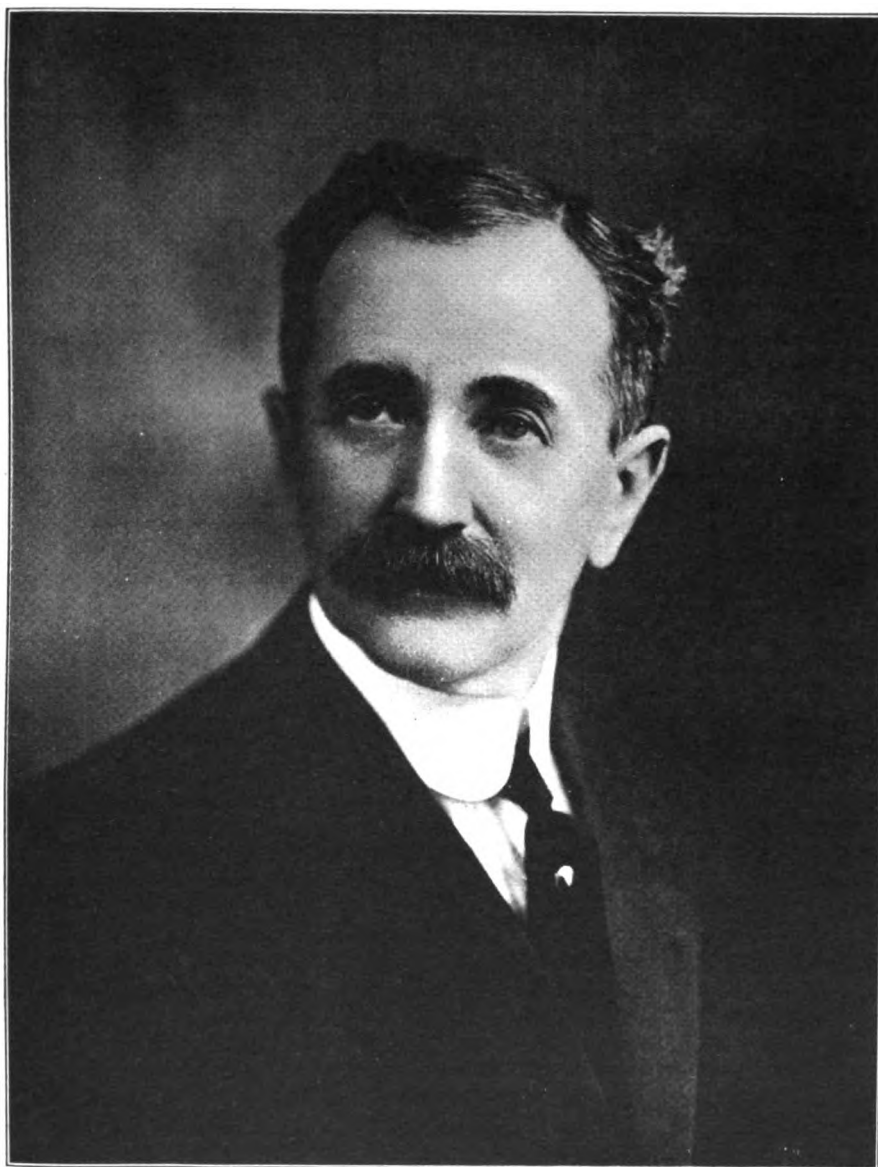
He was married in 1906, to Lillie Cope, a daughter of William and Anna (Frantz) Cope, and they have two children, viz: Allen P., and Harry W. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt which he served as deacon and trustee and since 1911 is the secretary and treasurer of the consistory.

Socially he is a member of the I. O. R. of M., of Egypt, and of Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., of Allentown. He was elected as a Democrat to the office of township auditor.

#### STILES FAMILY.

The Stiles family is one of great antiquity, and is found in all parts of the United States.

The family is of early Anglo-Saxon origin, and, as remarked by the scholarly Henry Reed Stiles, M.D., the family historian and an accomplished genealogist, "if other families claim that their ancestors came into England with William the Conqueror, ours may rest assured that it was in Britain before the conquest," and in the argument upon which he bases his proposition he adduces some philological evidence which is at once interesting and convincing. The family seat was in Melbroke, Balfordshire, England, whence came the founders of the American family of Stiles-Francis, Thomas, Henry and John. They came March 16, 1634, in the ship "Christian," a small vessel of forty tons. They were of a company of twenty-two adult males, three adult females



*R. H. Steward.*





and two children. The Rev. Ezra Stiles, pastor of the Second church, of Newport, R. I., writing in 1762, with the family records before him, said of them that they were of those who "for the sake of a free exercise of pure religion fled out of England from the tyranny and persecution of King Charles the First, and settled in New England. Our family of Stiles was one of this original accession, and purely English blood."

John Stiles (1), the immigrant, was born in Milbroke, Bedfordshire, England, Dec. 25, 1595. He came to America with the company above mentioned, and March 16, 1634, was indentured to his brother, Henry, as a carpenter's apprentice. He settled in Windsor, Conn., and was apportioned land near his brother's. He became a man of considerable property, as shown by various minutes in the records of the church and town. In the seating of the meeting house (1659-60) among those who "have paid and were placed in the long seats when they were paid, were John Stiles, Sr., and his wife. His wife was Rachel (family name unknown) and she was presumably of the company of immigrants with which he came. He died June 4, 1662, aged sixty-seven years, in Windsor. He made his will "the last day of May, 1662," a few days before his decease, making an equitable division of his estate, which was inventoried at £222 4s, a large sum for that day. His wife survived him more than twelve years and died Sept. 3, 1674. They were the parents of four children: Henry, born in England, 1629; John, born in England, about 1633; and Isaac and Sarah, born in Windsor, Conn.

John (2), son of John (1), is referred to by Doctor Stiles in his "Genealogy of the Stiles Family," who relates a family tradition that "a woman and her child paid only a single passage, but double if the child were weaned; and though John Stiles was old enough to wean when they came from England in 1634, yet his mother suckled him during the voyage, and so gained his passage." This John (2) grew up in Windsor, Conn., and was a citizen of good repute. June 5, 1656, he was defendant in quarterly court in an action brought against him for carrying passengers over the river and judgment was given in his favor. In the tax list of 1675 to raise money for the support of the ferry at Windsor, he is mentioned as having "family, horse and four oxen." He married Oct. 28, 1658, (or 1657) Dorcas, born in 1638, daughter of Henry Burt, of Springfield, Mass. Stiles, the historian, relates a tradition that her mother before she came from England, was laid out for dead, and put into her coffin. At the funeral, signs of life appeared, and she was uncovered and came to New

England, settling in Springfield, Mass.; she was the mother of nineteen children, among whom was Dorcas. John Stiles (2), died at Windsor, Conn., Dec. 8, 1683, aged about fifty years. He was the father of five children.

Ephraim (3) was fourth child and second son of John (2) and Dorcas (Burt) Stiles. The date of his birth is unknown, and he died about 1755, aged eighty-five years. He married, Aug. 2, 1694, Abigail Neal, of Westfield, Mass., where he settled. They were the parents of five children. "Of this generation, consisting of 123 souls—sixty-one males and sixty-two females, of which number twenty-nine, or nearly one-fourth died in infancy. The third generation is four times the number of the second. Of this generation by 1764 are fifty-three marriages already, of which only one barren, seven dead, seven done bearing, leaving thirty-seven families in 1764." —*Doctor Stiles.*

Isaac (4), second child and eldest son of Ephraim (3) and Abigail (Neal) Stiles, was born in Westfield, Mass., Oct. 6, 1696, and died Oct. 4, (or 9) 1790, aged ninety-four years. He married a cousin, Mary Brooks, their intentions of marriage having been published Nov. 12, 1720, and the ceremony was performed by John Ashley, justice of the peace, Dec. 22, following. She died Oct. 21, 1734, and he married, second, Deborah Harmon, of Suffield, Conn., in May, 1757. He had seven children, all of his first wife.

Daniel (5), sixth child of Isaac (4) and Mary (Brooks) Stiles, was born in Westfield, Jan. 20, 1732-3. He was the second of his parents' children to bear the name of Daniel, the first Daniel was born Oct. 17, 1729, dying Oct. 12, 1731. He died in service during the French War. He married Amy Hillyer, of Simsbury, Conn., about May 11, 1754. They were the parents of five children.

Daniel (6), second child and eldest son of Daniel (5) and Amy (Hillyer) Stiles, was born in Westfield, Jan. 15, 1757, and is said to have died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., date unknown. He married, first, Sarah, daughter of Daniel Rogers, dren.

Lewis (7), eldest child of Daniel (6) and Sarah (Rogers) Stiles, was born in Kingston, Pa., March 22, 1789, and died at the age of fifty-six years, in 1845, in Town Hill, Luzerne county, Pa. He was a farmer. March 21, 1811, he married Sarah, a daughter of John Dodson. She was born July 29, 1791, and died Feb. 19, 1874. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom nine were sons.

John Dodson Stiles (8), seventh child of Lewis and Sarah (Dodson) Stiles, was born in

Town Hill, Luzerne county, Pa., Jan. 15, 1822. He became one of the most prominent men of his day, and lived a life of great usefulness in state and national, as well as in community affairs. He acquired a liberal academical education, afterward studied law, and was admitted to the bar of Mauch Chunk, Pa., June 24, 1844, shortly after attaining his majority and on Sept. 5th, of the same year, he was admitted to the bar at Allentown, in which city he took up his residence, and with which he was prominently identified thenceforth through his life. He became a leading practitioner and throughout his life conducted an extensive and lucrative practice. His entrance upon the public life dates from 1853, when he was elected district attorney for Lehigh county, to which he was elected without any opposition, and in which position he served for three years, acquitting himself most creditably. He was a Democrat in politics, and in 1856 was chosen a delegate to the national convention which nominated for the presidency James Buchanan; whom he aided largely in obtaining his nomination, and whom he held in honor as a statesman and in affection as a friend. In that memorable contest the organization of the party was attributable to the young men of Pennsylvania, prominent among whom was Mr. Stiles. In his county, Mr. Buchanan received a larger increased majority than in any other county in Pennsylvania. Mr. Stiles never asked and never received an appointment to office, Federal or state.

In 1860, Thomas B. Cooper, Democrat, an intimate friend of Mr. Stiles was elected to Congress from the fifth district of Pennsylvania, composed of the counties of Lehigh and Bucks, by a majority of 100 votes. Mr. Cooper entered upon his duties, but in the beginning of the second session of the Thirty-seventh Congress, died, and Governor Curtin, fearing that a Democrat might be elected, delayed his proclamation for a special election for an unreasonable length of time, but finally ordered an election for the 24th day of May, 1862. Mr. Stiles with great unanimity received the Democratic nomination, but a single week before the election. Congress was then in session, and the outbreak of the war caused the election to be one of the most exciting that ever took place in the state. The district had been represented by a radical in the preceding congress, and was considered a doubtful one. Mr. Stiles was elected by 585 majority, a greater majority than had been given any Democrat for years. He assumed his seat in the Thirty-seventh Congress on the 3d day of June, 1862, and at once took an active part in its proceedings. In that body he served upon the committees on

expenditures in the state department, and on revolutionary claims.

By the apportionment of the state in 1862, his congressional district was changed, Montgomery county having been annexed to Lehigh, and Bucks county with Philadelphia. In the new district of Lehigh and Montgomery, Mr. Stiles was by unanimous consent placed in nomination for re-election. The radicals made vigorous efforts to defeat him. His record in congress on the war was made the cause of bitterness, and he was more strenuously opposed because of his position on the first tax bill, against which he spoke and voted in the Thirty-seventh Congress. His opponent, Judge Krause, who shortly before deserted the Democratic party, was a man of large popularity, and of great ability. He was denounced a "war Democrat" and hoped to receive a sufficient support from the democracy to carry the district. Mr. Stiles received a most flattering endorsement, carrying his district against fierce personal opposition by a majority of 3,224.

In 1864 Mr. Stiles was not a candidate for re-nomination. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1864, which nominated General McClellan, whom he supported. He took an active part in the ensuing campaign. In 1866 he was a delegate, appointed by the Democratic state central committee to the National Union convention, which assembled at Philadelphia. In the Democratic state convention of 1866 Mr. Stiles, though not a candidate, received the vote of his own and several other counties for governor. In 1868 he was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Mr. Seymour, and in the same year, his county again being entitled to the candidate, he was unanimously placed in nomination, and was elected to the Forty-first Congress by a majority of 2,679. He died at Allentown, Oct. 29, 1896.

Mr. Stiles married, June 11, 1849, Mary Amanda, daughter of John S. and Sarah A. Gibbons, of Allentown, who was born Dec. 11, 1826, and died Jan. 23, 1880. The following named children were born of this marriage: (1) John Lewis, born March 17, 1853; (2) Harry Gibbons, born Dec. 16, 1856; (3) Mary Amanda, born Sept. 3, 1859; (4) Clarence Herman, twin with Mary Amanda; (5) Charles Frederick, born June 20, 1862; (6) Blanche G., born Nov. 20, 1865.

Harry Gibbons Stiles (9), second child and second son of Hon. John D. (8) and Mary (Gibbons) Stiles, was afforded excellent educational advantages. He began his studies in the public schools of Allentown, and was graduated from the high school June 30, 1874, at the age

of seventeen years. For two years thereafter he pursued special branches in Muhlenberg College, and then entered the Law School of Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1878, shortly after attaining his majority. He was also favored with instruction by his father in his professional studies, and on April 14, 1879, he was admitted to practice at the bar of Allentown, and shortly afterward became associated with the parent in the well-known law firm of John D. Stiles & Son. In 1884 he was nominated as a presidential elector, and was the youngest man ever placed on that ticket for that position. In 1889 he was elected district attorney for a term of three years, and acquitted himself with great ability. In 1894 he was elected to the state senate on the Democratic ticket. In that year the Republican party had phenomenal victories over the country, and in Lehigh county every Democrat on the ticket was defeated except Mr. Stiles. In 1898 he was re-elected by the handsome majority of 2,000 votes.

In 1908 he was elected Mayor of Allentown by a plurality of 778 votes. He died in office, Nov. 8, 1908. Mr. Stiles married, Sept. 27, 1889, Annie, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Yhenlon.

CLARENCE H. STILES, third son of John D., secured his education in the schools of Allentown and the Allentown Academy. On Aug. 25, 1875, he entered the stationery and book business, in which he has been continuously engaged at 531 Hamilton street. He has been active in the circle of politics, and represented the Ninth ward in select council for eleven years. He is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. and A. M., of which he was W. M. in 1892; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Council, No. 23, R. and S. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Allentown Aerie, No. 110, F. O. of E.; Allentown Nest, No. 72, Order of Owls; Livingston Club and Lehigh Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with Grace Episcopal church.

#### STONEBACK FAMILY.

Daniel Stoneback, born in England, about the year 1800, emigrated to Pennsylvania, and settled in Montgomery county. He was a tanner by trade and owned a farm of 60 acres which was located at the Branch Church. He and family were Reformed members of the church and Mr. Stoneback served it as an official. His children were: Daniel, whose history follows; Mahlon, lived in Philadelphia; William, lived in New York City; Jacob, removed to Jacksonville, Florida; Hetty Ann, married to Ephraim Cope; Lucy Ann, married to William Williams; Mary

Ann, married to William Willer; Julia Ann and Lizzie Ann, both died single.

Daniel K. Stoneback, son of Daniel, was born Sept. 3, 1830, in Montgomery county. Soon after 1857 he came to Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for 42 years. In 1899 he retired and located at Coopersburg, where he died on April 30, 1904, and was buried at the Blue Church, of which he had been an active member almost fifty years. In 1857 he married Elizabeth Berkenstock, a daughter of Henry Berkenstock, of Lower Milford township. Mrs. Stoneback is still living. Their children were: Charles H., whose history follows; and Maria, who is the wife of C. H. Schantz, of Coopersburg.

CHARLES H. STONEBACK, manufacturer, bank director and prominent citizen of Coopersburg, was born July 3, 1859, in Lower Milford township, son of Daniel K. Stoneback.

He was educated in the public schools, the Keystone State Normal School and Pierce Business College, of Philadelphia, graduating in 1880. He taught school from 1876 to 1888. Of this time he taught seven years in Lower Macungie and four years in Upper Saucon township. On March 31, 1888, he engaged in the manufacturing of shoes, at Coopersburg, a business he has continued up to the present, giving employment to a large number of persons. He is a director of the Quakertown National Bank, the Lehigh Valley Cold Storage Company, of South Bethlehem, and holds directorates and official positions in a number of local corporations which are all successful. Politically he is a Democrat, was burgess of Coopersburg; school director for thirteen years and Democratic committeeman of his town for seven years. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee.

In 1886 he was married to Emma, a daughter of Frank Jordan, whose full history appears in this volume. They have these children: Ralph, an officer in the Quakertown National Bank; May J., married to Miles K. Fisher, of Quakertown; Grace J., widow of Austin Mumbauer. They have a daughter, Marguerite Mumbauer. Ralph and Mary J. Stoneback are both graduates of the Coopersburg high school and East Stroudsburg State Normal School, classes of 1906 and 1909 respectively.

#### ROBERT S. STONEBACK.

Robert S. Stoneback, the active and wide awake bookkeeper of the Dery Silk Mill, of Emaus, Pa., was born at Sternsville, Bucks county, March 11, 1881. At the age of ten

years he removed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carl, from Steinsville to Emaus. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school in 1897, and after completing a post graduate course of one year he was licensed to teach in the public schools of Lehigh county. He followed the profession of teaching for a period of eight years, teaching one year at Dillingersville and seven in the borough schools of Emaus. Upon the opening of the Dery Silk Mill, he accepted the position of bookkeeper, which position he has continued to fill with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employer. Through his activity, far-sightedness and public spirit, Mr. Stoneback has made himself invaluable to his community. He is a member of St. John's Reformed congregation and has served as deacon for a period of five years, and for a period of twelve years has acted as secretary for the Lutheran and Reformed Union Sunday school. He has been the secretary of the town council for ten years and of the Board of Trade since its organization, and was the secretary of the general committee of the Golden Jubilee in 1909. In 1909 he and R. J. Butz opened an office for real estate, insurance and investments, and now occupy a suite of rooms in the Stortz and Eisenhard building. In the same year he was also appointed notary public. Mr. Stoneback is very popular in fraternal circles and enjoys membership in the following orders: I. O. O. F., also of the Encampment, P. O. S. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M., and B. of A. He is a charter member of the Emaus Fire Co., No. 1, and holds membership in Hillside Rod and Rifle Club, Mercantile Club, and Lehigh Sangerbund. He is also the reporter for the *Morning Call* for Emaus and vicinity, in which field of work he is unsurpassed. He is married to Lillie H. Wickert, a daughter of Dr. H. T. Wickert of Emaus (see Wickert family). This union is blessed with one son, H. Walter.

#### STOPP FAMILY.

Descended from the old German baronial Von Stapff family, John Valentine Stopp, pioneer settler and Revolutionary soldier, came to America soon after the middle of the eighteenth century, and in 1772 by patent together with his friend, John Silvius, he took title to certain lands along the Jordan. He was not permitted to enjoy many years of peaceful activity when he responded to the call of the state to which he had sworn allegiance, and entered the patriot army, being enrolled in Company No. 7, recruited from Northampton county and commanded by Captain Thomas Craig. With his company he was

captured at Fort Washington in November, 1776, and his rifle was taken from him in the action. Later he was reported among the sick at the same place and without doubt he spent the eventful winter of 1777-1778 with Washington and the crippled forces at Valley Forge. As he never returned to his family from the war, he probably died in the service of his country and may lie to-day among the thousands of unknown dead buried on the quiet hills of Valley Forge. During his absence his family suffered at the hands of the Indians, who destroyed his property, but spared their lives. His widow was subsequently married to a man named Kleckner.

The sons of John Stopp were John, Jacob, Samuel and Abraham. Samuel settled in Easton and married Salome Fox. Many of his descendants are still living in Northampton county and New Jersey. Jacob, born in 1772, lived along the banks of the Jordan. He married Christine Anewalt, daughter of Valentine Anewalt, founder of the well-known family of that name and himself distinguished by service in the patriot army during the War of the Revolution.

He was a member of the Egypt Reformed church, in whose fellowship he died in 1839. His grave, in the old churchyard of that historic church, is next to that of General Peter Ruch.

The children of Jacob and Christine Anewalt Stopp were: Elizabeth, married to George Siegler; John, whose first wife was Barbara Fry, and his second, Susanna Clewell; Peter; Ann, married to Reuben Daubt; Jacob, who married Anna Biery; Mary, whose husband's name was Strohm; Charles, married first to Abbie Rinker, and then to Lydia Zimmerman; Katherine, married to Peter Muschlitz; and Joseph.

Joseph Stopp, the youngest son of Jacob Stopp, was born in Whitehall township in 1815. After receiving the meager education of that day, he learned the trade of carpenter and undertaker and as a young man went to New Jersey, where he lived about fifteen years. He became a member of the Greenwich Presbyterian church, not very far from Phillipsburg. He later engaged in business at Nazareth and Bethlehem, and in 1854 moved to Allentown, where his family has since resided. In Warren county, New Jersey, he met and married Margaret Ann Hamlin, of old English stock and the grand-daughter of Thomas Hamlin, a soldier from New Jersey in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Stopp was intensely patriotic in the days of the Civil War and went over the battlefield of Gettysburg on July 4, 1863. His wife and he were among the early members of the Presbyterian church in Allentown. He died in 1866, leaving his widow and the following children: Mary Martha, mar-

ried to the Hon. Samuel A. Bridges, who represented this district in Congress for three widely separated terms, during the Mexican War in the 40's, again in the 50's and again in the 70's, and after Mr. Bridges' death, to the Hon. Edward M. Paxson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Sarah Louise and Margaret Ann, still living at the old homestead in Allentown; Matilda Cornelia; Edward Anewalt; George Brainerd; and John. Mr. Stopp was one of the most active citizens and successful merchants of old Allentown and his name was synonymous with integrity and fair dealing.

John Stopp, son of Joseph Stopp, was born at Springtown in 1844. He was educated at Professor Gregory's well-known Allentown Academy and later studied law at Yale University, but was obliged to discontinue his studies because of ill health. He responded to his country's call for volunteers twice during the Civil War, in 1862, and again in 1863, in the 27th Pennsylvania Regiment, Co. H, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Captain Gregory, his old teacher of the Allentown Academy, in command. Had not the Confederate forces burned the bridge over the Susquehanna river at Columbia, where his regiment was in camp, he would have been a participant in the battle of Gettysburg.

In 1874 Mr. Stopp married Miss Ella C. M. Dech, daughter of Solomon and Matilda Dreisbach Dech, great-granddaughter of Ensign Jacob Dreisbach, whose father, Simon Dreisbach, and uncle, Col. Jost Dreisbach, rendered distinguished services in the Revolutionary War. His sons were the Rev. Samuel A. Bridges Stopp, a Lutheran minister; Joseph Herbert Stopp, Esq., lawyer and banker, of Philadelphia; and John Franklin Stopp, engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles, California.

Recommended by Senator Quay and Postmaster-General John Wanamaker, Mr. Stopp was appointed postmaster of Allentown by President Harrison in 1889 and filled that responsible office most creditably for four years from 1889 to 1893. He did much toward the improvement of the city by building stores, dwellings and the structures used by the government for the Post Office and by the city for municipal purposes until the present government building and city hall were erected. At one time he was a trustee of the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a lifelong member. Mr. Stopp died in Allentown, July 21, 1911.

#### REV. SAMUEL A. BRIDGES STOPP.

Samuel Augustus Bridges Stopp, the son of John and Ella C. M. Dech Stopp, was born in Allentown, Pa., March 19, 1875. He was edu-

cated at the Muhlenberg Academy and at Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in 1896, being honored by an appointment as one of the speakers. During his college course he was a member of the Enterpean Literary Society, assistant editor of the *Giarla*, the Junior annual, and editor-in-chief of the *Muhlenberg*. In the fall of 1896, Mr. Stopp entered the Senior class of Princeton University, and entered the classes of Woodrow Wilson. He became a member of Whity Hall, one of whose distinguished founders was President James Madison, of the class of 1771, and of the Philadelphia Society whose organization antedates that of the college Y. M. C. A. Graduating with honors in 1897, Mr. Stopp took a year's post-graduate course in linguistic and literary studies and received the degree of Master of Arts from Princeton University in 1898. After taking a three years' theological course at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, he was graduated from that institution in 1901, and delivered an address at the commencement exercises in St. Michael's church, Germantown.

In June, 1901, Mr. Stopp was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran Church in St. Michael's church, Allentown, and soon after was called to the pastorate of St. Paul's church, Doylestown, where he remained five years. He was pastor of the Church of the Ascension, Brooklyn, New York, for a short time in 1907, and from 1907 until 1909 pastor of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Atlantic City, N. J. Ill health required Mr. Stopp to retire from the active pastorate but he supplies various churches in the Allentown and Wilkes-Barre Conferences of the Lutheran Church. He is the author of various monographs, some of which were published by the Pittsburgh Liturgical Association, including "A General Survey of the Book of Common Prayer," "The Collects," and "The Apostolic Age." He has also written "The Early History of the Dreisbach Family in America," and is historian of the Dreisbach Family Association, a charter member of the Lehigh County Historical Society, a member of the Bucks County Historical Society, and a life-member of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Charles Stopp, son of Jacob and Christian (Anewalt) Stopp, was a farmer in Washington township. He was born April 6, 1811, and died March 19, 1857. He is buried at the Frieden's Church at Hoffman's, P. O., having been a Reformed member of that church. His first wife was Abbie Rinker, and his second wife Lydia Zimmerman, is buried at Unionville. To the first union were born four children, and to the second, were born the following: Dr. Assiba, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Charles



P., who was born at Sheidy's, in North Whitehall; he was for forty-one years a blacksmith at Schnecksville, where he also died. Both he and his wife Rebecca, a daughter of Henry and Amanda (Mickley) Schadt, are buried at Unionville. Mr. Stopp was prominently identified with the Democratic party, which he served as committeeman from North Whitehall township for about twenty years; and it was largely through him that the township was divided into three voting precincts. They had these children: Cora, the wife of Oliver Wright; George; Asa M.; Charles; Joseph; Frank; Sallie; Annie; and Katie.

ASA M. STOPP, the second son of Charles P., is a school teacher of North Whitehall township, residing at Schnecksville, where he was born May 20, 1871. His education was obtained in the public schools, the Schnecksville Academy, the Valparaiso University, Indiana; and at the State Normal School, Kutztown. He was licensed to teach school in 1893 and since that time he has been teaching every term in North Whitehall. He taught at the Unionville Church school house for six consecutive terms. In April, 1911, he was granted a State Teacher's Permanent Certificate.

Mr. Stopp and family worship in the Reformed faith in the church at Unionville and he has served this congregation as a deacon. Socially he is a Past Grand of Jordan Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., and for four years he was the representative to the Grand Lodge of the State. He has also served his township as auditor for two terms, having been elected as a Democrat.

In 1900 he married Sarah Roth, a daughter of Alexander Roth. Their children are: Marcus M., Lillian I., Howard H., Charles F. and William P., twins.

#### JOHN A. STORM.

John A. Storm, the foreman of the Dent Hardware Company, at Fullerton, Pa., was born at Petersville, Northampton county, son of John and grandson of the late Philip Storm.

Philip Storm was born on the Rhine in Bavaria, Germany, Sept. 12, 1829, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Storm, who was a farmer; also sold wine, wheat, tobacco and hops. He died in 1832. Philip Storm attended the schools of his native country according to the German curriculum. At the age of fourteen years he learned the tailor trade and followed it until eighteen years of age. In 1848 he left Antwerp, and after a voyage of fifty days he landed in New York. He located in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and from there walked the entire distance to Catasauqua, Pa. After loading coal

on boats along the wharf at Mauch Chunk, for 1858, and there was employed in limestone quarries. In October, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 176th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, for nine months service. The regiment done provost duty at Suffolk and Norfolk, and was honorably discharged, at Philadelphia, Aug. 18, 1863.

After his return to civil life he became the foreman of the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, in which he remained until in 1889, when he was a travelling representative of the company in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. He was in the employ of the company twenty-six years. In 1892 he erected a large brick residence at the corner of Lehigh and Bridge streets, Catasauqua. He also erected seven other houses in his time. Mr. Storm was councilman, burgess in 1881, and re-elected the three successive years; served as health officer of Whitehall since 1893, and at the Republican county convention in 1875 he was honored with the nomination for sheriff of the county.

From 1893 up to the time of his death, on May 10, 1913, he was the superintendent of the Fairview cemetery, having been re-elected every year.

He has served the Lutheran church as an elder for about a quarter of a century. He was a prominent Free Mason, member of the Catasauqua chapter; the Allen Commandery K. T. No. 20; and on April 24, 1912, he was made a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., being at the time the oldest Shriner ever admitted in the United States. His grandson, Thomas Storm, of Pottstown, was made a Shriner at the same time with him; member of Fuller Post, No. 378, G. A. R. In 1874 Mr. Storm paid a visit to the Fatherland.

In 1851 he married Gertrude Koch, a native of Germany, who was born in 1827, died in 1883. They had five children, namely: John, mentioned later; William, of Pottstown; Sarah, married to A. E. Seyfried, deceased; Mary, married to Peter Grishert; and Lavinia, married Allen Heckman, of Catasauqua. Mr. Storm married second, Sarah A. (Trollinger) Miller, widow of John P. Miller, of Allentown.

John Storm, son of Philip, was born at Catasauqua, March 17, 1857. He was an iron roller at Catasauqua, where he died on Dec. 11, 1890. He had a son, John A. Storm, and the latter's mother, was Ellen Rice, a daughter of Peter Rice, of Petersville, Northampton county, who was killed in battle in the great Civil War.

John A. Storm was educated in the public schools and at the age of eighteen years learned the machinist and tool-making trades at the Al-

lentown Iron Company, at Allentown. He worked as a journeyman until 1898 but since that time he has acted in various responsible capacities. Mr. Storm has been employed by the Dent Hardware Company, Fullerton, Pa., since the inception of it. He is now foreman of the machine department and assistant to H. P. Newhard, secretary and superintendent of the Dent Hardware Company.

He built his own residence in 1903, located at the corner of American and Washington streets, Fullerton. Socially he is a member of the Independent Americans since he is sixteen years old; the Allentown Aerie No. 110, F. O. E.; and in politics he is a Republican.

In 1910 he promoted the Fullerton Stone Company which manufactures a crushed stone also a building stone. The company employs as many as thirty men. Mr. Storm is the secretary and treasurer of the corporation which he also serves as a director. In 1912 he was one of the organizers of the Fullerton Fire Company and was elected its first treasurer.

He was married, June 25, 1897, to Hattie B. Dieffenderfer, daughter of Lewis A. and Anna (Mohr) Dieffenderfer. They had an only son, Earl Lewis Philip Storm, born May 22, 1899, who died after being sick only one day, July 14, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Storm are Lutherans and he helped to organize the church at Fullerton in 1902, and he has served it as deacon and trustee.

#### STOUDT FAMILY.

The name Staudt (Stoudt, Stout), is one of the early Palatinate family names. The seat of the family is at Rothenberg. Members of the family figured prominently in some of the Crusades. The family spread northward into Holland, where several members obtained noble rank. During the persecutions of Bloody Alba, some members of the family fled to England, one of them, Richard by name, enlisting in the English navy. Upon one of his visits to New Amsterdam he met Penelope Van Princis, who later became his wife, and they settled in Middletown, N. J., prior to 1688, becoming the progenitors of a large and honorable family.

The Staudts of Pennsylvania come directly from the Palatinate and seem to be divided into two groups, that of Berks and that of Bucks county. On Aug. 30, 1737, there landed at Philadelphia, John Jacob, Johannes and Hans Adam Staudt, and on September 24th of the same year, Peter Staudt. These four, it is claimed, were brothers. The following year, Peter and Daniel arrived, and in 1741 another Peter, and these were joined in 1744 by George Wilhelm. It is believed that all of the above named were re-

lated. John Jacob settled at what is now Perkasie, and was the father of the following children: Abraham, Henry K., Jacob, Hannah, Magdalena, Annie Margaret. Abraham was a man of prominence in his day, serving during the Revolution as a member of the Committee of Safety, also of the Committee of Observation, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and of the Convention of 1789-90. The Stouts of Lehigh and Northampton counties are chiefly descendants of the Bucks group.

At the head of the Berks group stands John Michael Staudt, who took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia Sept. 18, 1733. Tradition says that his father died at sea, and that the headship of the family fell upon him though he was only twenty-one years of age. How large the family was is not known, but that Mathias, aged eight, and Johannes, probably still younger, were in the group is certain, and it is quite probable that the family was even larger.

John Michael Stoudt was born 1711 or 1712, and died May 13, 1776, aged 63 years, 5 months and — days. His body and that of his wife, Barbara, were buried at the Berne church, of which he is said to have been one of the founders. On Oct. 25, 1737, there was surveyed for him a tract of land consisting of 180 acres on the west bank of the Schuylkill river opposite the "flat meadows." Later this number of acres was almost doubled. The estate is beautifully located sloping towards the south and the river. The dwelling, a substantial stone building was built over a fine spring of water, no doubt in order to have water in case of an Indian attack. The scenery along the river is romantic, a bridge now spans the river where formerly a ferry was the means of crossing. The bridge is known as Stoudt's Ferry bridge. To him and his good wife Barbara, were born ten children: Johannes, Jacob, Michael, George, William, John George, Jost, Anna Barbara, Catherine, Apolonia, and Elisabeth. John Michael Staudt frequently acted as sponsor and guardian. The first act thus recorded is found in the baptismal record of Rev. John Casper Stoever, when he, John Michael Staudt and Elisabeth Brauer stood sponsor for Elisabeth, a daughter of Jacob Amman, of Schuylkill, on April 29, 1735. He was naturalized as a citizen of Berks county on April 10 or 11, 1761, at which time he declared that he had taken the Sacrament on April 1, 1761.

Mathias, (1725-1795), was married to Anna Margaret Schrader, (Oct. 13, 1728-May 22, 1797). They lived in Bern township and were members of the Berne Reformed congregation, where their ashes repose. To them were born five children: John; Mathias; Jacob; Catharine

Maria, married to Thomas Umbenhauer; and Elizabeth.

John (Johannes) Stoudt, settled in Brunswick township, now Schuylkill county, where he had an estate of one hundred acres. He died prior to Oct. 28, 1773, when his eldest son, John, about fourteen years of age, petitioned the court that his uncle, Michael Staudt, of Bern township, be appointed his guardian. Nov. 11, 1773, Michael Staudt was also appointed guardian for the other three children of John Staudt, of Brunswick; Daniel, 13 years of age, Jacob, 11 years of age, and Anna Margreth, 8½ years of age. Michael Staudt died May 13, 1776, and it became necessary for the court to appoint new guardians for the children of John. On May 14, 1777, John Stoudt, of Maiden Creek, was appointed guardian for Anna Margreth and George William Stoudt, of Maiden Creek, for Daniel and Jacob.

Jacob Staudt, son of Michael, was born in Bern township, Nov. 12, 1738, and died in Richmond township in Jan. 20, 1802. His remains and those of his wife lie buried at St. John's Union church, Kutztown, Pa. He is recorded as having a tract of land consisting of 95 acres in Bern township in 1768. In 1790 he removed from Bern township to Richmond township, having purchased the farm now owned by Edwin Kutz. Margretha, the wife of Jacob Staudt, died cir 1819 and was also buried at Kutztown. To them were born the following children: John Jacob, born May 17, 1776; Adam, (1777-1853); John Henry, born May 17, 1780; Daniel; Barbara, married to John Schucker; Mary, married to Michael Knittle; Catharine, born Oct. 27, 1793, died May 28, 1804; and Elizabeth, married to William Ebling.

Daniel, son of Jacob and grandson of John Michael, was a distiller by trade. He resided in Maiden Creek township, but his declining years were spent in and about Kutztown, where he died in 1853 and was buried in Hottenstein's private cemetery. His wife, a Miss Bowman, whose parents removed to Ohio, and lived neighbors to the Breyfogel family, is said to have been one of the best spinners of her day, both as to quality and quantity, also that she spun all her sewing thread. Their children were: Adam, moved to Logansport, Ind., where he died; George, married Hannah Borrel, and reared a family of nine children; Reuben, is mentioned below; Frank, died unmarried; Margaretha, married Jacob Saul, of Molltown; Polly and Hannah died unmarried; Maria, married Joseph Hampshire and lived at Bower's Station; Hettie Esther, died young; Isaac, served in the Mexican

War, and soon after his return left again for the Western country.

Reuben, the third son of Daniel, married Hannah Koch, daughter of John Koch and his wife Catharine (Gehret), and this union was blessed with the following children: Benjamin, who located at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, but his descendants live chiefly in Lebanon county; Daniel, who located at Circleville, Ohio; William, who located at Pottstown, Schuylkill county; Henry; Kate, who died unmarried; Hannah, married to Mr. Lobo and living in Chicago; Reuben, who was killed in the Civil War; Samuel, who settled in Carlisle, Pa.; Charles, who died of disease contracted in the Civil War; James, who served in the Civil War and afterward located in California; Melinda and Ellen, unmarried, who live at Reading; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Yingst, and lives at Carlisle.

Henry Stoudt, son of Reuben, was born March 27, 1827, and died Sept. 23, 1859. He was married to Otilla, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Oswald) Reppert. She was born Dec. 12, 1827 and died Aug. 3, 1877. Their remains were buried at DeLong Reformed church, of which they were members. They resided at Topton, where he died of hiccough. This union was blessed with six children: John, Hannah, Francis, Oliver, Daniel, and Lucius.

John R. Stoudt, son of Henry and Otilla Stoudt, was born Feb. 10, 1848. His father died when he was a mere boy and he was hired out among strangers. He was reared on the farm and received but a common school education, and later learned the art of milling. On June 10, 1876, he was married to Anna Amanda, daughter of Charles and Anna (Carl) Baer. (See Baer Family.) The following year he engaged in farming, which occupation he continued up to the time of his death, Feb. 3, 1907. He was well read, a good farmer and a fine stock man, breeding blooded stock. Mr. and Mrs. Stoudt were members of the Reformed Church and were confirmed at DeLong's church, Bowers', Berks county. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Stoudt removed to Fleetwood, where she and the family reside. The ashes of Mr. Stoudt repose on the family burial plot in the Fleetwood cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Stoudt were born the following six children: Charles Henry, a moulder by trade, is married to Minnie Lease, has two children, Mabel and Charles, and resides in Reading; Rev. John Baer, see below; George B., a machinist, resides at Topeka, Kansas, and has four sons: Calvin, Francis, Paul, and Kenneth; Jacob, a moulder, is married to Katie Kline, resides at Fleetwood and has two daughters, Anna and Esther; Annie L., at home, is married to John





*Jno. Baer Stoudt*

Herring, a bricklayer and has one son, Harold Robert; Frederick M., of the firm Stoudt & Schlegel, tin roofers and metal workers, resides with his mother.

REV. JOHN B. STAUDT.

Rev. John Baer Stoudt, pastor of Grace Reformed congregation, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Pa., Oct. 17, 1878, and later removed with his parents to Richmond township, near Fleetwood. He was reared on the farm, attended the local public schools and the Fleetwood high school. In 1896 he was licensed to teach in the public schools, which profession he followed for three years. He was graduated from the Keystone Normal School in 1900, and Franklin and Marshall College in 1905. While at the normal school and at college he took an active interest in literary and oratorical work, winning a number of collegiate and inter-collegiate prizes. After graduating from college, he entered the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church from which he was graduated with honors in 1908. During the summer of 1906 he studied theology in the University of Chicago. On June 3, 1908, he was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel by Lehigh Classis at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. On September 1st of the same year, he accepted a call from the Salisbury charge, consisting of the congregations of New Jerusalem, Western Salisbury; St. John's, Emaus; and St. Mark's, South Allentown, and was ordained and installed on Sunday evening, September 27th, in St. Mark's church, South Allentown. The committee were Revs. M. H. Brensinger, T. H. Krick and T. M. Reber. While pastor of the Salisbury charge, the charge was reconstructed, the congregation chartered and the congregational and benevolent offerings double. Having received a unanimous call from Grace Reformed congregation, Northampton, Pa., he removed from Emaus to Northampton, Feb. 9th, in which field of labor he still continues.

Though popular as a preacher and pastor, Rev. Stoudt is known to the public at large as an antiquarian and historian. His researches are confined mainly to the life, literature, manners and customs, religion and folklore of the Pennsylvania Germans. His contributions to the historic lore of his own people have been many and varied and he is being recognized as an authority in this particular line of research. He is the author of a history of the Reformed congregation of Western Salisbury, a history of Grace Reformed congregation, Northampton, Pa.; the Life and Services of Col. John Siegfried; the Nursery Rhymes and Riddles of the

Pennsylvania; the Proverbs and Sayings of the Pennsylvania Germans; House Mottoes and other inscriptions, etc., etc. He is a member of the American Society of Folklore, the Penna. German Society (executive committee); the Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Historical Societies.

On Oct. 15, 1908, he was united in holy wedlock with Elizabeth A. DeLong, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Yoder) DeLong. (See DeLong Family). This union is blessed with one son, John Joseph, born March 11, 1911. Mrs. Stoudt is a member of Liberty Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution.

George Wilhelm Staudt, son of John Michael Staudt, the emigrant, was born on the old homestead at Stoudt's Ferry, in Berne township, Berks county, Jan. 12, 1748, and died on his plantation in Maiden Creek township, Sept. 17, 1820. He possessed a farm of 150 acres in Berne township, but cir 1785 he removed to Maiden Creek township, where he resided until the time of his death. He was married to Christina Weidenhammer, a daughter of Johannes (1726-1804) and Margreth (1727-1812) Weidenhammer. They were members of the St. John's Reformed congregation at Kutztown, where their ashes as well as some of their descendants repose. They had the following children: George; Margaret, married to David Gross (1775-1831); Joseph, born 1773, died 1817; Magdalina, born Aug. 11, 1778, married to John Mohr; Daniel; Maria, married to Daniel Mertz; Adam; Jacob; and Catharine, married to Daniel Meckly.

Jacob Stoudt, great-grandfather of Stanley H. Stoudt, who was a farmer near Calcium, in Maiden Creek township, married a Miss Reeser, and they had these children: Jacob, married a Miss Hill; Benneville; Daniel, married Elizabeth Forney; Joel, married Eliza Rickenbach; and Rebecca, married Issac Huy.

Benneville Stoudt, who was also a farmer, carried on operations near Molltown, in Maiden Creek township. He married Hettie Bernt, and they had nine children, as follows: John; William, married Emma Brown and has had seven children; Alvin; David; Benneville; Oneida, deceased; Laura; Jennie; and Carrie; Lewis B.; Edwin B.; George B.; Racy, married Abraham Heffner and has four children: Samuel, Mary, Sallie, and Susan; Mary, married John Adams and has three children: John, Edgar, and Hettie; Sallie, married Ezra High and has two children: Hettie and Lena; and Wilson, died when nearly twenty-one years old.

John B. Stoudt was born in Maiden Creek



township, Berks county, Pa., Sept. 12, 1842. He was reared on the farm and at the age of 18 began contracting hauling iron ore for the Bethlehem and Reading Coal and Iron Company. He afterward engaged in farming which he continued until 1910, when he removed to Alburdis and now makes his home with his son, Stanley H. Mr. Stoudt was married to Emma Hawkins, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Hawkins. She died Sept. 3, 1909. This union was blessed with seven children: Stanley H.; Benneville, an engineer and resides at Emaus, Pa.; John, a lumber dealer, residing in Huntington County, Pa.; Elizabeth, married to Thomas Merkel, a farmer in Longswamp township, Berks county, Pa.; Wilson, Allentown, Pa.; Calvin, a farmer in Upper Macungie; and Victoria, married to Milton Beidler, of Longswamp. Mr. Stoudt is a member of St. Peter's Reformed congregation in which he served as trustee, deacon and was a member of the building committee. In politics he is a Democrat.

STANLEY H. STOUT, the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, at Alburdis, was born and reared on the farm and received a common school education. At the age of twenty-two he entered into the employ of the Blandon Rolling Mill as a puddler and continued for a period of eight years. After which he conducted a hotel in Blandon for two years and the Hensinger House in Alburdis for one year, when he again returned to his former occupation for one year, when he returned to Alburdis and conducted the American House for one year. In 1904, he purchased the Eagle Hotel at Alburdis, which he has conducted ever since. The Eagle Hotel is one of the well known taverns in the county and Mr. Stout, who is progressive, enjoys the patronage of the best traveling public. Mr. and Mrs. Stout know how to cater to people and make the stranger feel at home. Mrs. Stout (Agnes Elizabeth Laub), is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Scheid) Laub, Lyons Station. They were married June 22, 1889, and are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Stout is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he enjoys fellowship in the following orders: K. of G. E., No. 80; I. O. O. F., No. 108; and Jr. O. U. A. M.

#### STRASSBURGER FAMILY.

The first Straussburger who settled in Pennsylvania was a native of Ober-Ingleheim, a village on the south of the Rhine, between Bingen and Mayence, in the midst of a rich wine producing district. There is a handsome Protestant church in Ober-Ingleheim which dates from the Thirteenth century, and among the records still

preserved there are some agreeing exactly with those in possession of the family in this country.

In the *Pennsylvania Archives* we find that among those who came to America on the ship "Loyal Judith," from Rotterdam, was Johann Andreas Strassburger. He qualified September 3, 1742. His age is given as twenty-five years. Again, among those who came on the ship "Minerva," from Rotterdam, via Portsmouth, was Johann Andreas Strassburger. He qualified October 13, 1769. The signatures in both cases are precisely the same. It is probable that it was the same person, and that after the first voyage he returned to Ober-Ingleheim, married, and in 1769 brought his two children to Pennsylvania and remained there. The dates are as follows: Johann Andreas Strassburger was the eldest of the eight children of Johann Ulrich Strassburger and his wife, Maria Elizabeth, and was born January 19, 1716; he married Catharina Rosina Kolb, in 1751; she died at Ober-Ingleheim, March 15, 1771. Their children were Christine, born October 2, 1751; and Johann Andreas, born January 24, 1754. Some of the family are still living in Ober-Ingleheim and the house, a very substantial stone building two and a half stories high, where the first Johann Andreas was born, is still standing though it is not now owned by the family.

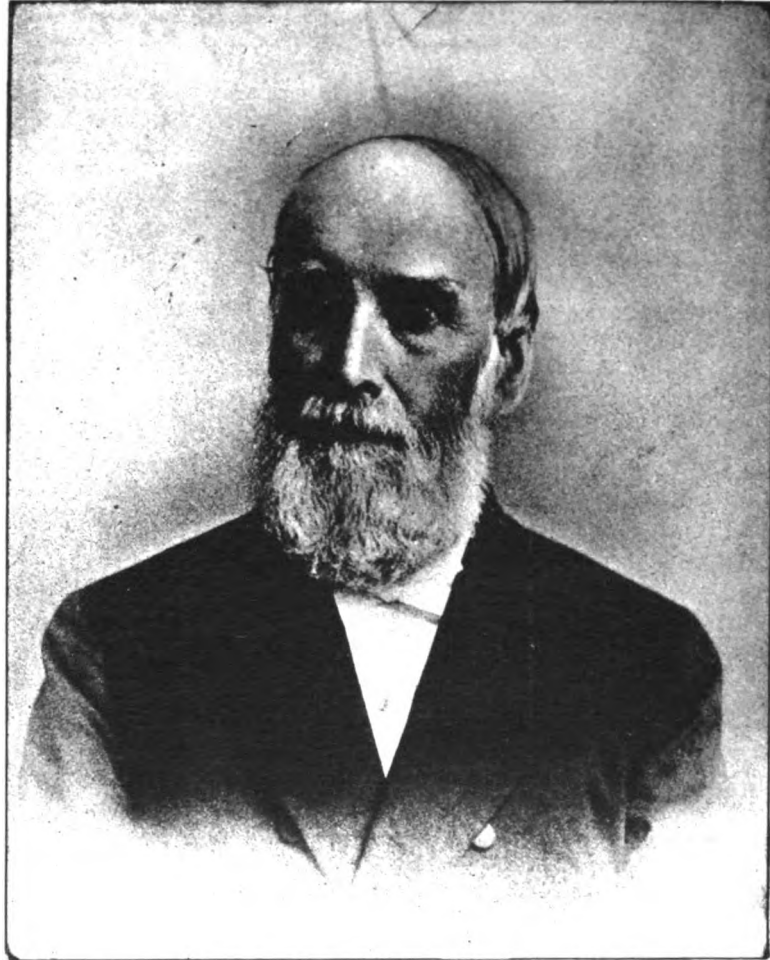
Johann Andreas Strassburger (1), who arrived in Philadelphia, October, 1769, was a school-master, and located in Hilltown township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where some of the leading people of that section built a school-house for his especial use. He died, however, suddenly and unexpectedly, and is buried in Tohickon churchyard.

In the marriage record of the German Reformed church of Philadelphia, we find that Christine Strassburger married Alexander Smith, a merchant of Philadelphia, January 1, 1777.

Johann Andreas Strassburger (2) learned the trade of leather tanning and established himself in Upper Milford, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and was successful in amassing a considerable fortune. He married Eva Jaeger in 1780, and died April 27, 1825, aged seventy-one years, three months and four days. He and his wife are buried at Zionsville church, Lehigh county. They had seven children, two sons and five daughters, viz: John Strassburger, born February 14, 1787; married Maria Gangewer, and died February 19, 1863.

Elizabeth, married to Christian Berger, November 29, 1803. This was the eldest daughter, and after her death he married Hannah, the youngest.





*N. S. Stranburg*

Catharine, born July 23, 1784; married (first) Christian Young and (second) Jacob Hartzell. She died January 28, 1864.

John Andrew, born October 3, 1796.

Polly, married to John Engleman.

Sarah, married to John Adam Wieder.

Rev. John Andrew Strassburger was a son of Johann Andreas and Eva (Jaeger) Strassburger, and was born in Upper Milford, Lehigh county, October 3, 1796, and died in South Perkasio, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1860. As the Reformed church had at that time no college nor theological seminary, he studied for the ministry privately, under Rev. Samuel Hellfenstein, D.D., of Philadelphia. He was licensed to preach by the Synod of the Reformed church, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1818, and was ordained at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1819. While yet a student he received a call from the Tohickon, Indianfield, Ridge Road and Charlestown congregations in Bucks county. Here he lived and labored from the beginning to the end of his ministry, for thirty-six years, from Easter, 1818, to June, 1854. During this time he baptized about 3,000 children, confirmed 1,595 catechumens, married 1,235 couples, and buried 1,044 persons. He was of a mild, kind and modest disposition, and beloved and respected by all who knew him. He married Catharine Stout, September 15, 1818. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Kern) Stout, and was born November 4, 1798, and died October 7, 1838. His second wife was Mrs. Anna (Stover) Worman. The children of Rev. J. A. and Catharine (Stout) Strassburger were:

Nero, born August 7, 1819.

Louisana, born November 24, 1820; married Elias Hartzell November 10th, 1839, and died January 4, 1899. Elias Hartzell, son of Andrew and Margaret (Fosbenner) Hartzell, was born June 5, 1814, and died January 26, 1875.

Gideon, born February 26, 1822; married Fanny L. Wood, and died at La Crosse, Wisconsin, November 29, 1872.

Reuben, born October 1, 1823, married January 21, 1847, Elizabeth Z. Schwenk, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Ziegler) Schwenk. She was born September 24, 1821, and died Oct. 15, 1907. He died at Schwenksville, August 14, 1872.

A son born April 8, 1825, lived only three hours.

Elizabeth, born February 25, 1826; married Dr. Aaron F. Shelly, March 12, 1846, died in Philadelphia, November 9, 1880. Dr. Aaron F. Shelly, son of Francis and Catharine (Funk) Shelly, was born in Great Swamp, Bucks county,

February 10, 1823, and died in Philadelphia, October 13, 1883.

Henry Stout, born November 2, 1827; married Margaret Ray Graeff, September 22, 1860; died in Philadelphia, November 27, 1900.

A daughter born November 21, 1829, lived only eleven hours.

Mary, born December 20, 1830; married Jesse D. Hartzell, September 29, 1849, and died Dec. 30, 1908. Jesse D. Hartzell, son of Abraham and Catharine (Deetz) Hartzell, was born January 5, 1827, and died February 7, 1894.

Catharine, born November 16, 1832, died August 17, 1834.

Andrew, (twin with Sarah) born December 31, 1833; married Margaret Amelia Lorah, September 25, 1858; died near Amityville, Berks county, May 22, 1895.

Sarah, (twin with Andrew) born December 31, 1833, died July 15, 1834.

Noah, born February 23, 1836, died July 11, 1836.

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D.D., was the eldest child of Rev. J. A. Strassburger, and was born August 7, 1819, in the Reformed parsonage near Sellersville, Pennsylvania, and died in Allentown, June 27, 1888.

From boyhood he felt a desire to preach the Gospel, and wished to go to college; but in deference to the wish of his mother, who was in failing health, he remained at home until after her death. Meanwhile he taught school and studied. In the fall of 1838 he entered the preparatory department of Marshall college, at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1844 with the degree of A. B. Three years later he received that of A.M. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Franklin and Marshall College in 1887. At college he was a member of the Diognothian Literary Society.

He studied theology at the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg from 1844 to 1847 and was licensed to preach by Goshenhoppen Classes, May 13, 1847, and ordained November 14, 1847, as a minister of the Reformed church in the United States. His first charge was Friedensburg and Princetown, in Berks county, and later also Huber's Church and Boyertown. He served as a home missionary, taking charge of weak distracted congregations and restoring peace, in which he was eminently successful. Pottstown, Amity and Limerick congregations constituted his second charge, in which he served about fifteen years, organizing the English congregation at Pottstown with twelve members. This was a very pleasant field of labor, and in February, 1863, he reluctantly resigned to accept a call.

from Zion's Reformed congregation at Allentown. There had been strife in this congregation for some years, and both parties now united upon him. He went there conscientiously, feeling it to be his duty to act as peace-maker, and he succeeded. When he resigned in 1881, Allentown had four Reformed churches where he found one. He served Friedensburg, 1847-1859; Princetown, 1847-1854; Huber's, 1847-1852; Boyertown, 1848-1853; Pottstown, 1848-1863; Amity, 1849-1863; Limerick, 1853-1863; Baumstown, 1861-1863; Allentown, 1863-1881. so that he was generally engaged on Sunday. During the remaining years of his life he had no regular charge, but supplied vacant congregations and assisted ministers on various occasions. During the whole of his ministry he preached both in the German and English languages. His fields were large and laborious. He was a close student, and always prepared himself well for all public efforts. As a speaker he was forcible and logical, possessed of a clear strong voice, and was an acceptable preacher. He detested sensationalism in the pulpit, and preached nothing but the Gospel. Strongly attached to the Reformed church, he labored to indoctrinate his people into her customs and theology. As a man he was reserved and unassuming, peaceable and kind. During his ministry he preached about 3,643 sermons, delivered 754 weekly lectures, baptised 1,351 children, confirmed 1,304 catechumens, married 610 couples and officiated at 1,419 funerals.

In 1861 he wrote, "The Child's Catechism," an abridgement of "The Heidelberg Catechism," for use in his Sunday school at Pottstown. This became very popular, and has circulated extensively, ever since. Later he translated it into German. In 1878 he compiled, "The Sunday School Hymnal," for his Sunday school at Allentown. He also contributed articles to the "Reformed Quarterly Review," and "The Messenger." He translated several works into German, among them the Liturgy.

He was stated clerk of Goshenhoppen Classis, 1848-1863; of East Pennsylvania Classis, 1864-1880; and of Lehigh Classis from 1880 to the time of his death. He was also treasurer of Lehigh classis from 1880, and resigned only a week previous to his death. He was frequently a delegate to the synod and general synod, and took an active part in the proposed revision of the constitution of the church. He helped to organize the Allentown College for Women in 1867, and taught there four years. About the same time he taught also temporarily in Muhlenberg College.

He was married to Miss Diana E. Dickenshied, born Nov. 9, 1818, a daughter of Dr.

Charles F. and Anna Catharine (Eberhard) Dickenshied, of Lower Milford, Lehigh county, November 27, 1849. She died Aug. 15, 1890. Their son, Charles Edgar, died in infancy, and the daughter, Annie C., survives.

#### STRAUSS FAMILY.

The progenitor of this family, Henry Strauss, was born Sept. 6, 1738, and about 1753 he emigrated from Germany, settling in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Pa. There he died May 31, 1805. He was a Lutheran member of the Zion's Stone Church at Kreidersville, and there he and some of his children are buried. He made his last will and testament on May 14, 1805, and on June 14, of the same year the will was probated in the court house at Easton. The will mentions his beloved wife "Katraut" (doubtless meaning Gertrude). Their ten children are as follows: Peter, Philip, John Jost (1774-1823), Adam, Margaret (m. Philip Sholl), Catharine (m. Jacob Drum), Simon, Henry, Jacob and Elizabeth.

Peter Strauss, son of the ancestor and the grandfather of Thomas, the father of Martin H., of Allentown, lived in North Whitehall where he followed the agricultural pursuit. He was married to Clara Wint, a German by birth and it is said that Peter Strauss was also born before his parents emigrated from Germany to America. They had seven children, the oldest of whom was John, a resident of Lehigh township, Northampton county. He was born March 15, 1798, and died on Aug. 15, 1852. He was a farmer. His wife Lydia was a daughter of Adam Laubach of Allen township, Northampton county. They had two sons, one of whom died in childhood and Thomas whose record follows.

Thomas Strauss, who died May 11, 1913, was one of Allentown's aged and respected citizens. His death occurred at his residence just beyond Sixth and Sumner Ave., Allentown, in Whitehall township. He was 86 years old on Apr. 29. He taught school in earlier life and later was a farmer upon his father's farm, and this property passed to our subject after the death of his father John in 1852. He successfully managed the farm for seventeen years when he purchased the milling property in Whitehall township at the limit of North Sixth street. He was the first miller in the Lehigh Valley to introduce spring wheat in milling and also the first to sell Minnesota flour for which he built up a large trade. He made many improvements to the historic mill property and continued to operate it until his retirement in 1905 but the mill remained in his name until after his death. He was a deacon for three years and elder for ten years of Zion Stone Church at

Kreidersville, also a deacon and elder in Zion's Reformed Church, of Allentown.

He married in 1851 Eliza, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Strauss) Keck. Their children were: 1. Emma, who died, aged 14 years. 2. Anna A., married A. J. Kleppinger, who was born Mar. 2, 1848, died Oct. 4, 1887, and is buried on the West End cemetery at Allentown. His widow resides in Chicago since 1902. Their seven children are: Raymond and Alfred L., both deceased; John M.; William H., Carrie (m. Charles E. Smith); Florence (m. J. Clair Stone, of St. Paul, Minn.), Anna (m. J. Walter Moore). 3. John A. (1858-1893) married Ida Schadt. Their children are Edgar, Fred and Raymond. 4. Martin H., who is mentioned later in this history.

Thomas Strauss was married to his second wife, Isabelle, daughter of Nathan Weiler and they had two children, viz: Mary J. (m. Charles W. Grammes, and they have a son, Richard S.), and Isabella L. (m. Luther B. Hudders, and they have a son, William S.).

MARTIN H. STRAUSS, a wholesale grocery merchant and a successful business man of Allentown, is a native of Allen township, Northampton county, and born May 5, 1864. After his education in the public schools he assisted his father in the mill, and about 1886 he entered the employ of A. J. Kleppinger, who was then located at 145-147 Hamilton street, Allentown, conducting the wholesale grocery business. Mr. Strauss continued in the employ of Mr. Kleppinger until Kleppinger died in 1887, and in 1888 the firm of Strauss and Kleppinger was established which was succeeded by Martin H. Strauss in 1898, and in 1909 the Martin H. Strauss Co. was incorporated. In 1912, the latter company erected one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in the state. The building is located at the corner of Second and Foundry streets, Allentown. (See Vol. 1.)

Mr. Strauss was married in 1890 to Ida M. Knauss, a daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Kline) Knauss, of Allentown. He and his family are members of Zion's Reformed Church and Mr. Strauss has served the church as a trustee and he is a deacon since the year 1907. He resides at 45 North Eleventh street. Their children are all given the advantages of an education and their three oldest Florence I., Thomas M. and Grace E. are graduates of the Allentown High school. Their children are Mary K., deceased, Florence I., Thomas M., Grace E., Anna died in infancy; Lewis H., Kathryn M., and Lucy M.

Heinrich Strauss, a grandson of the pioneer, was born Aug. 31 1797, and he owned a small tract in Heidelberg township upon which was

a spring house and on the second floor of it he lived. He died on Dec. 15, 1854, in his 58th year. The property is now owned by O. P. Rex, and is located near the Jordan postoffice. He was married to Susanna, a daughter of Johannes Krause and their children were: Peter, Paul, John, Daniel, James, Polly, Auquilina (m. George Rehrig) and Susanna.

1. Peter Strauss was a carpenter and had sons Henry, John and Maria.

2. Paul Strauss settled in Maine.

3. John Strauss was a carpenter and owned the property now owned by Mrs. William Strauss. He was married to Maria, a daughter of Martin Handwerk. Their children are: William, Amandes, Osville, Clinton and Benjamin who died young, Alice and Catharine also died young, and Sabilla married Elias George, of Tamaqua.

4. Daniel Strauss was never married. He was a carpenter and served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a member of Co. G, 128 Regiment P. V. I. and also Co. K, 47 Regiment P. V. I.

5. James Strauss is a shoe manufacturer at Scranton, Pa.

William Strauss was a carpenter and was the foreman of Strauss Bros. He was an able architect. His wife was Jane Hausman. They had an only son, Henry, who died young.

Amandes P. Strauss is a carpenter and resides at Germanville. He is the foreman of the carpenter firm of Strauss Bros. He married Elvina Hamm and their only daughter, Gertrude M., is the wife of Prof. E. M. Handwerk, of Germansville. They have one son, Earl.

Osville Strauss, a brother of Amandes P., resides at Germansville and is a member of the firm of Strauss Bros., carpenters. His wife, Martha Jones, bore him two children, one deceased and Harvey J.

#### ALFRED R. STROH.

Alfred R. Stroh, of Emaus, Pa., is a son of Charles and Rebecca (Rohrbach) Stroh. They had the following nine children: Cyrus, Cathalia, Horace, Alfred R., Amanda, Diana, Emanuel, Wilson and Mahlon Stroh.

Alfred R. Stroh was born Oct. 20, 1868, at Emaus, Lehigh county. He was educated in the common schools. He has been an employe of the Donaldson Iron Company, at Emaus, for many years. He is the foreman of Department No. 1. He has served as a school director for eight years; is prominent in lodge circles and is a member of the following orders: P. O. S. of A., J. O. U. A. M., and the I. O. O. F., of which he is a district deputy of Lehigh county.



He was married to Laura Lee, a daughter of Samuel G. and Julia (Klein) Lee, who is a descendant of one of the early Pennsylvania Quaker families. The following children are born to Mr. and Mrs. Stroh: Mamie, married to Leroy Nickert, and they have three children—Laura, Catharine and Luella; Florence, Harold, Charles.

#### STUMP FAMILY.

The Berks ancestor of the Stump family settled in Albany township, Berks county, Pennsylvania. His home was used as a fort by the terrified settlers against the attacks by the Indians. Albany township was included in the territory known as "Allemangel," and was on the frontier of Pennsylvania during the Indian invasions between 1755 and 1763. The name of the pioneer was originally spelled "Stumpf."

Johann Wilhelm Stumpf was born in Theuburg, Germany, April 5, 1725, baptized April 29, and died in Berks county, June 5, 1805. He emigrated to America in the ship "Edinburgh," arriving at Philadelphia Oct. 2, 1753. It appears that he settled in Albany township, Berks county, immediately after his arrival in this country, and his name appears on the tax list of 1756 and 1759. He was a farmer in the eastern end of the township, near the Northampton (now Lehigh) county line. Doubtless he was a member of the Jacob's church, at Jacksonville, where he and his wife are buried. He married, Oct. 3, 1751, Anna Magdalena, born in Theuberg, Germany, April 14, 1724, baptized April 16, died May 28, 1815. Among their children were: John or Johannes, of further mention; Daniel; George; William and Abraham, settled in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where, in 1790, the former had three sons and four daughters, and the latter four sons and two daughters; Henry; Maria, born June 14, 1758, died July 9, 1778.

John or Johannes, son of Johann Wilhelm and Anna Magdalena Stump, was born in Albany township. He married Elizabeth Bauscher, and among his children were: Jonas, Samuel, Daniel and Amos.

Jonas, son of John and Elizabeth (Bauscher) Stump, was born in Albany township, Aug. 30, 1789, and died Oct. 1, 1857. He was a farmer all his life. He married Mary Brobst, born Dec. 4, 1791, died March 19, 1869. Both are buried at the New Jerusalem church. Children: Benjamin; Samuel; Heinrich (Henry); Elizabeth, married Abraham Dennis; Sallie, married Michael Zimmerman; Catharine, married John Landis; Annie, married William Miller; Lydia, married John Wessner; Maria, married Michael Stein; Sophia, died unmarried.

Benjamin, son of Jonas and Mary (Brobst)

Stump, was a farmer near Round Top, in Greenwich township. He owned the farm now owned by Wilson Zettelmoyer. He and his family were Lutherans, and he is buried at Dunkel's church. He was married and had the following children: Anna, married Jonas Hummel; Daniel, lived near Greenville; Catharine, married Frank Rinehart; Fianna, married Charles Miller, of Hamburg, Pennsylvania; William, of further mention; Perry, of Greenwich; and Fetta, married Henry Fraunfelder.

William, son of Benjamin Stump, was born June 4, 1828, and died Sept. 7, 1894. He was reared on the farm, and worked for his parents until after he had attained his majority. After his marriage he was engaged in farming on the property of his father-in-law, and followed this occupation until his death. He owned the farm now the property of his son, H. Wilson, and built the present barn in 1867. He was a member of the Frieden's Lutheran church and was a deacon and elder in it. Prior to joining this church he had been a member of the New Bethel church in Albany. He married Lydia Kieffer, born Jan. 27, 1833, died April 26, 1877. Children: Ellen, married Levi Roth; H. Wilson, of further mention; Emma, now the widow of Samuel Kistler; Amanda, now deceased, married David Frey; Wallace, of Greenwich township, married Alice Weidner; Mary, married Harvey Weaver; Jane, married Joseph Kunkel.

H. Wilson, son of William and Lydia (Kieffer) (Stump) was born Jan. 6, 1857. He also was brought up on the home farm, and followed this occupation as assistant to his father until he was more than twenty-one years of age. In the spring of 1895, having purchased the homestead in December, 1894, he commenced farming this independently. It is beautifully located at Kempton, along the Schuylkill and Lehigh Railroad, and consists of one hundred acres lying in the rich potato belt. The large stone house on this property was erected many years ago. Mr. Stump is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Frieden's Lutheran church, at Wesnersville, in which he is a deacon and trustee. He married (first) Annie M., born Feb. 26, 1855, died Dec. 10, 1884, a daughter of Joseph Leiby; he married (second) Vesta, a daughter of William and Caroline (Bleiler) Wagaman, of Greenwich. Children by first marriage: Anson W., married Eva Steigerwald; Titus M., married Minnie Snyder; Charlotte M., married Irwin Graff. Only child by second marriage, Charles E.

Samuel, son of Jonas and Mary (Brobst) Stump, was born on his father's farm in Albany township, March 25, 1817, and died there, Nov.

13, 1893. He is buried at New Jerusalem church, of which he was an official Lutheran member. He was the owner of a fine farm of seventy acres, to which he gave his undivided attention and which passed to his son, Henry L. He married, in 1842, Elizabeth Brobst, born in 1825, died in 1866, and had children: Catharine; Sarah; Tilghman; Seniah; Emma, John B.; James; Rebecca and Louisa, twins; Henry L.; Isabella; Charles, Samuel and Amanda, died young.

Henry, son of Jonas and Mary (Brobst) Stump, was born in Albany township, Jan. 6, 1825, and died in Lynn township, Lehigh county, Oct. 23, 1890. He was a farmer in the last-named township. He married Rachel, a daughter of Michael Klingeman, and they had: Emanuel; John K.; Elias P.; Emma, married Moses Handwerk; James; Daniel; Mary.

Samuel, son of John and Elizabeth (Bauscher) Stump, was born Oct. 16, 1794, and died March 5, 1864. He married Rachel, born April 15, 1801, died May 22, 1875, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Leiby. Children: Aaron, born Sept. 15, 1822, died March 9, 1899, he married (first) Elizabeth Zettelmoyer, born Oct. 5, 1817, died June 2, 1877; he married (second) Ann Dietrich; Nathan, of further mention; Samuel, married (first) Sallie Greenawalt, (second) Amanda Acker; John; Joel, married (first) Mary A. Dietrich, (second) Julia Kistler; Mary, married Isaac Miller; Leah, married Moses Greenawalt; Elizabeth, married Nathan Dietrich; Joseph, married Hester Hollenbach; Gideon, married Katharyn Yenser; Charles; Moses, married a Miss Olds; Catharine, married Edwin Bond; Peter, of further mention; Daniel.

Nathan, son of Samuel and Rachel (Leiby) Stump, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 29, 1823. He married (first) Elizabeth Miller, (second) Mary, born Feb. 1, 1833, died June 21, 1882, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah Miller, (third) Sybilla Miller. While his three wives bore the same family name before marriage, they had not been related. Children by the first marriage: Sarah, married Alfred S. Miller; Mary E., married William Levan. Children by second marriage: John, married Emma Leiby; Franklin S.; Ella, married Nathan Snyder; Charles R., died young; Amanda, married Lewis Kern. There were no children by the third marriage.

Peter, son of Samuel and Rachel (Leiby) Stump, was born Dec. 20, 1842, died in 1913. He lived on the old Greenawalt tract, between Lenhartsville and Klinesville, this consisting of thirty-six acres. He is also the owner of another farm of eighty-five acres, which is now under cultivation by his son, Henry. He married, in

1866, Elizabeth, a daughter of Andrew Kunkel. Children: Mary Ann, born in 1867, married (first) Jesse Oswalt, (second) Frank Motz; Elizabeth, born in 1869, married John Fry; Henry, born in 1871, is a farmer, and married Mary A. Trexler, and has: Edna; Mahlon; Leon and Walter; Edwin Peter, born in 1877, is unmarried.

#### STUMP FAMILY.

Christian Stumpff emigrated from Germany to America, settling in Salisbury-township, in what is now Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. There he was married and secured a small farm. He was a Lutheran and is buried at Friedensville, on the old graveyard near the church. He married Catharine Spinner, who survived him for many years, after his decease having been married to a Keiper. By her first husband she had one son, Jacob, and a daughter, Sarah (born April 3, 1807, and died April 4, 1859, having been intermarried with Conrad Frey, 1807-1885.)

Jacob Stump, son of Christian, was born February 19, 1809. When twelve years old he went to Hanover township, and there he lived with his step-father until he was old enough to learn the trade of stone-mason and also of brick-laying. He did mason work at the present county prison; built the Catholic Church, and the large steam mill of E. P. Wilbur, both at Bethlehem. He lived on the old highway from Rittersville to Bethlehem.

He was a Lutheran and served the church at Rittersville as deacon and elder. He and his wife and sister are buried there. He acted as a trustee in 1842, when the present church was erected. He also officiated as a school director of Hanover. He was a Democrat politically. He was married to Rebecca Osenbach, born July 13, 1813, and died October 1, 1906, in the 94th year of her age. Their children were: Angelina (1837-1849); Anna Maria (1838-1868, married George Knoll); Clarissa (married David Kratzer); Sophia (married Levi Wert); Sarah (married Harry Mill); Samuel in the 69th year of his age.

Samuel S. Stump, retired citizen of Rittersville, was born October 17, 1847. At the age of twenty-three years he learned the bricklaying trade with Samuel McHose, whose history appears in this work. From 1879 until 1906 he was engaged at his trade with the Bethlehem Steel Co., and worked for a number of years as assistant foreman. He resided all his life at Rittersville. Ill-health caused him to retire in

1906. In 1905 he built his large double-brick residence at Rittersville. He served the Lutheran congregation of the Rittersville church both as a deacon and elder.

In 1870 he married Amanda L. Eberhard, daughter of Henry W. F. and Henrietta (Hofert) Eberhard, and they had six children: Annie (married Llewellyn Kern, of Rittersville); Agnes (died an infant); Ellen I. (married Milton Scholl, of Salisbury); Emma (married Harry Groman); Flora (married Arthur Gessner) and Harry (their only son, who lives in Hanover, married Della M. Moyer, and they have two children: Hilda and Luther). His wife's father officiated as assessor of Hanover township for 40 years.

#### OTTO SUTHER.

Otto Suther, of Allentown, the general manager and superintendent of the Kaltenbach & Stephens Silk Ribbon Manufacturers, in East Allentown, is a native of Barmen, Rheinland, Germany, and was born in 1856. He learned the silk manufacturing business from his father, Julius, who carried on that business in the Fatherland.

Otto, the son, came to the United States in 1881, and engaged in the manufacture of silk ribbons at College Point, Long Island, where he continued for two years. He then connected himself with the establishment of Frowain Bros., in New York and there he was employed until 1888, when he became the superintendent for the Castle & Schadelle Works, also in New York; and in 1901 he identified himself with the present corporation, coming to Allentown in 1907.

Mr. Suther is a member of the Herder Lodge, No. 698, F. & A. M., of Brooklyn, also the Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Sophia Meyer, a native of Barmen, in Rheinland, Germany. They have three sons: Otto (who is in the hotel business in Brooklyn), Julius, and Alfred M. The two oldest sons (Otto and Julius) are members of Greenpoint Lodge, No. 403, F. & A. M., of New York; also members of the Chapter, the Commandery and the Shrine. Alfred M. is a member of Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M., at Allentown. Julius and Alfred are assistants to their father in the manufacture of silk ribbons at Allentown.

Hermann and William Suther, brothers of Otto, also came to this country. They reside in New York. Hermann is retired and William is engaged in the butcher business. They emigrated to New York after their brother, Otto.

BURTON W. SWAYZE, M. D., was born April 29, 1868, in Mahanoy City. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, graduating at the Central High School of that city, graduated at Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1891, remaining there until 1900, when he removed to Allentown, where he has since continued to practice. He is a specialist in chronic diseases, having a clientele covering a radius of 35 miles about the city. He is a writer of ability, and contributes articles to Medical Journals, and also writes short stories in the interest of social movements.

He is an active member of the First Presbyterian church and president of the county Christian Endeavor Society, also a member of the Y. M. C. A., of Allentown.

He married in 1891, Winnie E. Smallwood Bucher, of Philadelphia. Issue: Margaret S. and Burton W. Swayze, Jr.

#### WALTER J. SWEENEY.

Walter J. Sweeney, manufacturer, of Allentown, was born at Cape May, New Jersey, in 1877, son of Prof. Charles R. Sweeney. After he left the high school at the age of seventeen years he learned the shoe manufacturing business in Philadelphia, where he had charge for four years of the cutting department of the extensive factory of P. T. Hallahan & Sons. On Feb. 22, 1912, he went to Allentown and became a member of the firm of William Krell Shoe Co., which employs seventy-five people, and is mentioned in Volume I of this history. He is a member of three lodges: Knights of Malta, Independent Order of America, and Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married in 1899 to Lela Ramar, whose parents reside at Allentown. They have two children: Charles P., and Andrew C. They are members of the Reformed church.

Prof. Charles P. Sweeney is the Superintendent of the public schools at Darby, Philadelphia; Member of the State Board of Examiners, and one of the State's leading educators, having been interested in education all his life. He was married to Emma Stevens and they had five children: Edna; Walter J.; Ralph H. (of Philadelphia); James C. (deceased); and Henry S. (educated in the Michigan University and now Prosecuting Attorney of Emmett county, Michigan).

#### SCHULTZ FAMILY.

Gregorius Schultz was one of a large number of persons who landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 12, 1734, having fled from their native country in

Lower Silesia, Germany, on account of religious persecution. They were Schwenkfelders, so called from Casper Schwenkfeld, a Silesian nobleman. He was at one with Luther upon the issues which the latter had raised with the Roman Catholic Church, but differing with the Lutheran doctrine upon certain points of belief a new sect was established, called Schwenkfelders. Gregorius Schultz, upon his arrival in Pennsylvania, repaired to Macungie, Lehigh county, where he located upon the Jordan Creek, and a few years later he removed to Upper Hanover, (then Philadelphia county) and purchased a large tract of land upon which he lived the rest of his life.

Gregorius Schultz married Rosina Yeakel, daughter of David Yeakel. He died May 9, 1772, and his wife, Rosina, died March 31, 1769. Issue: six children, one of whom, David Schultz, we refer to below.

David Schultz, the second son and youngest child of Gregorius and Rosina (Yeakel) Schultz, was born Sept. 3, 1743. He was a farmer and resided in Upper Hanover, Montgomery county.

He married Oct. 6, 1772, Catherine Hartranft, daughter of Melichior Hartranft. He died Jan. 25, 1810, and his wife Catherine died Aug. 27, 1804. Issue: five daughters and one son, Gabriel. Gabriel Schultz, the only son of David and Catharine (Hartranft) Schultz, was born Jan. 28, 1789, in Upper Hanover. He married Catherine Schwab. Issue: two daughters and four sons, one of whom was Daniel S.

Daniel S. Schultz, the fourth son of Gabriel and Catharine (Schwab) Schultz, was born in 1823, died Aug. 25, 1895. He married Sarah Yerger, daughter of Jacob Yerger. She died in Sept., 1911. Issue: Milton, born March 18, 1849, died Dec. 26, 1857; Malinda, born Nov. 10, 1851; Amanda, born Nov. 8, 1858; and John G. of whom below.

JOHN G. SCHULTZ, the second son of Daniel S. and Sarah (Yerger) Schultz, was born April 3, 1867, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and assisted his father on the farm. At the age of fifteen years he was in the employ of various neighborhood farmers for three years. At the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in a general store at Gabelsville where he remained for two years. He then established and operated a creamery at New Jerusalem, conducting it for two years, then returned to Gabelsville, where he conducted a store for seven years. In 1898 he removed to Trexlertown where he conducted a general store for three years. In 1901 he went to Trexlertown and purchased a store and operated it for ten years, selling the business in 1911 to J. D. Schmoyer. He then engaged in

the manufacture of ladies' underwear, and now (1913), has many employees, and does an extensive business. In 1901 he built his present residence in Trexlertown, on the Fogelsville road. Since Jan., 1910, he has been a member of the board of directors of the Emaus National Bank. He was the prime mover in the organization of the Trexlertown Telephone Company, is a director, and also the secretary and agent thereof. In politics he is a Democrat, was school director of Upper Macungie for four years, also secretary of the board for two years. He is a member of the Lutheran church and has been its treasurer for several years.

John G. Schultz married Oct. 1, 1891, Annie B. Baer, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bliem) Baer. She died June 27, 1906, and was interred at Boyertown. Issue: Gertrude, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1910; Archibald, a graduate of the Upper Macungie township school, class of 1912; and Ruth Schultz.

Rev. Christopher Schultz was born at Lower Harpersdorf, Dukedom Liegnitz, Silesia, March 26, 1718. He was the youngest son of Melchior Schultz, who was born in 1860; had two brothers, George and Melchior. In the spring of 1726, owing to religious persecution, this family and others left their homes and possessions and fled the country by night, came to Berthelsdorf, in Saxony, May 1. Here young Christopher was a shepherd boy, and also learned the weaver's trade. He evinced a great desire for books and learning, and after many trials and perplexities he found a kind friend and teacher in Rev. George Weiss, who taught him the languages which young Schultz mastered with astonishing alacrity.

The three orphan brothers, George, Melchior, and Christopher Schultz, joined some forty Schwenkfelder families, and turned their backs upon their native land, embarked for Philadelphia, when after a tedious voyage of about five months, they arrived Sept. 22, 1734. At an early period Christopher Schultz became a leading spirit among the Schwenkfelders, and was chosen as their Gospel minister in which capacity he served faithfully and efficiently to the end of his life.

He was the chief organizer of the Schwenkfelders into a formal religious body, composing their catechism, collating their hymn book, writing their constitution and a "Compendium" of religious doctrines of faith of 600 pages.

The three brothers lived together in peace and under the blessings of Providence, they had considerably extended their landed domains, increased their flocks, and filled their coffers, so that the

question which once engaged the attention of Abraham and Lot, now agitated the minds of the Schultz brothers. The result was Melchior and Christopher sold out to their eldest brother, George; the former went about three miles north and bought a farm there; Christopher, having married in 1744, now bought and settled on what is at present the fine farm of Henry S. Schultz, near Clayton, Berks county. Here he lived to the end of his days.

Christopher Schultz could work on the farm, or at the loom, exercise deeds of kindness, courtesy and condescension without compromising, his never-failing dignity. His life motto was, "*Soli Deo Gloria.*" (To God alone the honor.) His will and testament recorded dated Oct. 24, 1788, A. D., is witnessed by his friends, Abraham and Gregory Schultz, and George Kriebel. His family, all of whom survived, consisted of his wife, Rosina, a daughter of Baltzer Yeakel, and four children: Regina, Andrew, David, and Susanna.

"Father" Schultz died on the 9th of May, 1789, aged 71 years, 1 month, 13 days. His last words, barely audible to the family and friends, were:

"A little while and ye shall not see me, and again a little while and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father."

Andrew Schultz, son of Rev. Christopher was born Jan. 29, 1753; married Charlotte, daughter of Jeremiah Yeakel, on Nov. 21, 1776. They had issue: Christopher, born Oct. 12, 1777; Susannah, born Dec. 13, 1778; Regina, born Aug. 1, 1780; Esther, born March 14, 1783; Maria, born Oct. 4, 1784; Christina, born Aug. 22, 1787; Henry, born July 3, 1793.

Andrew Schultz died Feb. 5, 1802, and his wife, Charlotte, died Feb. 11, 1825.

Dr. Henry Y. Schultz, son of Andrew, was born July 3, 1793. He owned and lived upon one of the Schultz homesteads, located near the Schwenkfelder Meeting House, near East Greenville, Pa. He was a well known veterinarian. He met with an accidental death, being thrown from a shying horse. On Nov. 6, 1825, he married Elizabeth Strunk, and died Oct. 25, 1858. They had the following children: Joel, born July 26, 1826; Susan, born April 10, 1828; Joseph, born April 16, 1830; Anna, born Sept. 1, 1832; Aaron, born Sept. 16, 1834; William, born Oct. 21, 1836; Elizabeth, born Sept. 7, 1838; Sarah, born Oct. 13, 1840; Lydia, born April 2, 1843; Peter, born June 18, 1846; John, born Oct. 27, 1848.

William S. Schultz, son of Dr. Henry Schultz, was born Oct. 21, 1836, and lives with his daughter, Laura, wife of Elmer E. Bitting, at East Greenville. He was a carpenter and also fol-

lowed butchering. Early in life he was a Schwenkfelder, but later became a member of the Reformed Church. His wife was Anna Hangen, daughter of Peter Hangen. She was born Dec. 25, 1834, and died May 4, 1898, aged 63 years and four months. Their children were: Annie, who married Irwin Gerhart; Olivia, who died in her fifth year; Amanda, who married William Ritter, of Allentown; Laura, who married Elmer E. Bitting; and James H.

JAMES H. SCHULTZ, son of William S. Schultz, of Allentown, Pa., was born at East Greenville, Montgomery county, Pa., June 17, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of East Greenville. He learned cigar making at the age of sixteen years and continued in this vocation for three years. Later he was employed with C. M. Cawley, of Allentown, for six months. In 1903, he engaged in the butcher business at the corner of Fifteenth and Liberty streets, where he has since continued. He resides at 1525 Liberty street. Mr. Schultz is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and Knights of the Mystic Chain. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

On April 25, 1899, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Fryer, daughter of Amos and Mary (Master) Fryer, who reside at Shimersville, and a granddaughter of George Fryer. Her maternal grandfather was David Master, of Harlem, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have no issue. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Freyer had these children: Ambrose, Ammon, Alfred, Emma, and Elizabeth. George Freyer had six children: Amos, Charlotte, Mary, Catharine, Aaron, and Ephraim.

Dr. Joseph S. Schultz, son of Dr. Henry Y., was born April 16, 1830, and at the time of his death resided near the Zionsville railroad station. He was a veterinary surgeon and followed his father's practice. Mr. Schultz was popular in his community and was the organizer of the old Greenville Band and for seven years its leader. This band was famous in its days, having filled many engagements. Mr. Schultz was a Mennonite at the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1901, at the age of 71 years, and was buried at the Zionsville Mennonite church.

His wife was Ellemine Stauffer, daughter of Joseph Stauffer. Mrs. Schultz was born in 1833 and now resides with her children. To Mr. and Mrs. Schultz were born children, as follows: Horace S., born Nov. 4, 1856; Susan, married Daniel Foster, of Shimersville; Emma, married Jacob Kuntz, a notary public at East Greenville, Pa.; Ellmira, born 1863, died single; William, resides in Philadelphia; Ella, married Thomas Walker, of Catasauqua.







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**HORACE S. SCHULTZ**, son of Joseph S. Schultz, proprietor of the Schultz Music House, of Allentown, Pa., was born Nov. 4, 1856. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Hosensack and East Greenville. At an early age he displayed musical talents and consequently his education was directed along musical lines. He received his early instructions from Professor Harry Bechtel, and at the age of fifteen years he was engaged in teaching music. Later he studied the tuning of instruments and the latter profession increased to such an extent that it necessitated the abandoning of music teaching. He was engaged in the profession of instrument tuning for more than thirty years, and in the fall of 1907, he became the head of H. S. Schultz & Company Music House, located at 41 South Seventh street. The firm employs eight people, carries a full line of musical instruments and enjoys a lucrative trade.

In politics, Mr. Schultz is a Republican, and served two terms as a member of the common council of the Third ward, Allentown.

Mr. Schultz and family are active church members and he is the present organist of the Salem Evangelical church, at Fourteenth and Linden streets. He served similar positions in connection with being choir master, in the Presbyterian church of Allentown, for eleven years; Mennonite church, at Zionsville; Chestnut Hill; Zion Hill; Trumbauersville; Applebacksville; and Quakertown. Mr. Schultz served in these various churches for forty years. He is popular in his profession and was connected with the Allentown Band for seventeen years.

In 1878 he was married to Rebecca D. Stoudt, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Derr) Stoudt. They have five children, namely: Laura, who married Alvin M. Stover, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Herbert A., of Trenton, N. J.; Victor B.; Ray H.; and Wallace H., of Allentown, Pa.

#### JOHN TAYLOR.

John Taylor, a son of James and Ann E. (Brebner) Taylor, was born in Tarland in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 7, 1857. He was the president and treasurer of John Taylor & Company, Inc., department store; a director of the Allentown National Bank; the Lehigh Valley Trust Company; and was connected with other enterprises of Allentown, Pa. The family of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor consisted of these children: Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Thompson; Robert, who is also married; James; David E., who married Mary McDougall, of Pittston, Pa., and has two children, Gordon and Esson; William; Charles, who is married and resides in

Scotland; and John. Of these David E., William and John came to America.

John Taylor received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and later went to Aberdeen, Scotland, in order to become versed in mercantile systems and methods. He was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store, continuing in that position for three years, and in 1875 emigrated to America, locating at Scranton, Pa. At Scranton he secured employment as a salesman in the dry goods store of Lindsay & Liddel, continuing in that service four years at the end of which time he was made manager of their store at Pittston, Pa. He had charge of the establishment at this place until 1883, when he removed to Danville, Pa., where he took charge of a dry goods store until 1886, when he came to Allentown, and had since been a factor in the business life of the city. Together with John Clelland, John Simpson, and his brother, D. E. Taylor, he entered a dry goods enterprise and occupied a small store, with only two thousand feet of floor space, located at the southeast corner of the "Square." The prosperity of the business soon necessitated larger quarters and consequently they removed to a building owned by Charles Ruhe, containing six thousand feet of floor space. The continued growth of the business demanded still larger quarters and they occupied two buildings, which gave them a corner situation, and is a four-story building with thirty-five thousand feet of floor space. Here they conducted an extensive trade. In 1896, Messrs. Clelland and Simpson retired, and the firm name was then changed to John Taylor & Co. The business continued thus until 1903, when it was incorporated with Mr. Taylor as its president and treasurer, and continued with marked success.

Mr. Taylor was affiliated with the Republican party, was public spirited, and took an active interest in the city's welfare. He was an ex-president of the Livingston Club, the leading social club of the city and county, and was identified with the Masonic Fraternity and the Elks. He died Nov. 20, 1914.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Annie E. Miller, a daughter of James and Ellen (Hittle) Miller, who lived in Stroudsburg, Pa. Their children are: a son, John Roderick, and a daughter, Elizabeth B. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor's two younger sisters are Cora and Jeanette. The former is the wife of Reginald Longnecker, of Allentown, and they have two children, Marjorie and Doris.

#### DAVID THOMAS FAMILY.

David Thomas, the founder of one of the Thomas families in Pennsylvania, was born in the parish of Neath, County of Clamorgan, South

Wales, Nov. 3, 1794. He was the son of David and Jane Thomas.

David Thomas, Sr., was a highly respectable man, and although a dissenter, he held the office of church warden for some years, and was overseer of the poor of his parish for sixteen years. He was a consistent member of the "Independent" Religion Community at Maesyrhaf Chapel for forty years, and his wife who survived him twenty years, was for sixty years a member of the same organization.

Young David's religion and moral training was of the strictest kind. Being the only son his parents afforded him the best education their means would allow. He soon outstripped all his schoolmates, owing to his industry and perseverance. He was of very studious habits and his thirst for knowledge had created an ambition, which farming operations failed to satisfy.

At the age of 17 years, he entered the employ of the Neath Abbey Iron Works. For five years he worked in the fitting shops, and at the blast furnaces, and so well did he master the business, that in 1817 he was made general superintendent of the blast furnaces and the iron and coal mines of the Ynisedwyn Iron Works in the Swansea Valley.

Mr. Thomas remained in that position for almost 22 years, working his furnaces successfully, meanwhile constantly experimenting with anthracite coal as a smelting fuel. He ultimately succeeded by means of introducing a hot blast into the furnace.

In 1839 he was offered an engagement for five years in the United States, which he accepted, and soon after his arrival the Crane Iron Company, of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, was organized, a furnace was constructed and successfully managed under the supervision of Mr. Thomas. To his is justly due the credit of having built the first anthracite blast furnace.

In 1854 the Thomas Iron Company was formed, and the substantial works at Hokendauqua commenced. In 1855 he relinquished the superintendence of the Crane Iron Works, and devoted a portion of his time to the development of the work at Hokendauqua, which bear his honored name.

Mr. Thomas was also a stockholder in the Carbon Iron Company, and the rolling mills at Catasauqua and Ferndale, of which he was president many years. He was for many years president of the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railroad, and a director of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and also a director of the National Bank of Catasauqua. He was a man of uncommon activity and vitality.

In religion he was a Presbyterian, and no

sooner had he become settled in his new home in 1839, than he erected a small chapel which was followed by the organization of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was made ruling elder, which office he held until his death.

During the Civil War his influence and means were devoted to the Union cause. At the time of his death he was the oldest American ironmaster in length of service, and was regarded as a leading authority on all matters pertaining to the trade. He contributed greatly to the building up of the iron industries of the country, and his name will be held in grateful remembrance by American iron manufacturers.

Among the people of the Lehigh Valley he left a notable reputation. Of him it may be truly said, he went down to the grave "full of riches, full of honor and full of years."

He died June 20, 1882, in the 88th year of his age.

He married Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of John Hopkins, born Sept. 26, 1794, at Gilvendre, South Wales, England. She died at Catasauqua, July 9, 1888. Issue: Jane, born May 1, 1820; Gwenny, born Feb. 27, 1824; and Samuel, John, and David.

Gwenny married Joshua Hunt. Issue: Thomas, Samuel, John, David, Roger, William, Lizzie, married to Hopewell Hepburn; and Gwenny, married to William Vollmer.

Samuel Thomas, son of David and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Thomas, was born March 13, 1827, in Ynisedwyn, Brecknockshire, South Wales, and died at Catasauqua, Feb. 20, 1906. When 13 years of age, he came with his parents to America. He had at that time acquired the rudiments of an English education, and upon the arrival of the family here, became a pupil at Nazareth Hall, where he remained for nearly three years.

On returning home he entered the shops of the Crane Iron Works, where he secured a practical knowledge of the business. At the age of 19, he took an active part in the management of the iron works and also in developing their mining interests, and when 21 years of age he went to Boonton, N. J., where he constructed a blast furnace.

In 1854, when the Thomas Iron Company was organized, he became general superintendent, and at the end of 10 years, was elected president of the company, continuing in service until 1887, when he resigned. In 1886, he started the construction of a blast furnace in Jefferson county, Alabama, four miles west of Birmingham, at a place afterwards named Thomas, after him. The furnace was started in May, 1888, when the





*John Thomas*

construction of another furnace was commenced and which was completed in the early part of 1890. These furnaces continued in successful operation under his guidance until 1899, when the property was sold. He then retired from active participation in business affairs.

Mr. Thomas was actively identified with the Presbyterian church of Hokendauqua, in which he filled the office of trustee for a number of years. He married (first) in March, 1848, Rebecca Mickley, a daughter of Jacob Mickley, born June 19, 1823. She died Nov. 16, 1891. The results of this union was four children: Gertrude, who married Dr. Joseph C. Guernsey. Issue: Ethel, Raymond, Madeline, and Newell; Edwin; Reed Dale; and Edgar M., who died in infancy.

Mr. Thomas married (second) in 1894, Julia M. Beerstecher, a native of Switzerland.

Edwin Thomas, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Mickley) Thomas, is one of Catasauqua's leading business men. He is president of the Catasauqua National Bank and is interested in various business enterprises. He is married to Ella Boyd, and they are the parents of the following children: Samuel B., H. Dale, and Ruth Thomas.

John Thomas, son of David and Elizabeth Thomas, was born at Yniscledwyn, Wales, Sept. 10, 1829. When a lad of ten years he was brought by his parents to America. The family remained in Allentown but a short time, soon removing to Catasauqua, where he spent his youth. He was educated in Allentown, and later became a pupil at Nazareth Hall, Northampton county, where he completed his studies. He then determined to secure a practical knowledge of the business of an iron-master, so entering the shops of the Crane Iron Works, where he mastered the work of the various departments, gaining a thorough knowledge of the industry.

On the retirement of his father, David Thomas, he succeeded him in the superintendency of the entire plant. He served with ability until 1867, when he resigned to accept a like position at the Thomas Iron Works at Hokendauqua. Under his management two new furnaces were installed by the company. He continued in this position until early in 1893, when he resigned and retired from active business, residing in his mansion in Hokendauqua, where he died, March 19, 1897.

He became identified with other large business enterprises. In politics he was a Republican; and in religion, he and family affiliated with the Presbyterian church, to which he was a most liberal supporter.

He married, May 7, 1855 Miss Helen Thomas, daughter of Hopkin and Catherine (Richards) Thomas, natives of Glamorganshire, South

Wales, who emigrated to America in 1834. Issue: David H., Blanche, Harry, Miriam, Bessie H., Samuel R., Catharine V., John W., and Helen, who died in infancy.

Miriam Thomas, eldest daughter of John and Helen Thomas, married Col. Perry Harrison. Issue: Helen, Elizabeth, Thomas, and John Harrison.

David H. Thomas, son of John and Helen (Thomas) Thomas, was born in Catasauqua, Pa., Dec. 18, 1860; married Jennie Rader, who died Jan. 25, 1890. Issue: David R., Elizabeth R., and J. R. Thomas.

John W. Thomas, the third son of John and Helen Thomas, married Florence Snyder.

Catherine V. Thomas, daughter of John and Helen Thomas, married E. P. Wilbur, Jr. Issue: Lockhart, Helen, and Stella Wilbur.

SAMUEL R. THOMAS, vice-president and former superintendent of the Ironton Railroad, residing at Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania, was born March 7, 1869, son of John and Helen (Thomas) Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was educated in the public schools of his native community, the private school of Prof. Alexander N. Ulrich, at Catasauqua, and graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, in 1891. He then entered the employ of the Thomas Iron Company, at Hokendauqua, and has remained continuously with this corporation up to the present time, having served it in various capacities. He is the efficient superintendent of the Ironton Railroad since 1907, having offices in the Thomas Iron Company building at Hokendauqua.

Politically, Mr. Thomas is affiliated with the Republican party; has served the Hokendauqua independent school district as president of the board of directors from 1907 to 1911, at which time the district was abolished by enactment of the present school code; was elected township commissioner for two terms, from 1907 to 1913.

Mr. Thomas and his family are active members of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as a member of the trustee board for a number of years.

On Oct. 14, 1893, he was married to Bessie M. Laury, a daughter of Alexander C. P. and Mary (Hirst) Laury; and a granddaughter of the late Judge David Laury, of Lehigh county, who resided at Laury's, in North Whitehall township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was born an only daughter, Miriam Thomas, who was educated in the Moravian Parochial School, at Bethlehem, and Miss Porter's School, at Farmington, Connecticut. She was married on May 27, 1914, to Edward F. Rice, of Danville, Pa. He is a



member of the firm of the Danville Structural Tubing Works.

#### HOPKIN THOMAS FAMILY.

Hopkin Thomas, for many years master mechanic of the Crane Iron Company and one of the oldest residents, as also one of the most influential citizens of the Lehigh Valley in connection with its industrial interests, was born at Glamorganshire, South Wales, in 1793. He remained with his parents on their farm until his sixteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the Neath Abbey Works, near Neath, South Wales, to acquire the trade of a machinist. He early developed a fertile brain, and on fulfilling his apprenticeship speedily attained a high position among his fellow-workmen. In 1834 he determined to emigrate with his family to America, and on landing in Philadelphia in 1834, obtained employment without difficulty in the establishment of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. He later entered the shops of Garrett & Eastwick, from where he engaged with the Beaver Meadow Railroad & Coal Company as master mechanic of their roads and mines. During this period his inventive genius was first developed, and made invaluable to his employers. In his mechanical inventions and appliances he was conceded to be the pioneer of the Lehigh Valley. Through one of these inventions anthracite coal was first made available for use in locomotives, and in this application of coal as fuel he was at least twenty years in advance of all others. He invented and successfully used the chilled cast-iron-car-wheel, as also the most improved and successful mine-pumps and machinery of the day. In all mechanical matters he was far in advance of his day, and in the railroad and coal interests of the country he may with justice be regarded as filling the position of an eminent benefactor. Mr. Thomas was peculiarly modest and unassuming in his character, a fact which prevented his attaining either distinction or wealth. Content that the world should be benefitted by the productions of his genius, he cared little whether they brought him either fame or profit. In his business relations he was upright, in his social intercourse true-hearted and faithful, and in his home the typical head of a cheerful and happy domestic circle.

Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Richards, of Merthyr-Tydvil, South Wales. Their children are: William R.; Mary (Mrs. James H. McKee); Helen (Mrs. John Thomas); James; Kate M. (Mrs. James W. Fuller). The death of Mr. Thomas occurred on the 12th of May, 1878, at his home in Catasauqua, to which place he removed in 1853, on being ap-

pointed master mechanic of the Crane Iron Works.

William R. Thomas, now an aged resident of Catasauqua, was born at Merthyr-Tydvil, South Wales, May 30, 1829. He learned the machinist trade at Weatherly, Pa., and after completing it at the age of twenty years, he followed it in the Lehigh Valley until 1865, then was superintendent of the Thomas Iron Company, for seven years; and the following five years he was the superintendent of the Crane Iron Company, at Catasauqua. Mr. Thomas served the Redington Iron Works, as superintendent, for three years. He was in the South for six years erecting and superintending iron industries, after which he accepted a position as master mechanic with a western railroad. In 1887 he became the mechanical engineer for the Davies & Thomas Company, and this position he serves now, notwithstanding that he is past four-score years old and could take life easy. He is a remarkable man. His mind is clear and he is alert and active in both mind and body. He and family are Methodists. He was a Sunday school superintendent for five years. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and a member and esteemed citizen of the "Iron City."

His wife is Martha, daughter of Francis Mayhew. They were married in 1856, and are the parents of these children: Frank, James, John, Helen, Katie, Mary, Ira, William R., Jr., and Fritz.

James Thomas, son of Hopkin, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 22, 1836. He appears to have inherited his father's genius in mechanics, and early in youth thoroughly learned the iron industry, in which business his attentions were engaged all his active life and in which he has been eminently useful. He superintended the Parryville furnaces some years, and about 1870 he went South and erected furnaces there. He left Oxmore, Alabama, to come to Catasauqua, where in 1876 or '77 he became an equal partner with George Davies in the firm of Davies & Thomas. The plant, located at East Catasauqua, was the means of building up that town. Mr. Thomas remained a member of the company until his death on Dec. 18, 1906.

He was active in the religious, social and political affairs of Catasauqua. As a pillar of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he served it in all its offices for many years; also was the honored superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He was connected with all the bodies of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics he was a strong Republican. He was a national delegate in 1892, to the convention that nominated General Benjamin Harrison for President. Mr.

Thomas also was a member of the town council and the school board of Catasauqua for some years. His wife, Mary Ann Davies, was a daughter of Daniel Davies, who was the father of George Davies, his business associate. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, as follows: Blanche, the wife of C. R. Horn; Mary, died at the age of twenty-eight years; Rowland D.; Ruth, the widow of W. A. McKee; Helen, is married to Dr. J. L. Hornbeck; Catharine, died aged eighteen years; and Hopkin.

WILLIAM R. THOMAS, JR., the president and general manager of the Wahnetah Silk Company, at Catasauqua, Pa., was born in Catasauqua, Pa., was born in Catasauqua, July 15, 1870. Mr. Thomas was educated in the public schools and in the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a special course in chemistry.

In the year 1891 he became connected with the Wahnetah Silk Company, as assistant superintendent; and in 1896, he was made the general manager, and eleven years later, in 1907, he became the president of the company, which now employs nearly four hundred people.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Methodist Church. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic Fraternity. He is a member of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., and Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, Royal Arch Masons.

He was wedded, March 27, 1901, to Miss Minnie Milson, daughter of the late Daniel Milson, of Catasauqua. They have these children: Milson T., and William R. III.

ROWLAND D. THOMAS, the former president of the Davies & Thomas Co., of Catasauqua, was born at Parryville, Northampton county, Pa., Oct. 28, 1868. After his education in the public schools and Catasauqua High School and private institutions, he learned the machinist and moulding trades with the Davies & Thomas Co., with which he is connected since 1894, as employee and official. He was made the secretary and treasurer also the general manager of the company in 1906, and the following year, 1907, he became president of the company, which gives employment to five hundred men.

Mr. Thomas is a Republican in politics, and in 1911, was elected as school director for a term of four years under the new school code. He assisted in the completion of the high school building that was erected during 1911-12. It is one of the finest school buildings in the state.

Socially he is a member of the Catasauqua Club and the Masonic Fraternity. Mr. Thomas, in 1903, was Worshipful Master of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., and was High Priest of the Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, R. A. M. He

is a member of the Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, Allentown; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading, Pa.

On Oct. 27, 1897, he wedded Miss Clara Hopkins, daughter of John and Mary Hopkins. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Episcopal Church and he is a trustee of it.

HOPKIN THOMAS, the general manager of the Davies & Thomas Co., at Catasauqua, Pa., is one of the enterprising business men of that borough, in which he received his intellectual and early training. He graduated from the Catasauqua high school in 1895. He was the vice-president of the Davies & Thomas Co., for two years, and in September, 1913, was appointed the general manager of the company which employs 400 men. He is a member of the Catasauqua Club and the Masonic Fraternity, also of Catasauqua.

#### V. G. TICE.

V. G. Tice, of Allentown, manager of several creamery companies, was born July 29, 1863, at Allentown, in Lehigh county. He received his education in the public schools and at the Blackman Business College; then he learned the trade of tanner at Griesermerville and followed it for seven years. In 1888 he associated with E. M. Loux, Elvey Loux and W. M. Loux and organized the Spring Creek Creamery, which they conducted for twenty-four years at Trexlertown, securing the milk from the farmers in that section of country. They traded under the name of The Loux Creamery Company, of which he was the vice-president and general manager. In 1898, they became incorporated. In 1906, he became identified with the Bradford and Susquehanna Creamery Company, and he organized the West Auburn Creamery Company, with main office at Allentown, of which he became the secretary and treasurer. In 1912, he also organized the Empire Creamery Company, with the main office at Allentown, and of this he also became the secretary and general manager. These companies practically supply all the ice cream manufacturers at Allentown with milk and cream.

In 1885, Mr. Tice was married to Clara M. Loux, daughter of Elvey M. and Magdalena (Mills) Loux, of Allentown, and they have six children: Bertha, Herbert, Edith, Warren, Willis, and Elsie. They are members of the Turner street Evangelical church.

His father, John Tice, was a native of Cedarville, where he carried on farming. He died at the age of twenty-four years. He was married to Sarah Cole and they had two children: Vallie G., and Cora, widow of Dr. Carr, late of Philadelphia.

## TOLAN FAMILY.

The pioneer of this family was William John Tolan, born in Ireland January 5, 1830, and emigrated to the United States about 1853, settling at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. He was an iron-worker by occupation, but served as founder with the Crane Iron Works for many years and until the time of his death, July 9, 1898.

Mr. Tolan and his family are Presbyterian. His wife was Elizabeth Kennedy and she died June 22, 1888, aged 57 years. Their children were: James (furnace and mill-worker at Pittsburgh, Pa., married to Annie Sutton, and they have five children); William; Robert; James; Annie and Martha; Robert (deceased); Elizabeth (m. Samuel Mitchell); John (died at Worcester, Mass.); Thomas; William; Samuel, and David (at Catasauqua). David was a tax-collector of Catasauqua, and died there May 16, 1911, aged 43 years and 18 days.

Robert Tolan was born at Catasauqua on August 1, 1857, and died January 3, 1902. In early life he was a laborer, but then learned the machinist trade with the Crane Iron Company. After following this trade with them for some years he became the master-mechanic of the company and filled the position for fourteen years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Tolan and his family were prominently identified with the Presbyterian church in Catasauqua. He married Isabella Dougherty, a daughter of Matthew and Mary (Mackintosh) Dougherty, and they had six children, all of whom were given the advantages of a good education and now occupy positions of usefulness and honor at Catasauqua: Margaret, the eldest, and Susan, the fourth child, are public school teachers; Isabelle is a stenographer; William J. (mentioned in a separate sketch); Elizabeth, the third child, died young; and Martha, the youngest is at home.

Thomas Tolan, the twin brother of William, was born January 29, 1864. At the age of fourteen years he entered the employ of the Crane Iron Co., and when sixteen years old learned the trade of a blacksmith. He has followed his trade continuously in the employ of the same company until the present time.

In 1883 he married Nancy McCandless, and they had eight children, all living except Elizabeth and Harry. The names of those living are: Sallie, Leslie, David, Martha, Mary and Robert.

WILLIAM TOLAN, founder at the Crane Iron Works, was born January 29, 1864. He at-

tended the Catasauqua public schools, and when fourteen years old went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he worked on a farm until he became twenty-one years of age. He then returned to Catasauqua and entered the employ of the Crane Iron Works. In 1900, he was made foreman of the foundry, and this position he has filled in a successful manner until now. Socially he is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, at Allentown, and of the Red Men. at Catasauqua. He is a Republican.

In April, 1886, he was wedded to Margaret McClellan, daughter of James and Margaret Jane (Dobbins) McClellan, natives of Ireland, who came to this county about the time William J. Tolan emigrated. They have three children: Benjamin (machinist at Catasauqua, married to Catharine Kohler, and have a daughter, Mildred); William H. (machinist at Catasauqua); and Alice E. (a graduate of the Catasauqua High School and now a stenographer).

James Tolan, the seventh child of William J., was born May 12, 1866. After his education in the borough schools he learned the machinist trade with the Crane Iron Works, and he has been in the continuous service of this great establishment since 1886. He is the repairman for the company. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1889 he married Dora, daughter of August Richter, and they had eleven children: Bessie, Dorothea, Frederick, John, Laura, James, Albert, Robert, Samuel, Emma, and one other, the last four having died.

WILLIAM J. TOLAN, master mechanic of the Empire Steel and Iron Company at Catasauqua, was born in that borough, June 13, 1883. He is the only son, and second oldest child, of the late Robert Tolan. After the completion of his schooling at the age of fourteen years he began learning the trade of machinist with the Crane Iron Co. and he served the trade for a period of eight years, when he took charge of the rolling stock and served as foreman for three years. He was then promoted to the responsible position of master-mechanic, which he has held until now. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Order of Redmen.

## EDWARD D. TRANSUE.

Abraham Transue, a French Huguenot, emigrated from the Pfaltz in 1730 and locating in Montgomery county, Pa., but on March 30, 1736, he took out a warrant for 150 acres of land situated in Salisbury township, now Lehigh county. His wife was Anna Margaret, and they had these children, baptized as follows:

(John) Abraham, on June 25, 1731; Jacob, July 28, 1734; and Elizabeth, June 20, 1736; also a daughter, Anna Catharine, who was born in the Pfaltz, March 6, 1722. She accompanied her parents to this country, and on January 1, 1741, married Sebastian Heinrich Knauss (1714-1777), a Moravian, with whom she had thirteen children.

The Federal census of 1790, records the name of Abraham Transue (a son of the pioneer) a resident of Williams township, Northampton county; and he had then two sons over sixteen years of age, and one son under sixteen years, and three females. In the same township, in the same year there appear the names of Elias Transue and Abraham Transue, Junior. The latter was the third of that name, and his family was made up of himself and wife and a young son and daughter. Elias had a wife and two sons and three daughters.

In Lower Smithfield township, Northampton county, the Federal census of 1790 records as heads of families, Jacob, John and Melchoir Transue. Jacob's family was made up of one son and five females; John's of one son and three females; and Melchoir's of a wife, two sons and one daughter.

Peter Transue, a descendant of Abraham, the pioneer, was born April 23, 1777, and came from Saucon township, to Allentown, where he lived until his death, September 20, 1841. He is buried on the old Allentown cemetery. His wife was Elizabeth Grube, of Saucon township. Their children, all deceased, were: Samuel; Jacob (who operated a grist mill near Easton, Pa., some years but later moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where some of his sons now reside); Charles (a bricklayer, who died at Northampton, Pa.); William (a moulder, who died at Tiffin, Ohio); Susanna (who died a maiden in Philadelphia); Mary; and Lydia (wife of Stephen Ritter).

Samuel Transue, son of Peter, was born Nov. 14, 1817, and died at Allentown, April 24, 1891. He served as engineer at the Barber Foundry Company upwards of forty years. At Allentown he always lived in the First Ward. Elemina Gabel, his wife, was born in 1830. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Gabel. She died in 1868, aged thirty-eight years. The family burials were made on the Union cemetery. They were members of the Reformed church. Their children were: Annie M. (m. William Zellner); Charles P. (1855-1895, m. Emma Diehl) Tilghman (1860-1889); and Edward D.

Edward D. Transue, of Allentown, was born

January 11, 1863, in the First Ward, where he has always lived. He is a property owner. He follows silk-ribbon weaving since 1886. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; and affiliated with the Democratic party, in whose welfare he takes great interest.

In 1903 he wedded Bertha Trexler, whose parents are Edwin and Carrie (Reimert) Trexler, of Allentown. They are members of the Zion's Reformed Church.

#### THOMAS HENRY TREVENA.

George and Gertrude Trevena, of England, had among others, a son, Thomas H.

Thomas Henry, son of George and Gertrude Trevena, was born in Devonshire, England, died September 8, 1884, and is buried at Beaver Meadow, Pennsylvania. He emigrated to the United States at the age of eighteen years. He was connected with mining operations in some form all his life, his death being caused by the premature explosion of a blast which he was superintending. He was active in the silver mines of Mexico, the gold mines of Nevada, the gold mines of California, copper mines of Michigan, and the gold and silver mines of Vermont. He assisted in the construction work of the tunnel at West Point, New York, and was then for a time superintendent of silver mines near Mexico City. Still later he was a contractor and had contracts for almost all the carpenter work for a Beaver Meadows plant. Mr. Trevena married Prudence, born at Breage, Cornwall, England, came to America at the age of sixteen years, a daughter of John and Jane (Rogers) Wear, and they had children: Harry, a boiler foreman with the American Steel and Wire Company, at Allentown, married Bertha Pohl; John, a merchant, at Joliet, Illinois; Thomas Henry, of further mention; George, in the livery business at Beaver Meadows, married Ida Lynn; Guy, a machinist with the American Steel and Wire Company, at Allentown.

Thomas Henry, son of Thomas Henry and Prudence (Wear) Trevena, was born in Beaver Meadows, April 23, 1876. At the age of six years he became a pupil in the public schools, which he attended until 1886. He then commenced working as a slate picker, and attended the evening schools until 1892. His first position was with W. T. Carter, at Coleraine, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, where he picked slate at the breakers from 1886 to 1889; was office boy, 1889 to 1891; oil supply boy, 1891-1892, and a member of the repair gang, 1892-1895, after which he resigned his position. He next entered the employ of Cox Brothers, having charge of the running of cars in the mines, 1895-1896. His

next post was with W. T. Carter, at Coleraine, as handy man, inside and outside the mines, 1896-1897; section man in the mines, 1897-1899. He then commenced working in Allentown in the Allentown Rolling Mill, doing this from April to November, 1899, when he abandoned this position. Afterward he was employed by the American Steel and Wire Works, at Allentown, from November, 1899, until February 6, 1904, during which time he became an expert machinist. He then had in succession the following places: L. F. Grammes & Sons, as machinist; the American Car Works, at Berwick, Pennsylvania; at West Pittstown, with the Exeter Machine Works; then to Elizabethport, with the Baldwin Locomotive Works; the Auto Car Works, at Philadelphia; then to Allentown, in May, 1907, where he became machine-shop foreman of the American Steel and Wire Company, and held this position until December, 1910, when he was advanced to the office of master mechanic of the Allentown works. He is Republican in politics and a member of the Linden-Street Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Independent Order of America.

Mr. Trevena married, in December, 1912, Florence, a daughter of Louis Frank and Trivillia (Eisenhard) Wenner, of Allentown, and they have one child, Louis W.

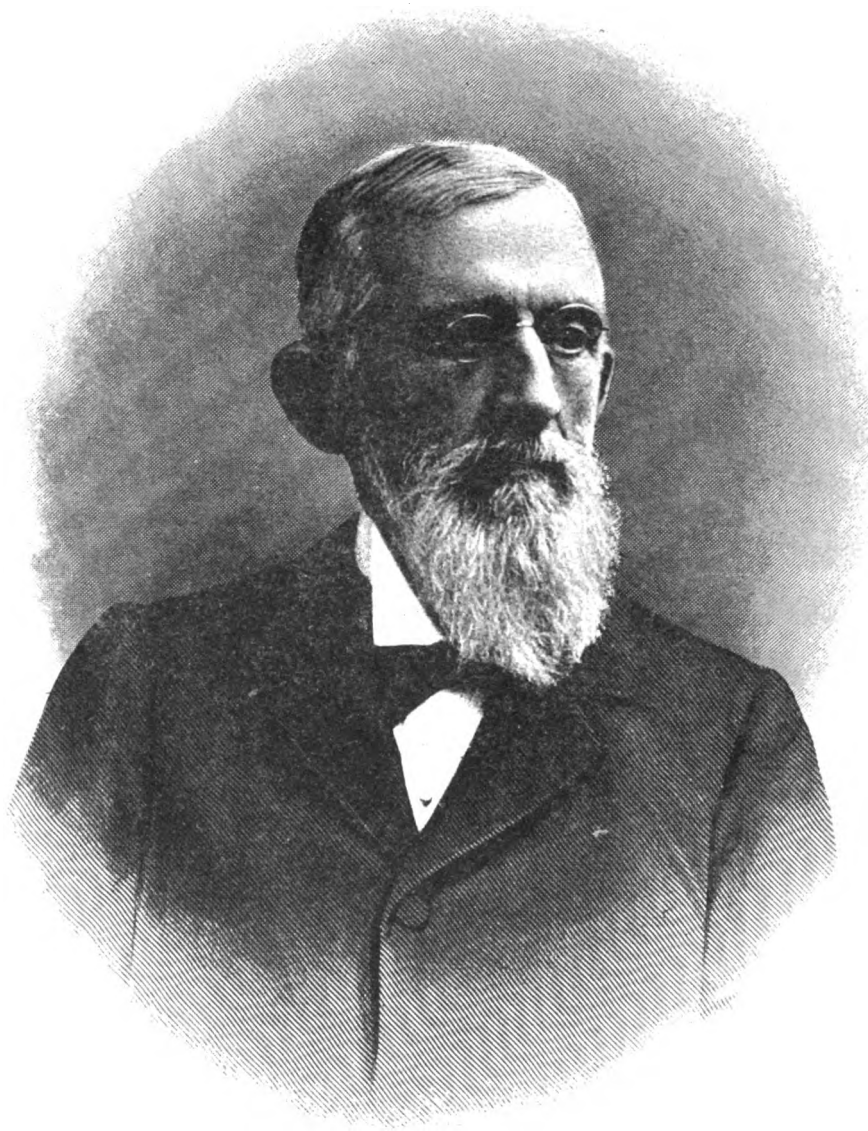
#### TREXLER FAMILY.

Peter Trexler emigrated to America some time prior to 1720 and settled in Oley township, Berks county, where his name appears on a petition as early as Sept. 5, 1720. He afterward removed to Upper Macungie township, where he is said to have been the first white settler. On Nov. 18, 1729, he purchased from Caspar Wistar 138¾ acres of land west of where Breinigsville is now located, and the date of his deed precedes any yet found in the vicinity. On Nov. 1, 1742, he secured 100 acres by warrant, adjoining his other land on the west. He was naturalized in 1730. Peter Trexler died in 1758 and was buried on his land. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation at Ziegel church. His will, dated Dec. 17, 1744, was probated at Philadelphia, Oct. 21, 1758. The witnesses were Gittie Grim and George Schambach and in it he provided for his widow, Catharine, and bequeathed his eldest son £20, his youngest son £65, each daughter £20 and his second son, Peter, received his land and was appointed executor. He had six children: Jeremiah; Peter; John; Anna; Catharine, married, Nov. 9, 1730, John George Schumacher, and Margaret.

Peter Trexler, second son of Peter, was born

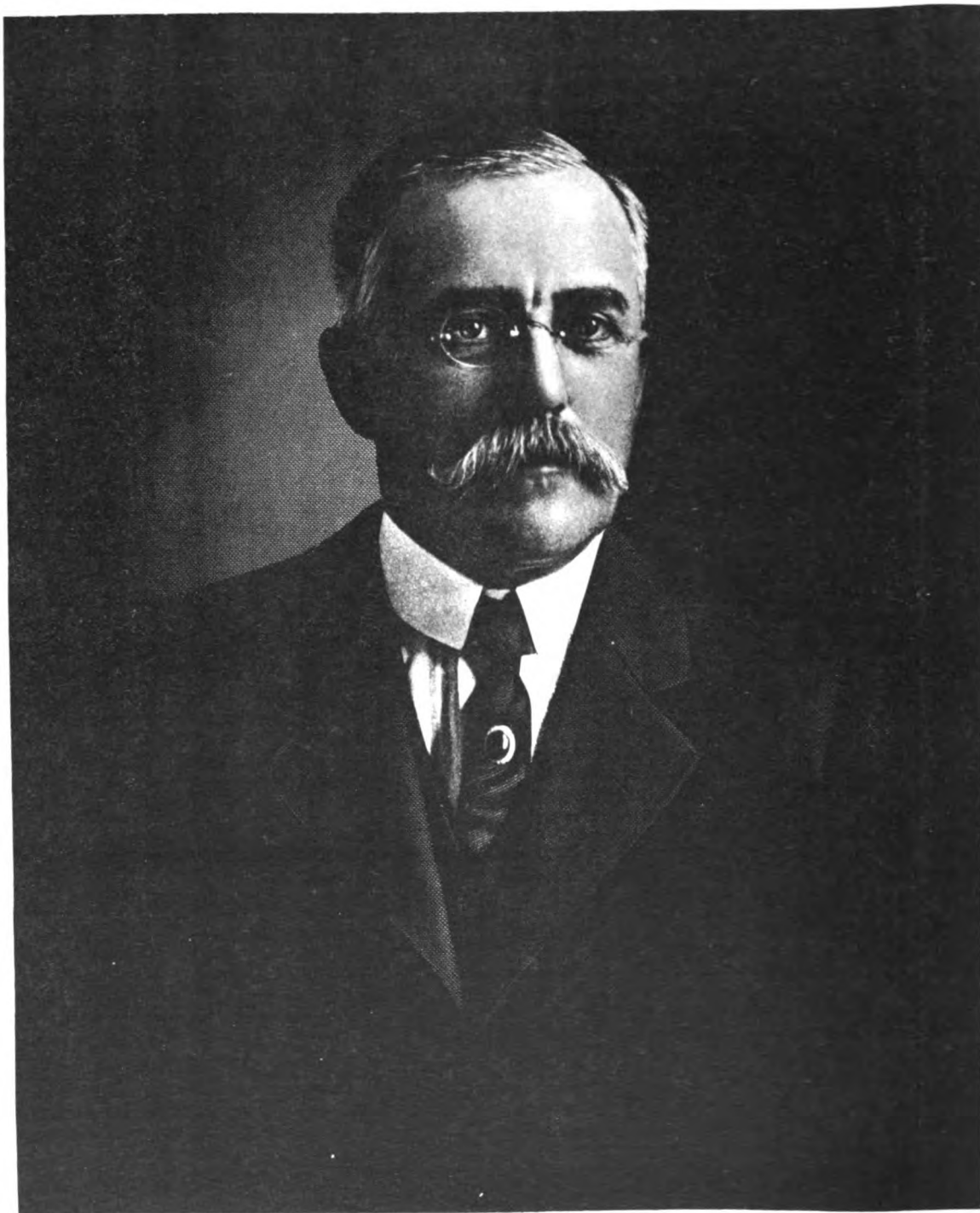
Feb. 11, 1721. He received his father's land and added to it, until he owned 400 acres near Breinigsville. He was elected one of the first three county commissioners of Northampton county on Oct. 1, 1752, and in the French and Indian War was captain of a company of soldiers which garrisoned the frontier forts. In 1755 he was one of the trustees of the Wm. Parsons school at Easton, established for the purpose of teaching the English language to the Germans. He was a colonial justice of the peace from 1753 to 1776 and on June 3, 1777, was appointed a justice of the peace under the new United States government. On Nov. 8, 1777, he was appointed one of the commissioners to collect clothing for the soldiers. He died Aug. 25, 1798, and is buried in the Trexler private cemetery on the John R. Gonser farm, near Breinigsville. He married Catharine Wink, daughter of Caspar and Gertrude (Kemp) Wink, who was born Aug. 7, 1728, and died Aug. 14, 1815. They had seven children: Peter; John; Maria Christina; Rachel, married Philip Fogel; Gertrude, married Henry Grim; Jonathan and Elizabeth, married Peter Christman. Maria Christina, born Nov. 3, 1753, died Sept. 13, 1829, married, Aug. 13, 1776, Peter Haas and had ten children.

Peter Trexler, Jr., son of Peter, second, was born Aug. 15, 1748, and died March 13, 1828. He was a captain in the Revolutionary War, promoted to major in 1781 and in 1783 was chosen lieutenant colonel of the Third Battalion of the county. He was elected county commissioner in October, 1782, and was elected a member of the Assembly in 1785, 1786, 1787 and 1788. He removed to Mertztown, Berks county, where he died March 13, 1828. He married, Dec. 15, 1772, Catharine, daughter of Henry Grim. She was born July 30, 1757, and died July 7, 1828. They are buried on a private cemetery near Mertztown. They had eleven children: Maria, born July 13, 1774, married John Folk; John Peter, born Jan. 2, 1777, died March 19, 1828, married Rachel Fogel, born Sept. 11, 1784, died Jan. 1, 1867, and had children: Mrs. Caroline Harlacher, Mrs. Sarah Seiberling, Mrs. Maria Fogel and Jonas; Jacob, born Sept. 7, 1779; Reuben, born Nov. 22, 1781; Benjamin, born Feb. 3, 1784; Catharine, born Jan. 26, 1787, married Jonathan Haas; Jonas, born June 26, 1789, had children: Jonas, Willoughby, Abyle, David, Peter, Mrs. Sarah Ludwig, Mrs. Angeline Ahlum and Mrs. Eliza Miller; Anna, born Oct. 16, 1791, married, first, Philip Drescher and had two children: Nathan and Mrs. Judith Reiter, and second, John Albright. She died Sept. 5, 1855; Judith, born April



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Harry Trevelyan

9, 1795, married Rev. Isaac Roeller and died in 1885; Nathan, born Aug. 1, 1797, died Dec. 29, 1864, had children: Edwin H., Mrs. Schall, Mrs. Emma Grim and Mrs. Sarah Esterly; Daniel, born Nov. 8, 1799, died unmarried.

Jacob Trexler, second son of Peter, was born Sept. 7, 1779, and died July 27, 1829. He married Lydia, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Romig) Egner. She was born March 20, 1783, and died Dec. 13, 1863. They had children: Reuben; David; Peter; Jacob; Mrs. Jesse Breinig; Catharine, married Jacob Breinig, and Mrs. Stephen Schmoyer.

Reuben Trexler was born July 5, 1804, and died Sept. 20, 1840. He married Sarah, daughter of George and Catharine (Reiss) Mattern, who was born July 15, 1807, and died Aug. 29, 1890. They had four children: Edwin W.; Jonas, born Sept. 29, 1828, died Feb. 3, 1908, married, June 11, 1874, Christiana R. Saeger; Willoughby, and Sallie T., married Henry Leh.

Edwin W. Trexler, son of Reuben, was born in Upper Milford township, Oct. 27, 1826, on the farm purchased by his grandfather. He attended the local schools and became a clerk in a general store in Emaus. He later conducted a dry goods business at Easton for some years, but the confining nature of this occupation impaired his health and in 1856 he removed to Allentown and engaged in the lumber business with his brothers. In later years, his sons, Harry C. and Edwin G., were admitted to the firm, which became E. W. Trexler and Sons. In 1890 Mr. Trexler retired and the business was developed until the Trexler Lumber Company is to-day one of the largest concerns in the country. He then devoted himself entirely to farming and breeding high-grade Holstein and Jersey cattle and was a prominent member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Mr. Trexler was struck by a fast running freight train while crossing the P. & R. R. tracks near Emaus, not far from his farm, and instantly killed on July 10, 1900. He married, at Easton, in 1852, Matilda Saurbeck, daughter of William and Jane (Magee) Sauerbeck. Mrs. Trexler was born Sept. 2, 1827, and died Nov. 7, 1914, aged eighty-seven years. They had four sons: William, who died in infancy; Col. Harry C. Trexler; Edwin G. Trexler, and Hon. Frank M. Trexler, judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

#### COL. HARRY C. TREXLER.

Few residents of Lehigh county have attained greater prominence throughout the state, nor achieved more deserved success in business than Colonel Harry C. Trexler, eldest son of the

late Edwin W. Trexler. His untiring energy and marked ability have placed him among the leaders of industry in his native state. He was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, spent his early boyhood days in Allentown and received his education in the public schools of Lehigh county. Thereafter he became associated with his father in the lumber business, under the firm name of E. W. Trexler & Son. After the death of his father, Col. Trexler became the principal and senior partner of the firm, now known as the Trexler Lumber Company. Under his capable and energetic management, this concern has had a remarkable growth, at present having large yards at Allentown, Pa., and Newark, N. J., a large planing mill at Allentown, and saw mills at Allen, S. C., and Prentiss, Miss.

Colonel Trexler was one of the organizers of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company in 1897. This company has grown steadily until now it is one of the largest and most successful in the United States, with mills and offices scattered over the entire United States. Colonel Trexler has been president thereof since its organization.

He has been connected with the National Guard of Pennsylvania since 1895, when Governor Hastings appointed him on his staff. This appointment was continued by Governors Stone and Pennypacker. Later he was appointed Deputy Commissary General by Governor Stuart, and then Quartermaster General by Governor Tener.

Agriculture in most of its branches, fish culture and game breeding are some of his noteworthy avocations. His orchards are known far and wide; his model dairy, game preserve and trout hatchery are delightful places of interest for the sojourner in this section. His ranch at Jackson, Wyoming, is also worthy of comment.

Colonel Trexler is a trustee of Muhlenberg College, a trustee of St. Luke's Hospital, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company. He is also president of the Board of Trustees of the Homeopathic State Hospital for the Insane at Rittersville.

He is a member of many clubs and lodges, among which are the Elks, Odd Fellows, and the various Masonic bodies, the Livingston Club of Allentown, the Union League, Art Club, and Manufacturers' Club, of Philadelphia.

In politics he is a staunch and ardent Republican and a firm believer in its principles and doctrines.

Colonel Trexler married Mary M., daughter of William K. Mosser, one of the pioneer tanners of the state.

## HON. FRANK M. TREXLER.

Hon. Frank M. Trexler was born in Allentown, Jan 9, 1861. He received his preparatory training in the public schools of the city and was graduated from the Allentown high school in 1876. He entered Muhlenberg College, where he graduated in 1879, with honor. He then studied law with Thomas B. Metzger, Esq., and was admitted to practice at the Lehigh county bar on April 10, 1882. He was elected city solicitor in 1885 and re-elected in 1887 and 1889. In 1902 he was associate counsel for the city at the time of the enlargement of the water supply. On Dec. 20, 1902, Governor Stone appointed him president judge of the Lehigh county courts for the unexpired term of Judge Edwin Albright, who died Dec. 13, 1902, and in 1903, Judge Trexler was elected to the office for a term of ten years. In 1914 he was appointed judge of the Superior Court to succeed former Governor Beaver and in the fall of 1914 was elected to a ten-year term on the Superior Court bench by a large majority.

Judge Trexler is president of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court and Probation Association, one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania Conservation Society and a member of the executive committee of the Lehigh Valley Children's Welfare Society. He has been president of the Young Men's Christian Association since 1890 and is a member of the First Presbyterian church, which he has served as an official. He is a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania German Society, Lehigh County Historical Society, Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. and A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Council, No. 23, R & S. M.; Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, and Unity Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F. He married, Nov 7, 1889, Jennie R., daughter of Emanuel R. Shelling, and has five children: Dorothy, Edwin W., Frances M., Marion S. and Robert W.

A representative of the highest type of citizenship, Judge Trexler is wearing the judicial ermine with distinction to his state and with honor to himself and family.

Reuben Trexler, third son of Peter, Jr., was born Nov. 22, 1781, and died April 29, 1846. He was an ironmaster in Longswamp township, Berks county, and married Anna, daughter of Jacob Leshner, who was born Nov. 30, 1791, and died May 12, 1848. They had five children: Horatio; William; Leshner; Caroline, married William Schall of Norristown and Lucinda, married James Rittenhouse. Horatio Trexler was born in 1813, and died March 19, 1900. He operated iron furnaces from 1837 to 1869; re-

moved to Reading in 1848 and in 1853 bought a fourth interest in the Reading Iron Works; was president of the National Union Bank from 1873 to 1900; president of the Reading Gas Company from 1860 to 1900 and a member of St. James' Lutheran church. He married, first, Miss Hunter and had two daughters, Mrs. George B. Eckert and Mrs. Henry M. Keim, of Reading, and second, Mary L. Bell, who died Feb. 6, 1900.

Col. William Trexler, son of Reuben, was born Sept. 2, 1816, and died in Longswamp township, Dec. 19, 1905. He was a tanner, miller and merchant and was postmaster at Longswamp for fifty-three years. He was also justice of the peace and held membership in the Lutheran church and in Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., of Allentown. He married, first, in 1842, Mary A., daughter of John Singmaster, of Macungie, who died in 1877. They had ten children: Reuben, Alonzo, Mrs. Anna Maltzberger, Alvin S., William, Dr. Leshner A., John L. S., Mrs. Mary Weiler, Henry C. and Myra. He married, second, Amelia Schall, who died in February, 1890. Dr. Leshner Trexler, son of Reuben, located at Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Anna Wertz and Mrs. Millie Judith Reno, of Allentown, are daughters of Doctor Trexler.

Benjamin Trexler, fourth son of Peter, Jr., was born February 3, 1784, and died June 20, 1855. He settled, first, in the Catawissa Valley, but in 1825 moved to Albany, Berks county. He married, first, March 10, 1805, Maria Drescher and had eleven children: Daniel, Benjamin, Amos, Fianna, Jonas, Aaron, Jairus, Anna, Nathan and Peter. He married, second, June 13, 1823, Catharine Bolich and had a daughter, Catharine.

John Trexler, second son of Peter, second, was born Oct. 12, 1750, and died June 22, 1829. He removed to York county and had a son, Solomon, whose son, Daniel, lived in that county in 1869. John Trexler was buried on the Gonser farm.

Jonathan Trexler, youngest son of Peter, second, was born May 1, 1762, and died May 11, 1846. He was a farmer near Breinigsville and served in the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth Harlacher, born Jan. 9, 1772, died April 3, 1854. They are buried on the Gonser farm. They had eight children: Sophia, born March 4, 1793, died Oct. 9, 1864, unmarried; Anna, born Nov. 10, 1794, died Feb. 21, 1885, married Gen. Benjamin Fogel; Diana, born Jan. 7, 1799, married Joseph Schmoyer; Catharine, born Oct. 22, 1801, married Joseph Miller; Jonathan, born Nov. 25, 1803; Lydia, born

Sept. 1, 1807, married John Metzger and Solomon, born May 21, 1810, died Aug. 31, 1814.

Jeremiah Trexler, the eldest son of Peter, the emigrant, secured land adjoining that of his father on the east, where he kept a tavern as early as 1732. In 1735 a road was laid out from his tavern, through Zionsville, Shimersville, Hosensack and Kraussdale to Montgomery county. About 1760, he removed to Easton, where he was tax collector in 1768 and on Nov. 11, 1776, became a member of the General Committee of Northampton county and at the meeting held the same day he was appointed a member of the standing committee. He later sold his property at Easton and returned to Macungie township, where he died in 1783. Jeremiah and Maria Catharine Trexler had children: Peter, Margaret, married to John Albright, and John. Peter, son of Jeremiah, was born in 1727. He married Maria Catharine Albright, daughter of Joseph and Katharine Albright, sold his land to George Breinig and removed to Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, where he rented, in 1780, 750 acres from Charles Thompson. He died Nov. 7, 1784, and is buried at Ardmore. Among his children was a son, Jeremiah, born in 1751.

John Trexler, son of Jeremiah, received from his father in 1760 two tracts of twenty-two and thirty-one acres and also kept a tavern located at Trexlertown. After the death of his first wife, Maria Elizabeth, he married Susanna, widow of John Hassler and daughter of Casper Bauer. The Hassler family were captured by the Indians in the Revolutionary War, one of the children being scalped. The father escaped, but the wife and children continued in captivity for three years, when they were released, excepting Jacob and Elizabeth. John Trexler, in his will dated January 26th, and probated March 10, 1795, gives £50 to his wife, Susanna, for life, after her death to be divided among his stepchildren, "of which Jacob Hassler and Elizabeth are prisoners by the Indians." John Trexler's children were: Peter; Jeremiah; Emanuel, who went West; Ferdinand; Philipina Albright; Margaret Kroner; Maria Elizabeth, and Israel. His widow subsequently married John Lehr and died in 1824, aged seventy years.

Jeremiah Trexler, son of John, received the Trexlertown tavern from his father in 1786 and kept it until 1824, when he sold it to David Schall. He was many years a justice of the peace, and died Feb. 25, 1827. He married Elizabeth Reiss, and had seven children: John, born April 18, 1773; Catharine, born Sept. 5, 1775; Margaret, born Feb. 26, 1780, married Andrew Shiffert; Charles, born Dec. 3, 1782;

James, born June 11, 1790; Lucas, born March 21, 1795, and Jeremiah, born April 17, 1785, who became a tailor, and lived near the Cedar creek. James Trexler married Elizabeth Leiben-good and had children: J. Allen, W. H. H. and Mrs. Jacob Schall. J. Allen Trexler was born Oct. 2, 1831, and died Sept. 20, 1914. He served in Company F, Forty-seventh Regiment in the Civil War, and kept the Lehigh Hotel for many years. He married Margaret Sattler and had two sons, Wm. J., deceased, and Henry A., born Oct. 5, 1859, died Aug. 30, 1905, proprietor of the Trexler House from 1890 to 1901.

Ferdinand Trexler, son of John, was born June 15, 1769. He and his wife, Catharine, had children: Benjamin, Catharine and John. Benjamin was a shoemaker, constable and militia captain in Longswamp township, Berks county. He had three children in his first marriage and in his second marriage to Rachel Wetzel, born 1796, died 1876, had one son, Benjamin F. Trexler, born Feb. 25, 1827, who has been engaged in newspaper work for seventy years. At the age of thirteen he learned the printer's trade in the *Friedensbote* office and in 1848, with Reuben Guth, edited and published the *Lecha Patriot*. In 1854 he founded the *Welt Bote*, which he published over thirty-eight years, and from 1858 to 1867, published the *Republikaner*. In 1870 he became one of the proprietors of the *Friedensbote*, which he edited for twenty-three years, when he retired. He later again became editor of the paper until the age of eighty-five, when he again retired. He married, Nov. 11, 1849, Diana, daughter of David Walter. They had two sons: Herman, born 1851, died 1899, married Jennie, daughter of Solomon Ziegler, and had children: Annie M., Florence M., Cora D., Blanche R. and Ralph B.; and Julius W., who married Katie, daughter of Lewis M. Engelman, and had children: Helen D., Benj. F., who died in infancy, and Miriam E.

Israel Trexler, youngest son of John, was born in Macungie township and removed to Hanover township, along the Lehigh river, where he owned a tract of eighteen acres, now owned by his grandson, Theodore E. He served in the War of 1812 and had nine children: Emanuel, Jonathan, Israel, Jr., John J., Reuben A., Abraham R., Charles H., Polly, married James Bush, and Mrs. Solomon Wandel.

John J. Trexler, son of Israel, was elected as a Democrat to the office of county treasurer in 1878 and was also a school director in Hanover township. He conducted a lime-burning business in Hanover with his brother until his death in 1855, when his sons, Milton A., and

Theodore E. succeeded him. He was a member of the Swedenborgian Church. He married Hannah Miller and had four children: Martin F., Milton A., Theodore E. and Margaret E., married Marcus Krause, of West Bethlehem.

THEODORE E. TREXLER, who resides at the corner of Pike and Linden streets, East Allentown, was born in that locality, April 15, 1851. In 1886 he succeeded his father in the lime burning business and in connection with that business he dealt largely in limestone, giving employment to ten men. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the old homestead, but this is now cut up into building lots and a number of houses have been built upon it. He retired from active business in June, 1911, and was succeeded by his sons, John L. and Constantine M. In 1906 he erected the large residence where he resides. He was married, first, to Sarah A. Hopper and they had three children: Annie F., married Clarence R. Randolph, of Allentown; John L., and Constantine M., and after her decease he married as his second wife, Emma L. Reinhart.

CONSTANTINE M. TREXLER was born Dec. 11, 1882, in East Allentown, where he attended the common schools, and was graduated from the American Business College in 1898. He assisted his father in business until 1911, when he and his brother, John L., became their father's successor. Trexler Brothers employ ten men and they operate the limestone quarry at the eastern end of the Lehigh bridge, which has been operated by the Trexler family for many years. He married Mary E. Haney, a daughter of James Haney and they have a daughter, Eleanor A.

Benjamin Trexler, son of Nathan, was a farmer at the Iron Bridge, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county. He was born in Albany township, Berks county, and died April 10, 1883. He married Fannie I. Seidel, a daughter of William and Susanna (Dreibelbis) Seidel, of Windsor township, Berks county, and had two sons, Edward and William B. After the death of Mr. Trexler, his widow became the second wife of W. A. Fraunfelder, a farmer near Lenharts-ville, Pa.

WILLIAM B. TREXLER, M.D., of Fullerton, was born at the Iron Bridge, this county, April 5, 1883. He was educated in the common schools and at the Kutztown State Normal School, and in the fall of 1902 entered the Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated June 2, 1906. He located at Fullerton, where he became the second physician, and has been the only one to remain permanently to this time. In 1907 he purchased the residence at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets, which

he remodeled. He is one of the busy and successful practitioners of the county. In 1911 he was elected the physician to the County Almshouse, and he still serves this position. He is a member of the Lehigh County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association; also of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., and Catasauqua Chapter, No. 278, R. A. M., both of Catasauqua; of Camp, No. 278, P. O. S. of A., at Virginsville, Pa., of Fullerton Beneficial Association, and of the Modern Woodmen of the World, for whom he is the medical examiner.

He was married in November, 1906, to Minnie I. Mengel, daughter of James and Harriet (Strausser) Mengel, of Windsor township, Berks county, and they have a daughter, Rachel H.

David Trexler, who was a farmer in Lower Saucon township, was the father of Daniel Trexler, who was in early life a farmer in that township and later became a resident of Allentown, where he was superintendent of the carpenter shop of the Allentown Rolling Mills for eighteen years, and for ten years had charge of the city water works. He married Hannah Sallada and had five children: Ellen, married Thomas Leiser; Eudia; Emma, married Wm. Mack; Daniel D., and Hester M., married George H. Bear.

Daniel D. Trexler, son of Daniel, was born in Allentown, April 24, 1861, and learned the trades of carpenter and machinist. He occupied a position as head machinist in the employ of the Rapid Transit Company and later in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Traction Company, continuing in their service for ten years.

He is a Republican in politics and a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., and J. O. U. A. M. In 1880 he was married to Annie M. Sell, daughter of Francis Sell. They had three children, viz.: Daniel A.; George W., and Lloyd S.

Daniel A. Trexler, son of Daniel D., was born in Allentown, where he now lives, July 16, 1880. He attended the public schools of the city and later pursued a course at the American Commercial School. He learned the trade of upholstering and followed it for thirteen years.

In 1901 he married Ella V., daughter of Frank and Jane (Scholl) Peters, of Lehigh county, and they have three sons, viz.: LeRoy D., Frederick and Orville.

#### TRINE FAMILY.

George Trine (also spelled Tyrne and Tryon) came from the section of the Trexler furnace in Longswamp township, Berks county, Pa. He and a brother, Peter, were enlisted in the Revolutionary War and while in the service they

became separated. Peter, whose name was changed to Tryne, after the War, settled in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and George settled in Lynn township, in what is now Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. After the close of the Revolution each of these brothers learned that the other had been killed in battle, one at Long Island. Long afterward, two men met, and after conversing for a time they learned that they were brothers, though each had believed that the other was dead, and these two men were George and Peter Trine.

George Trine was a soldier in the Company of Captain Philip Albright, in Col. Samuel Miles' regiment, which was in service as early as March 19, 1776, and on August 23, of that year fought in the battle of Long Island. On September 1, 1776, this company in the Pennsylvania Regiment of Riflemen, commanded by Lt. Col. Brodhead was in camp near King Bridge, and the name of the patriot, George Trine, appears on the list of the soldiers in that camp.

In 1781, George "Tryon," substituted for Christopher Reed as a soldier of the 2d Battalion, from Lancaster county, and began duty on September 25, 1781.

Peter Tryne was a soldier in the Revolution, under Capt. James Carnhan's company, in service from March 1, 1777, to May 1, 1777. The regiment was mustered out May 9, 1777, at Red Bank, and on this date the captain certifies on his honor to "nine absentees for Different Reasons." Back of the name of Peter Tryne appears the word "Disarted." Peter Tryne, also is recorded as having drawn depreciation pay as a soldier of the Continental Line, from York county, Pennsylvania.

George Trine, a tanner by trade, worked for some years in a tannery for David Mosser at Mossersville. Later, in 1812, he was an inn-keeper at New Tripoli, where in 1816, (when the town was laid out and lots were sold) he purchased lot No. 48. In 1815, and probably before that date, he kept a store in the one story house now owned by Rebecca Buck at New Tripoli. He owned the farm now the property of Peter Loch, where in 1813, he built the large stone house still standing along the public road. In 1814 he built a tannery at the same place. He was interested in education it appears by the following act. In 1812 he was one of eleven men to subscribe twenty dollars each for the establishment of an English school at New Tripoli. On April 6, 1813, he was one of four trustees who were elected to serve said school, he acting as the president and Henry Mantz as

the secretary of the Board. His death occurred in 1840, in his eighty-sixth year. He is buried on the old graveyard at New Tripoli.

His wife was a Miss Rabert. Their children were: Esther (m. Samuel Komp); Mary (m. Henry Smith who in 1856 was elected Sheriff of Lehigh county); Mary (married twice, first to a Xander, and second, to John Dankel); Thomas (who first lived in Lynn, but later settled in Monroe county, Pa.); Jonas; William (married to a Miss Bachman, and moved to Indiana); John (who lived at New Tripoli); and Aaron (who lived at New Tripoli and had a son, Benjamin).

George Trine, son of John, was a carpenter and employed a number of men. He died while living at Slatington, where he is buried on the Union Cemetery. His widow Madine (a born Krum) was married afterward to Nathan Weaver. By her first husband she had three children: Elmira (married to James Rinker of Slatington); Mary (married to Henry Heintzelman of Slatington); and Quince.

Quince Trine, butcher at New Tripoli, was born at Slatington, October 30, 1870. In 1902 he engaged in the butcher business at New Tripoli, and he now employs five men and operates three wagons. Socially he is a member of New Tripoli Council, No. 204, J. O. U. A. M., and the F. O. E., No. 650, at Lehigh, Pa. He was married in 1892 to Kate, daughter of John Ulrich. She was born October 10, 1873, and died December 21, 1906, in the thirty-fourth year of her age. They had three children: Clarence (who died aged eight years), Norman and Millard.

#### TRIXELL FAMILY.

This old and prominent family in Lehigh county traces its history back to Switzerland, where Burckhard Trchsel is mentioned in the records as a councillor in Berne in 1367. The name is spelled in various ways, as Drachsel, Draxel, Trachsel, Traxel, and Trixell.

Peter Trixell, who was born in Switzerland about 1691, emigrated to America in the ship Samuel, and arrived at Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 1733, with his wife, Juliana Catharine, aged 30, and two sons, Peter, aged nine, and Daniel, aged seven. He settled at Egypt, Whitehall township, where his son David was baptized on Sept. 23, 1734. In 1736, when his son John was baptized, he is referred to as church censor of the congregation. In 1737, he was deacon, and his name appears in the Egypt Reformed church records until 1744.

On November 10, 1743, he purchased from Caspar Wistar two tracts of one hundred acres



each on the Jordan river, for which a bill of sale had been made in 1742. Here he built a stone house, 30 by 21 feet, in the year 1744, which is still standing and is the oldest house in Lehigh county. When the large hearth was removed some years ago, the mantelpiece was found to contain the figures 1744. In this old building, now owned by the Minnich family, travellers were entertained in the early days. The house stands near the Jordan creek, east of Troxell's crossing, on the electric road from Allentown to Slatington.

Peter Troxell mortgaged these tracts on Jan. 12, 1754, to Lynford Lardner for £294. The house is mentioned in the mortgage and the land is described as "situated on a branch of Lehi creek, called Indian creek." Peter Troxell was naturalized April 10, 1742, and secured additional land, in all over five hundred acres. After removing from Egypt he became a member of the Jordan Reformed congregation. He and his wife, Juliana Catharine, had a number of children, of whom we have the names of eight, as follows: Peter; Daniel; David, born July 27, 1734; John, baptized Oct. 26, 1736; Christian, baptized April 16, 1739, confirmed 1754; Juliana Margaret, a twin, baptized April 16, 1739, confirmed 1754; George Frederick, baptized July 28, 1741; and Margaret, born Oct. 25, 1744.

Daniel Troxell, the second son, was born in 1726 and naturalized April 10, 1761. He received from his father by deed of Nov. 29, 1758, 200 acres of land which he farmed until Dec. 26, 1767, when he sold the greater part of his land to John Roth, and removed to York county, to the section now Adams county. He married Sophia Dotterer. She was born March 5, 1726, the daughter of Michael Dotterer and his wife Anna Maria Fisher. Their eldest son, Daniel, was born March 8, 1750, and at his baptism had eight sponsors. Another son, John, born May 3, 1760, lived near Gettysburg. The greater part of the Troxell family of Lehigh county are descended from the eldest son of Peter Troxell, the emigrant.

Peter Troxell, eldest son of Peter, the emigrant, was born in Switzerland, Dec. 28, 1723, and was nine years old on his arrival in America. He was naturalized on the same day as his father and became the owner of the greater part of his father's land and added to it, so that he owned over 600 acres. He saw service in the War of the Revolution and was a member of the Jordan Reformed church, where he is buried, but has no tombstone. He died Feb. 28, 1811, in his 80th year. He married, May 19, 1747, Anna Maria (name unknown) who was born March 6, 1727, and died July 10, 1795. They had

seven sons and seven daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter died before the mother, whose tombstone is still decipherable at Jordan Reformed church. Peter Troxell married the second time, May 11, 1799, Hanna Zirckel. At the time of his death in 1811, he left 76 grandchildren and 64 great-grandchildren. His children were: Peter; Daniel; John; Jacob; Margaret; Barbara; Maria Susanna, born March 9, 1765; Lorentz; Eva Catharine; Christian, born Dec. 6, 1771; and Magdalena, born April 30, 1774. Of the daughters, Margaret married Gottfried Roth; Barbara, born Dec. 13, 1762, died June 4, 1834, married Peter Gross; and Eva Catharine, born Aug. 12, 1769, died Jan. 26, 1851, married Peter Guth. Peter Troxell deeded to his sons various tracts of land: To Peter, 194 acres, 54 perches, on July 22, 1783; to Daniel, 189 acres, 140 perches, on May 22, 1783, and 62 acres, 72 perches, on Dec. 8, 1790; to Jacob, 128 acres, on May 14, 1783; and to Lorenz, 104 acres, 29 perches, on Dec. 18, 1790.

These five tracts adjoin each other and upon them are still standing five stone houses built by members of the Troxell family.

Peter Troxell, third, eldest son of Peter Troxell, second, was born March 28, 1751, and died April 11, 1816. He cultivated the land received from his father until his death at the age of 65 years. He married Helena Catharine Schoener, daughter of Henry Schoener, of Allen township. She was born in 1756 and died June 12, 1832. They had nine children: Maria Susanna, born Feb. 10, 1783, died Oct. 14, 1871. She married, in 1801, George Adam Kemmerer, born June 8, 1777, died March 2, 1849. They lived near Mickley's and had five children. John Troxell, born Aug. 9, 1784, died Sept. 18, 1868; he married, Dec. 29, 1805, Elizabeth Hittel, born Dec. 29, 1785, died Dec. 25, 1856. Daniel Troxell, born Jan. 1, 1786, died Aug. 6, 1826; he married, in 1813, Elizabeth Siegfried, born Jan. 7, 1791, died Oct. 3, 1830. Peter Troxell, born Jan. 20, 1788, died Jan. 15, 1871. He married Elizabeth Mickley, born Aug. 13, 1793, died Dec. 10, 1866; Abraham, born Oct. 18, 1789, died in childhood; Magdalena, born Sept. 9, 1791, married Peter Schaad, and removed to the west; Jacob Troxell, born June 25, 1794, died Jan. 11, 1845. He married a Miss Bleiler, had thirteen children, and lived in Salisbury township. Solomon Troxell, born Aug. 26, 1796, died Oct. 16, 1860. He married, Nov. 10, 1822, Salome Leisenring, born July 30, 1801, died Oct. 24, 1861. Their children were: Gideon, born 1826, died 1846; Alexander, born 1827, died 1900; Catharine, born 1831; Reuben, born 1833; Tilghman H., born 1835, died 1863; Eliza Ann, born

1838; and David, born 1839, died 1881. Elizabeth Troxell, born June 12, 1799, died in childhood.

John Troxell, eldest son of Peter, third, was all his life a farmer and resided on the homestead near the Iron Bridge. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hittel, were buried at Jordan Reformed church. They had ten children: Charles, born July 7, 1807, married Sarah Frack, who was born in 1809 and died in 1900 at Tiffin, Ohio, where they had removed; their children were Alfred, who married Emma Newhard; Rebecca; Benjamin; and Mrs. Sarah Frey. Stephen, born Aug. 2, 1809, died Aug. 19, 1890; he married Esther Mickley and removed to Indiana in 1865. Their children were: Adam, who married Coletta Sherer; Allen, married Louisa Semmel; Clinton, married Eliza Heilman; Walter; Mathias; Maria; Mrs. Elemina Frey; Mrs. Jane Kuder; Mrs. Annie Rothenberger; and Daniel Troxell.

Lucianna, born Oct. 14, 1811. She married Dec. 5, 1830, Peter Ruch, and in 1853 they travelled by wagon to Indiana, where they settled near Mulberry. They had children: Maria, Susanna, and Martin.

Tilghman H. Troxell, born Nov. 13, 1813, died Dec. 25, 1869, married Susanna Troxell, born May 2, 1817, died June 20, 1902.

Elias, born Feb. 25, 1816, died in 1891. He married Lucinda Guth, born Sept. 3, 1816, died in 1888. They had five children: Serena, wife of Samuel Mohr; Louisa R., born 1843, died 1847; Adeline, wife of Willoughby Kuhns; Claretta, wife of James Eberhard; and Maria, wife of Hiram Seislone.

William, born May 13, 1818, died Aug. 2, 1838.

Maria, born Oct. 28, 1820, died Dec. 21, 1889, married James Troxell.

Margaret, born April 23, 1823, died in 1868, married Edward Guth. Their children were: Albert J. D., and Clinton.

Elizabeth, born March 19, 1824, married Peter Mohr. They removed to West Point, Nebraska, and had children: Israel Tilghman, Alfred, and Elemina.

John, born March 22, 1827, died April 26, 1891. He operated his father's farm for many years and then removed to Allentown, where he engaged in quarrying stones and was accidentally killed by a falling rock. He married Mollie A. Newhard, who was born June 9, 1833, and died Feb. 10, 1904. They had twelve children, of whom seven died in childhood: Josiah, born Aug. 31, 1853, died July 4, 1854; Jacob, born March 30, 1862, died the same year; James, born April 5, 1863, died the same year; Mantana A., born Aug. 22, 1867, died April 28, 1868; Savannah

E., born March 30, 1869, died in April, 1872; Catharine A., born July 17, 1873, died the same year; and Daisy R., born Jan. 14, 1876, died Nov. 15, 1877. The remaining children who grew to maturity were: Martha J., born May 30, 1855, married William Reinert, of Emaus; Joseph Peter, born Nov. 10, 1856, married Catharine Biery and resides at 422 Turner street, Allentown. Issue: Gertrude, Minnie, Edna and Fred.

Allen Mathias, born June 16, 1859, married Jane Lynn, daughter of John Lynn, Sr., deceased, and resides at North Coplay. Issue: Preston M., of Allentown, a baker; Laura, married to William Beil, and resides at Allentown; Hattie, married to Robert Schingler, and resides with her parents at North Coplay.

Sarah, married Charles Radeline and lives at Allentown. Issue: Flora, died May 12, 1913; Jennie; John; and Isabella.

Phanus J. J. was born March 4, 1852 on the old Troxell homestead, near the Iron Bridge. He assisted his father on the farm for a number of years and was later employed by the Coplay Cement Company as team foreman in whose employ he continued for a period of 25 years. He died July 2, 1906, and was buried on Allen Union cemetery, Northampton, Pa. In 1874, he was married to Augusta E. E. Resh, born Aug. 5, 1853, a daughter of Ephraim and Carolina Mill Resh, of Lower Macungie, near the Lehigh Union church. To them were born the following children: Jennie M., born Sept. 9, 1875, died Jan. 26, 1913; Wilson J. H., a draftsman, born Feb. 1, 1877, married Sarah Young, daughter of Amandus and Catharine Young, of Northampton, and has one daughter, Dorothy; Mabel, born Dec. 2, 1882, died Feb. 17, 1885; Mantana R., born July 29, 1886, is married to Charles Setzer; and Claude E.

CLAUDE E. TROXELL, a clerk at the Atlas Portland Cement Works, was born at North Coplay, Jan. 8, 1888. He was educated in the public schools of the township, graduating from the high school in the spring of 1905, after which he pursued a course in the American Business College. He was confirmed as a member of Grace Reformed congregation, April 5, 1903, and takes an active interest in its welfare. In July, 1912, he succeeded his brother Wilson J., as superintendent of the Sunday school. The latter had served very successfully for a period of seven and a half years. On April 8, 1911, he married Jennie M. Muth, a daughter of Charles and Amanda (Dietz) Muth, of Northampton. This union is blessed with one daughter, Helen Catharine, born Nov. 4, 1912. Mr. Muth is a son of Solomon Muth. To him and his good wife were born the following children: Florence

Sarah, married to John Snyder, resides in Northampton. Issue: Charles, Earl and Margaret; John, who died in infancy; Jennie M.; William E., a student at Franklin and Marshall College; Hattie M.; and Edgar F.

Charles Troxell was born in Lehigh county and carried on farming in the vicinity of Egypt for a number of years. About 1860 he moved to Tiffin, O., where he was engaged in the mercantile business until he retired. His son, Alfred, was associated with him for five years. He was married to Susanna Frack, a sister of the founder of Frackville, in Schuylkill county. They were members of the Reformed Church. They died and were buried at Tiffin. They had five children: Alfred W.; Walter, who died when a young man; Maria, married James Kuder; Rebecca, married Benjamin Troxell, and Sarah, married Edwin Frey.

Alfred W. Troxell, eldest son of Charles, was born in Lehigh county, in 1830. After attending the public school, he began teaching at an early age and was engaged in this profession until his decease in 1850, excepting a period of five years when he was associated with his father in the mercantile business at Tiffin, O. He was a member of the Union church at Neffsville, and there he was buried. He served as assessor of North Whitehall. In politics he was a Democrat. He was married to Amelia Newhard, a daughter of Joseph, and they had seven children: Alavesta, married Edwin Hunter; Clara, married Francis Kromer; Elemina, married Nathan Howerter, now deceased; Willard J. C.; Frank J.; Harvey J., and Lillie M., married John Diehl.

Willard J. C. Troxell, of the firm of C. Y. Schelly & Bro., son of Alfred W., was born at Tiffin, O., in 1867, where he received his education. When a young man he located at Allentown, Pa., and entered the hardware store of C. Y. Schelly & Bro., as a clerk. By reason of his faithful attention to the business interests of the firm, he was admitted as a partner in the year 1901, and he has been an active partner until the present time. He is now W. M. of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.; and being interested in music, he is identified with the Oratorio Society, and Euterpean Club.

In 1898, Mr. Troxell was married to Jennie E. Goranflo, daughter of Wm. A. and Elizabeth (Bitting) Goranflo, of Allentown, and they have two children: Marguerite, graduated from the Allentown high school in 1910, and Bertram S. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Tilghman H. Troxell, son of Johannes and Elizabeth (Hittel) Troxell, was born Nov. 13, 1813, in South Whitehall township, where he

always lived. He had a farm near Mechanicsville, but removed to Allentown and lived there retired two years prior to his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1869, in his 57th year of age. His wife was Anna Susanna Troxell, daughter of Nicholas and Maria (Heller) Troxell. She was born May 2, 1817, and died June 20, 1902, aged 85 years, one month and 18 days. Their children were: Priscilla E., born Sept. 8, 1840, wife of Elias Hoffman, deceased; and Israel J. N.

ISRAEL J. N. TROXELL was born in South Whitehall township, July 22, 1843. He owned his father's homestead and was a produce dealer for a number of years. Later he was a drover and followed this occupation for 20 years. Since 1870 he resides in Allentown. Mr. Troxell is an invalid since July, 1911, and since September, 1911, is bedfast. He is a member of the Reformed Church. His wife is Sarah Meyer, daughter of Simon and Coletta (Steckel) Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Troxell have an only son, Tilghman C. P.

Tilghman C. P. Troxell was born August 1, 1874. He attended the public schools and later the American Commercial School, from which institution he was graduated. For a number of years he was occupied in assisting his father, but since July, 1911, is connected with the Trexler Lumber Company. In 1900, he was married to Ella George, daughter of Aaron and Louisa (Snyder) George. Mr. and Mrs. Troxell had an only daughter, who died in infancy.

Daniel Troxell, second son of Peter, third, was born in 1786 and died in 1826. He, with his brother Peter, became the owner of 208 acres of land which they purchased from their father on March 26, 1816, for £4000. They divided the tract in 1817 and after Daniel's death, in 1826, the Orphans' Court, by decree dated March 5, 1840, adjudged his land, 109 acres and 120 perches to his eldest son Daniel. On this tract stands the old 1744 house, and on April 8, 1754, Daniel, Jr., sold the land to Michael Minnich. Daniel Troxell and his wife, Elizabeth Siegfried, had four children: Daniel, Jr.; Simon, who removed to Missouri; Mary, wife of Joshua Grim; and Charles, who was born April 6, 1821, and died May 14, 1900, whose children were Charles, Simon, Mrs. John Stofflet, Mrs. Milton Steckel, Mrs. Walter P. Rhoads, and Mrs. Charles Miller.

Daniel Troxell, Jr., son of Daniel, was born Feb. 2, 1819, and died May 31, 1897, aged 78 years, 4 months and 29 days. He is buried in the family vault on Union cemetery. Early in life he was a farmer, but later moved to Allentown and engaged in the carpet business at

Eighth and Hamilton streets. Later he conducted a grocery store at 134 North Seventh street and resided at 136 North Seventh street. He was in business for many years, retiring in 1880. He was a member of Zion Reformed church, serving as elder for many years, and was a member of the building committee, contributing largely in labor and finance, to the erection of this handsome edifice. He was connected with a number of church organizations and was a substantial and successful man. In politics he was a Republican.

His wife was Eliza Ann Butz, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Butz. She was born May 3, 1828, and died March 4, 1899. Their children were: Savannah M. E., who married Dr. F. J. A. Minnich, and had a daughter, Ursula. Mrs. Minnich is deceased and Mr. Minnich resides at St. Louis, Mo.; Nathan P., deceased; Thomas D. F., deceased; Marvin R., deceased; a daughter, deceased; and Norman L. C.

NORMAN L. C. TROXELL, a general insurance and real estate broker and notary public of Allentown, was born in this city, May 11, 1866. His education was received in the public schools of Allentown, and the Palatinate College, Myers-town, from which he was graduated in 1884; and he also attended Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, for one year. Later he accepted a position as bookkeeper and collector for the E. Gately & Company firm of Philadelphia, which firm had a branch office in Allentown. In 1887 he engaged in the insurance business in his native city and successfully conducts that business at the present time. He has an established trade and has offices in the B. & B. building. Mr. Troxell is a member of the following orders: Odd Fellows, in which order he is a past grand; the Encampment, in which order he is a Past Chief Patriarch; and the Order of Rebecca. He was elected a national representative of the National Haymaker's Association, which association met at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1911, and was a member of the judiciary committee. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he is a past sagem; Knights of Pythias, in which he is a past chancellor commander; Order of Independent Americans; Brotherhood of America, in which he is a past chief Washington; Woodmen of the World, in which he is a past officer; Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he is a past chief, and the F. O. E. He was married in 1886 to Clara K. Strause, daughter of Emanuel S. and Angelina L. (Leinbach) Strause, of West Leesport. Mr. and Mrs. Troxell had an only son, Byron E. D., who was born April 29, 1888, and died March 6, 1910, aged 21 years. Mr. and

Mrs. Troxell reside at 21 South Franklin street and are members of Zion Reformed church.

Peter Troxell, fourth, the third son of Peter, third, was born in 1788 and died in 1871. He tilled the land received from his father until his removal to Allentown, where he resided in a handsome home on Ninth street, near Linden. He and his wife, Elizabeth Mickley, had five children: Reuben; Aaron; David; Eliza, wife of Jeremiah Troxell; Ephraim; and Dr. Francis Troxell, of Pomona, Cal.

REUBEN TROXELL, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Mickley) Troxell, was born March 11, 1811, in South Whitehall township. He was educated in the subscription schools of his native township and also attended a select school at Easton, Pa. He remained at home, assisting his father on the farm until he was 32 years of age. In 1843 he migrated to Minnesota, and purchased a tract of 40 acres of land at White Bear Lake, which is now a noted summer resort. He followed farming there for several years, then came east and located at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he was engaged in the wine and liquor business for some time. He then was in the coal business in New York City for some years, after which he came to Lehigh county and purchased 27 acres of land in Salisbury township, upon which was a spring house. Here he established a large fish hatchery, making it the best equipped hatchery in the state. He conducted this business for 18 years, after which he leased it to the State of Pennsylvania, who conducted it for 21 years.

The property is now owned by Col. H. C. Trexler. In Lehigh county he became interested in real estate and was a successful operator. He was a progressive and enterprising man. He was noted for his many acts of charity and took a great interest in poor boys and contributed liberally to their education. He was a great lover of home and family. He was a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of Zion Reformed church. He lived retired in Allentown until his decease, Aug. 13, 1895. He was interred in the Allentown cemetery.

Reuben Troxell married, Sept. 11, 1866, Caroline Amelia Haines, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Walbert) Haines, of Upper Macungie township. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Ida L. Loose, in Allentown. Their children were: Lillian M.; Ida Louise; and Joseph I. P. Troxell, a druggist in Philadelphia. He married Lillian Christian, and has a son, Reuben Jr.

Lillian M. was educated in the public schools and Allentown College for Women, graduating in 1886. She then became an art student at the college, and also in New York, becoming an art-

ist of note. She was proficient in oil, pastel, water color, crayon and china painting. In her mother's home are to be seen many evidences of her artistic skill. She married E. R. Hurd, of Nickerson, Kansas. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia, on August 23, 1903. Issue: Beatrice and James Hurd.

Ida Louise was also educated in the public schools and the Allentown Woman's College. She became proficient in both music and art. She married Harry B. Loose, who is connected with the L. V. Railroad Company at Allentown. Issue: Henry F., and Joseph, both students.

Aaron Troxell, son of Peter, fourth, was born Jan. 23, 1815. He spent his youth on the farm and as a young man went to Philadelphia and became a tailor. He later came to Allentown, and went into the general clothing business, first at Sixth and Hamilton and later at 607 Hamilton street. He was a member of the town council in 1847 and 1848, and in 1853 was commissioned county treasurer. He was one of the founders of the Allentown College for Women and one of its first trustees in 1867; a charter member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.; a member of St. John's Reformed church, and of Barger Lodge, No. 333, P. V. A. M.; Allen Chapter, No. 203, R. A. M.; and Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T. Mr. Troxell married, Sept. 3, 1837, Angelina, daughter of John Jarrett. Mrs. Troxell died May 1, 1892. They had five children, a son and daughter, who died in childhood; Mrs. Alfred G. Saeger; Mrs. Francis K. Smith; and Mrs. Thomas W. Saeger. Mr. Troxell died May 8, 1901.

David Troxell, son of Peter, fourth, was born Aug. 19, 1819, and died Aug. 6, 1881. He married, first, Mary Schaadt, and second, Hettie Schaadt. He was a farmer and first located at Cementon and later near the Iron Bridge in South Whitehall. He is buried at the Jordan Reformed church, of which congregation he was a deacon, trustee and elder. Their children are: Alexander; Oscar L.; Eli D.; Alfred; Frank, deceased; Sarah, wife of Henry Yundt; Elmira, wife of Elias Guth; Louisa, wife of Rev. Frank Guth; and Alice, wife of Van. Koehler.

ELI D. TROXELL was born in Whitehall township, Aug. 18, 1848. He attended the public schools and the Allentown Academy, and worked on his father's farm and later was engaged in truck farming for himself. In 1886 he purchased the Koehler farm at Egypt, where he has been residing ever since and which he is farming at the present time. He improved the farm by erecting a new barn and house in 1886, with an additional new house in 1901. His farm is rich in sand deposit, which material is used for brick,

cement or plastering. Mr. Troxell has been engaged in the sand business for the last twenty-five years. He is a member of the Reformed church at Egypt and held the offices of deacon and elder.

He married Emma, a daughter of John and Lydia (Litzenberger) Koch, and they have a daughter, Lillie M., who was twice married, first to Frank Schaeffer, deceased and second to Samuel Haas.

Alexander P. Troxell, son of David, was born in South Whitehall in 1845. He carried on the butchering business for a number of years, and later purchased a 70-acre farm between the Iron Bridge and Meyersville, recently owned by Dallas Frankenfield, where he carried on butchering as well as farming, and conducted a meat market near the Lafayette Hotel, in Allentown. He also dealt in cattle and supplied the Allentown butchers with cattle from New York. He served two terms as poor director of the county, having been elected on the Democratic ticket, and in religion affiliated with the Reformed church. He married Mary, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Colver) Frey, of South Whitehall. Mrs. Troxell died Jan. 21, 1913, aged 70 years. They had two children: Bertha, wife of Frank McIntosh, of Allentown, and Alexander P.

ALEXANDER P. TROXELL was born May 24, 1883, in South Whitehall. He was educated in the public schools and learned the trade of barber at Allentown at the age of fifteen years. He then clerked in stores and for two years was travelling salesman for a furniture house. At the age of 23, he made a European trip for his health, and subsequently became manager of one of S. J. Singer & Son's clothing stores at Allentown. In 1911 he purchased the Edward Miller bakery at 720 Gordon street, which he conducted as the Star bakery and made a specialty of Mother's homemade bread until in 1913, when he sold out. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church; Allentown Castle, No. 55, K. G. E.; Lecha Monk Tribe, No. 201, I. O. R. M.; the Lehigh Saengerbund, and the Liberty Fire Company. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several offices in the Tenth ward.

Ephraim Troxell, fourth son of Peter, fourth, was born Feb. 1, 1823, and died at Wilkes-Barre, May 11, 1903. In 1856 he removed from Fogelsville to Wilkes-Barre, and became identified with many business enterprises there. He was one of the early promoters of the Harvey's Lake trolley line, and built a summer home at Harvey's Lake. He owned large tracts at the lake and at Clifton, and was interested in mining, in the North Street Bridge Company, and other enterprises. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. Mr. Troxell mar-

ried, Feb. 18, 1845, Caroline A., daughter of Solomon and Anna (Stahler) Fogel, of Fogelsville. Mrs. Troxell died Aug. 4, 1901. They had one son and one daughter.

Dr. Edgar R. Troxell, of West Pittston, married Maria Nugent, and has six children, Helen, Margaret, Edgar R., George, Elsie, and Gilbert. Clementine Rosa Troxell, daughter of Ephraim, resides at Wilkes-Barre. She is a life member of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, and the Lehigh County Historical Society, and a member of the National Society D. A. R., the Huguenot Society, and the Y. W. C. A., of Wilkes-Barre.

Daniel Troxell, the second son of Peter Troxell, second, (1724-1811), received from his father in 1783, a tract of 189 acres, and in 1790 a tract of sixty-two acres. On the first tract he erected in 1800, a substantial stone house, still standing and occupied by his great-grandson, James F. The house is thirty by forty feet, with an addition, twenty feet square. The barn on the tract was built in 1804 by Peter, the son. Daniel Troxell died in 1814, leaving a widow, Maria Veronica, and three children, Peter, Elizabeth, born April 5, 1777, died Sept. 15, 1831, who married, in 1795, John Blank, and Catharine, born Nov. 14, 1779, who married, June 17, 1798, John Biery.

Peter Troxell, the son, was born Sept. 1, 1775, and died, Aug. 3, 1841. He farmed the land he inherited and built the house and barn on the north side of the Jordan, now owned by the Lewis D. Hunsicker estate. He was frequently designated by the nickname "Schnitz Peter," and was a well known and popular man in the vicinity. He was buried at Jordan church. He married Magdalena Siegfried, who was born Jan. 1, 1780, and died Feb. 20, 1860. They had ten children: Phoebe, who married Henry Jo, and moved to Indiana; Hannah, wife of Thomas Worman; Ursula, who married (1) Elias Guth, (2) a Mr. Schlough, and (3) Rev. Yingst; Lydia, wife of Adam Troxell; Jeremiah, of Trexlertown, who married Eliza, daughter of Peter Troxell, and had children, Israel, Rose, and Alice; Isaac, who moved West; James; Abraham, Esq., of Columbia county, who died July 9, 1850; Peter, who married Leah Fenstermacher, and Magdalena, who married Joseph Guth, a tanner, and had two children: Mrs. App, and Mrs. Nolf.

James Troxell, son of Peter, was born March 14, 1816. He was a farmer all his life and conducted the homestead farm. He built a farm house near Jordan Bridge on the property now owned by Uriah Seidel. He was a supervisor and a member of the Jordan Reformed church.

He served all the offices in that church and was on the building committee, when the church was remodeled. He died June 19, 1897, aged 81 years. He married, March 14, 1841, Maria Troxell, born Oct. 28, 1820, died Dec. 21, 1889, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hittel) Troxell. Mr. and Mrs. Troxell had four children, as follows: Phaon, born July 12, 1842, who married Amanda Biery, and resides on Ninth street, Allentown; James F.; Salinda, born May 1, 1852, who married Lewis D. Hunsicker, and Albert J., of Melrose, born Oct. 9, 1849.

JAMES F. TROXELL, son of James and Maria Troxell, and a retired farmer, was born September 3, 1845. He was born on the family homestead, which continues in the Troxell name since 1742. Mr. Troxell acquired his education in the public schools. He began farming in 1867 and in 1889 he came into possession of his father's property. The farm consists of 109 acres and is conducted by his son, Harvey T., since 1905, at which time the father retired. Mr. Troxell is a Democrat and served as a school director of South Whitehall township for seven years and as a road commissioner for another seven years. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lehigh county since 1896. He is a member of the Jordan Reformed church, in which church he held the offices of deacon, elder, and treasurer for many years, rendering it valuable services.

On Oct. 21, 1866, he married Elemina Koch, a daughter of Samuel Koch. Mrs. Troxell died July 20, 1912, in her 68th year of age. Their children are: Edwin J., a shipping clerk of Allentown; Annie, wife of Uriah Seidel; Ellen, wife of David DeLong; William G., of Guth's Station; Sarah, wife of Jonas Kuhns; Charles T., a bookkeeper for Gomery Bros., and residing at Guth's Station; Harvey J., and Mary, wife of Edgar Wenner.

EDWIN J. TROXELL, son of James F., was born at Troxell's Crossing, June 30, 1867. He worked upon the farm until in 1895, and then he came to Allentown where he now resides at 1335 Turner street. The first ten years after his removal to Allentown he was employed by the Krall Furniture Company but since 1903 he is employed by the Yeager Furniture Company as shipping clerk. Mr. Troxell is a member of these lodges: Allen Council No. 753, Independent Order Americans; Allentown Castle No. 55, K. G. E., and he and family are members of the Reformed Church. On Sept. 28, 1895, he married Amanda Lorish, daughter of Reuben and Caroline (Schneck) Lorish. They have these children: James R. and Frank Troxell.



**WILLIAM G. TROXELL**, proprietor of the hotel and store at Guth's Station, was born on the Troxell homestead, July 31, 1872. He was reared upon the farm and received his education in the public schools. At the age of 21 years he commenced to work in a cement mill, continuing there for eighteen months, and later was teamster for a furniture factory in Allentown for five years. For nine years he was engaged as a foreman at Troxell's stone quarry, under lease of Ziegenfus & Heilberger, and in October, 1909, he took possession of the store and hotel at Guth's Station. He is connected with the following organizations: J. O. U. A. M., K. G. E., P. O. S. of A. and the Royal Order of Buffaloes. He is a member of the Jordan Reformed church and served as a deacon.

On Dec. 23, 1893, he married Annie Miller, daughter of Calvin and Tevillia (Deshler) Miller. Their children are Bessie E., Arthur C., and Helen M.

Harvey J. Troxell was born on the homestead, Jan. 28, 1878. He lived on the homestead during all this time with the exception of during 1905, when he worked at Sieger's Mill. In 1903 he was married to Lizzie Ruch, a daughter of John Ruch. They have an only daughter, Miriam M.

**CHARLES T. TROXELL**, of Guth's Station, was born Jan. 8, 1877, in South Whitehall. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the South Whitehall schools in 1896 and the American Business College in 1898. He also took a course in surveying and civil engineering with the Scranton Correspondence School and in 1904 utilized that preparation with the firm of Lelu and Bascom. He was then employed for three years and a half with the Krall Furniture Company and then entered the employ of the American Steel & Wire Company. In 1905 he became head bookkeeper with the firm of Gomery Bros., wholesale produce dealers. Mr. Troxell lives on a 46½-acre farm at Guth's Station, formerly the Jacob Fritz homestead, upon which he erected the present barn in 1912. He is a member of the Jordan Reformed church and of the F. O. E. He married, June 6, 1905, Perma, daughter of David and Kate (Fritz) Wertman, of South Whitehall.

John Troxell, third son of Peter, second, was a farmer in the township and he and his wife, Catharine, had children: Daniel, born Oct. 20, 1787, and Salome, born May 2, 1795.

Jacob Troxell, fourth son of Peter, second, married, Aug. 10, 1786, Anna Margaret, daughter of Joseph Eberhard. He secured 128 acres from his father in 1783, situated along the "Huckleberry Ridge." He had children: Su-

sanna, born Jan. 11, 1786, married Conrad Kerschner; Daniel, born March 26, 1788; John Jacob, born Jan. 30, 1789, and Anna Barbara, born June 28, 1790.

Lorentz Troxell, fifth son of Peter, second, was born in 1767, and secured from his father 104 acres in the north side of the Jordan in 1790, where he built a stone house, still standing. He was for some years an inn-keeper. He married, Dec. 3, 1793, Christina Reichard, and had four children. He died Sept. 20, 1826. One of his daughters married Abraham Diehl. His son, John Troxell, was a carpenter, cabinet-maker, and undertaker, and was frequently called "Shriner John," to distinguish him from "Duvok John." He lived at Mechanicsville and married Salome, born 1798, died 1867, daughter of Peter Mickley. He had six children: Owen, Thomas, Edwin, Mary Ann, born 1821, died 1883, wife of Capt. Thomas Ruch; Mrs. Edwin Snyder, and Mrs. Wert.

Owen Troxell, born Nov. 8, 1822, died March 3, 1891, was a tanner and lived at Mechanicsville, where he later engaged in butchering. He married Angelina Moyer, and had seven children: Levan S., John, Lewis, Ellen, wife of Albert Peters, of Philadelphia; Sarah, wife of Jonas Buck; Joseph, single; and Mary, wife of Clinton Moyer.

Levan S. Troxell, of Allentown, was born June 9, 1850, near Egypt. He is a carpenter by occupation, having learned that trade at the age of eighteen years and is a member of the Reformed Church. He married Louisa, daughter of Charles and Mary (Gutekunst) Geidner. She was born Jan. 22, 1855 and died Jan. 5, 1899. They had ten children: Charles O.; Harry F.; William H.; Howard M.; Clara S., wife of Samuel Reinhard; Florence M. E., wife of Morris Christman; Fred L.; Edwin J.; Esther A., wife of Charles Esterly, and Hattie E.

**WILLIAM H. TROXELL**, a member of the partnership of Troxell Brothers, Allentown, was born in that city April 28, 1877. He attended the city schools and began to work in a silk mill at the age of twelve years, continuing there until nineteen years old, when he learned the shoemaking trade. The latter trade he has followed ever since as a member of the Troxell Brothers partnership, located at 347 North Seventh Street. They do model shoe repairing and employ two men.

Mr. Troxell is a member of Allen Council, Independent Order of America, St. James Commandery, Knights of Malta, of which he is a past commander, and the Order of Buffaloes. He is a member of St. Andrew's Reformed

church, and has been the secretary of the infant department since its organization.

On May 28, 1909, he was married to Mabel Knoll, daughter of Willoughby and Lydia (Heilman) Knoll. Their children are: Naomi Ruth and Paul William.

HOWARD M. TROXELL, a member of the firm of Troxell Brothers, of Allentown, was born in this city, Aug. 6, 1879. His education was obtained in the public schools of the city and at an early age he commenced work in a silk mill, continuing there until fifteen years old, when he learned the shoemaking trade and has followed it since.

He is a member of Allen Council, Independent Order of America, St. James Commandery Knights of Malta, and the Order of Buffaloes, and a member of St. Andrew's Reformed church.

On April 6, 1906 he was married to Meda V. Mohr, daughter of Tilghman and Elizabeth (Shedenberger) Mohr. These children were born to them: Harold T., Verna V., and Hazel E.

The second branch of the Troxell family in Lehigh county, is descended from John Troxell, who was born in Switzerland in 1690, and emigrated to America on the ship *Samuel*, arriving at Philadelphia on Aug. 30, 1737. He settled at Egypt, where he warranted a tract of 250 acres on Oct. 28, 1737. He was a member of Egypt Reformed church and with his wife, Mary, was active in church work. He died before fulfilling all the conditions necessary to secure the land he had warranted and it was then secured by his sons. His eldest son, John Peter Troxell, was born April 3, 1719, and was aged 18 on his arrival in America. He was naturalized Sept. 26, 1748, and secured the land warranted by his father, with additional tracts, upon which he erected in 1756, a large stone house, near Coplay creek, at Egypt, which still stands, and in 1758, a stone barn, 85 by 37 feet, which was torn down in 1874. In this house services were frequently held by the Reformed congregation. Later he removed to Gwynedd township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, and Peter Steckel occupied the farm. On May 20, 1768, Steckel purchased the property of 410 acres for £1, 4s, 20d. In 1776, Troxell owned 170 acres, a grist-mill, and saw-mill in Gwynedd and sold it to Samuel Wheeler, and removed to Maryland. He died Jan. 25, 1799, and is buried at Tom's Creek, Md. His first wife was Anna Barbara, born 1723, daughter of John Nicholas Saeger. She died about 1750, leaving two children, John and Anna Barbara. His second wife, Catharine Maria Magdalena Schreiber,

daughter of John Jacob, and Anna Magdalena (Roth) Schreiber, was born Jan. 6, 1737, and died Jan. 9, 1806. She had seven children.

The eldest son of John Peter was John, born Sept. 17, 1747, died April 21, 1830. He married Elizabeth Martin, of Germantown, and lived near Emmitsburg, Md. The daughter by the first wife, Anna Barbara, was born Sept. 12, 1748, and died Sept. 15, 1823. She married Matthias Martin.

The children of the second wife were: Mary Magdalena, born May 17, 1761, died Dec. 5, 1825, married Christian Kuhn; Jacob, born 1765, died 1807, married Magdalena Crushion; Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1767, died Feb. 18, 1809, married Peter Krise; Peter, born Oct. 23, 1768, died Dec. 4, 1856; Maria, born Feb. 15, 1771, died Aug. 4, 1794; George, born Feb. 27, 1773, died Jan. 20, 1832, married Elizabeth Crabbs, and Frederick, born Feb. 20, 1779, died Jan. 1, 1853, married Catharine Wilson.

The other sons of John Troxell, Sr., were Nicholas and Michael. They secured 200 acres of land in Whitehall on Oct. 20, 1760, and were naturalized April 10, 1761. Michael Troxell later removed to Gwynedd, where he died in 1772. He and his wife, Anna Margaret, had these children: Juliana, John, Ann Mary, Nicholas, Margaret, Magdalena, Peter, Catharine, Jacob, Henry, Michael, Christian, and Ann.

Nicholas Troxell remained in Whitehall township, where he farmed his land lying north of Egypt. He died April 27, 1797, aged 72 years. He and his wife, Catharine, had nine children, among them Adam, Magdalena, Eva, and Peter. Magdalena married John Horn and Eva, born June 1, 1768, died April 22, 1840, married John Stafflet and had five children. Peter Troxell, son of Nicholas, died in Heidelberg township in 1816. He married Sibilla Veronica Hecker, who was born July 6, 1767, and died March 8, 1844. They had six children: Magdalena, born Sept. 8, 1790, married Jacob Jones; John, born Oct. 4, 1788; Peter, born Sept. 25, 1792; Susanna; Catharine, born March 6, 1795, and Solomon.

Adam Troxell, son of Nicholas, married (1) Anna Maria Hecker, born July 22, 1759, died Oct. 11, 1812, and (2) Mrs. Eva Catharine Kern, *nee* Geiger, born Jan. 13, 1760, died Aug. 23, 1829. They had six children:

1. Nicholas Troxell, born Oct. 29, 1780, died Aug. 6, 1829. He married, in 1804, Maria Heller, born April 29, 1786, died June 18, 1856, and had four sons and six daughters.

2. Peter Troxell, born Dec. 30, 1781, died Dec. 11, 1830. He married, in 1806, Christina Koch, born in 1785, died Jan. 3, 1866, and had five children.

3. Christian Troxell, born May 1, 1784, died Sept. 1, 1827. He married Barbara Horn, and had nine children.

4. Hannah, born Oct. 7, 1787, died March 17, 1819, married Feb. 21, 1804, Rev. John Goebrecht.

5. Jonas Troxell, born March 26, 1793, married Sarah Geiger and removed to Maryland.

6. Stephen, born Dec. 29, 1798.

Nicholas Troxell, eldest son of Adam, had ten children: Maria, born Feb. 11, 1805; Elizabeth, born Aug. 24, 1806; Adam, born Feb. 17, 1808; Sarah, born Oct. 25, 1809, died Nov. 22, 1879, married Reuben Schreiber; Charles, born Sept. 6, 1811; Catharine, born March 26, 1813; Lydia, born Feb. 27, 1815; Susanna, born May 2, 1817, married Tilghman H. Troxell; Joseph, born Nov. 20, 1820, died Sept. 25, 1888, married Christianna Schreiber, and Nicholas, born Sept. 28, 1822.

Adam Troxell, the eldest son, born Feb. 17, 1808, died April 23, 1879, married Lydia Troxell, daughter of Peter Troxell, and Magdalena Siegfried. He lived above Egypt on the road to Balliettsville.

They had the following children: Sally Ann, born July 5, 1832; Kitty Ann, born Jan. 22, 1836; Louis I., born Mar. 7, 1838; Edmond T., born Mar. 14, 1840; Mary J., born June 24, 1841; Silas, born Nov. 12, 1845; Lucas, born Jan. 28, 1848; William A., born Dec. 15, 1849, and Lydia E., born Feb. 27, 1853.

Louis I. Troxell died March 19, 1911, aged 73 years, and 22 days, and is buried on the Egypt Cemetery. Mr. Troxell and his wife had the following children: Lillie, who married Jesse Warmkessel; Emma L., who married Wilson Butz; Cora, who married Irwin Koch; Oliver A.; Eva, who married Victor Schwartz, of Siegersville, and Minnie M., who married Harvey Snyder, of Fullerton.

OLIVER A. TROXELL, of Mickleys, Pa., was born Dec. 17, 1872, and was educated in the schools of Whitehall township and later at the American Business College, at Allentown. He entered the employ of F. G. Kurtz Furniture Company, of Fullerton, and continued in their employ for three years. In 1898 he engaged in the bakery business and continued this trade for twelve years—two years at Fullerton and ten years at Egypt. In 1912 he took possession of the homestead at Mickleys. He was a member of the Mickleys Choir for twenty-two years and also served as librarian in Sunday school.

Mr. Troxell is a member of the Fullerton Beneficial Society. On Sept. 30, 1893 he was married to Miss Sadie M. George, a daughter of Henry and Rosa (Schaadt) George, of Ruchs-

ville. They have two sons: George O. and Charles H.

Nicholas Troxell was a farmer who resided in North Whitehall township, between Egypt and Balliettsville. His wife was a Heller, and they had eight children: three sons, Adam, Nicholas and Joseph; and five daughters, Mrs. Ruch, Mrs. Reuben Schreiber, Mrs. Tilghman Troxell, Mrs. Steckel and Mrs. Mickley. They were members of the Egypt church and there the parents were buried.

Joseph Troxell, the youngest son of Nicholas, was born in North Whitehall and there he attended the public school and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed at Catasauqua. He was married to Christianna Schreiber, and they had four children: Alfred M., Joseph N., Emma E., and Jerusha, married Martin Eckert. They were members of Mickley's church and there they were buried.

Alfred M. Troxell, elder son of Joseph, was born at Catasauqua, on Oct. 6, 1844, and there he attended school. When eighteen years old learned the trade of blacksmith, but he found that he could not follow it on account of the injurious effect of sulphur on his health. Then he directed his attention to shoemaking, with which he was more or less brought up in his father's shop, and he had become so proficient in it by that time that he was enabled to make a new pair of shoes during the first day of his new undertaking. He conducted a shoe shop at Front street, Catasauqua, until 1906, when he removed to Egypt and there he has continued in the business until the present time. In politics he is a Democrat, and as such has attended county conventions as a delegate and served as a school director in Allen township, and also as committeeman. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.

In 1870, Mr. Troxell was married to Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (McAllister) Wilson, of Belfast, Ireland, and they had seven children: Jerusha; Sallie S., married Albert Hoffman, at Egypt; Margaret; Alfred J.; Thomas, who died when fifteen years old, and two daughters who died in infancy.

JOSEPH N. TROXELL, younger son of Joseph, furnace builder at Catasauqua, was born Sept. 18, 1861, in the borough. After attending the public school, he served as a clerk in a store several years; then learned the trade of moulder in the foundry of the Davies & Thomas Foundry Company, and followed it four years. In 1887, he began working for the Bryden Horse Shoe Company, in the construction of its numerous furnaces and since then has attended to this department of this great and prosperous enterprise at Catasauqua. In this time he has also built

furnaces at Hartford and New Haven in Connecticut, and at Wilmington, in Delaware. He has affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Sons of America and Red Men, at Catasauqua. He owns the homestead at No. 769 Front street, and there he and his sister, Emma E., have been keeping house together since the decease of their parents. They are members of the Salem Reformed church.

Paul Troxell was born in North Whitehall on Nov. 30, 1824, and educated in the public school at Egypt, after which he followed farming on the Troxell homestead. He was married to Mary Schneck, a daughter of John, and they had eight children: Ellen, married Jacob Lindaman; Rosina, married O. E. Leh; Mary Ann, married Henry Bretney; Matilda, married Wm. Bretney; Charles; Frank A.; Willoughby, and Assabilla. They were members of the Reformed church at Egypt, and there they were buried. In politics he was a Republican.

Frank A. Troxell, the second son of Paul, was born Nov. 5, 1867, on the Troxell homestead and educated in the township school. He learned the trade of cooper and as such he has worked for the American Cement Company, for upward of twenty-six years. In 1891, he was married to Lizzie Stahley, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Zellner) Stahley, and they have one son, William S. They reside on the Stahley homestead, and are members of the Reformed church at Unionville, where he has served as a deacon. He is a member of the Whitehall Beneficial Association, and in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM S. TROXELL, only son of Frank A., was born in North Whitehall on June 11, 1893. He received his education in the township school and was graduated from the high school in 1911; he then attended the Keystone State Normal School and was graduated in 1913. Since then he has been engaged in the profession of teaching.

Jeremiah S. Troxell, a son of George, was born Feb. 16, 1811, and died Sept. 12, 1896, and is buried at Egypt. He was a member of the Reformed church at Egypt. Mr. Troxell was a merchant at Easton and Philadelphia for a number of years and later lived retired on a 78-acre farm, which was formerly the Philip Strauss homestead, and is now owned by the Whitehall Portland Cement Company.

He was married to Clarissa Strauss, a daughter of Philip and Mary (Scheirer) Strauss, and they had the following children: Mary A., who died at the age of six years; Arthur D., of Vineland, N. J.; Charles O., of Cementon, and Jeremiah S.

JEREMIAH S. TROXELL, postmaster at Cementon, Pa., was born Oct. 26, 1866, and was educated in the public schools. His early days were spent upon the farm and later he was employed as a clerk in the office of the Central Railroad Company, at Bethlehem. He was employed as bookkeeper with William H. Taylor & Company, of Allentown, for twelve consecutive years and after restoring his health served them for three additional years. From 1906 to 1912, inclusive, he was chief clerk in the county commissioner's office, being elected by the Republican party, and served as school director in Whitehall township from 1904 to 1907.

He is a member of Barger Lodge No. 333, F. & A. M., Allen Council, Allen Chapter, Allen Commandery, Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Red Cross of Constantine of Allentown, B. P. O. E., No. 130, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Reformed church at Egypt and was married to Minnie I. Schaeffer, a daughter of Charles and Esther (Steckel) Schaeffer, and they have children as follows: Arthur, who died in infancy; Clarence C., who was graduated with honors from Whitehall high school in 1906, Allentown Preparatory School in 1908 and Muhlenberg College in 1912; J. Herbert, who was graduated from Whitehall high school in 1911 and is a clerk in the employ of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company; Bessie A., who was graduated from Whitehall high school in 1911, and is a student at K. S. N. S.; Esther C., and Frederick S.

WILLIAM C. TROXELL, M.D., of Allentown, was born May 11, 1884. He was educated in the public schools of Emaus, where he was born; took a special course in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown; graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1904; and Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, in 1908, locating at Macungie, Lehigh county, and practiced there until in the fall of 1911, then succeeded Dr. William J. Hertz at the corner of Second and Liberty streets, in Allentown.

He is a member of Lehigh Lodge No. 326, F. & A. M., Emaus Order of Owls, Nest No. 1362; Friendly Lodge, I. O. O. F., and he belongs to the local, state and American medical associations.

In 1912, he married Miss Lillian F. Schuler, daughter of Harvey T. and Annie (Stevens) Schuler, who is an ex-recorder of deeds of Lehigh county.

#### TRUCHSES FAMILY.

This family is an ancient one on the Continent of Europe and the name of Rudolph

Truchses has been found in the records of Zurich as early as 1321. Some of this name, through a younger line, are descended from a titled family.

Bernhardt Truchses, a native citizen of Kirchheim, in Wurtemberg, Germany, was a county official, who married Maria Schlienz. She died about 1859, leaving five children, who all came to America. They were: Mary, wife of Charles Eppinger, of Allentown; Charles, for twenty-eight years a saloonkeeper in Philadelphia; Gottlieb, who conducted a bakery and ice cream parlor in Philadelphia for twenty-eight years; Ernest and Rosa, wife of Christian Sauessergood, of Philadelphia.

Ernest S. Truchses, the youngest son, was born Aug. 7, 1842. In October, 1854, he arrived in Philadelphia, to live with his uncle, John Schlienz. He attended the public schools until he was fourteen years old, when his uncle taught him the shoemaking trade, which he followed until May 1, 1882, when he removed to Allentown, and there he has since resided. For seventeen years he conducted a grocery store at Second and Gordon streets. After living retired for a time, he resumed shoemaking in July, 1900, under the belief that "to labor was not only rest but comfort and long life."

In 1867 Mr. Truchses was married to Caroline, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Schmidt) Michaelman, (the father a native of Hesse Cassel and the mother of Bavaria). They have five children: Harry E.; Bertha, wife of Harvey Hohl, baker, of Allentown; Fredericka, wife of Harvey Sell, hardware merchant, of Allentown; Albert and Myrtle E., a school teacher, of Allentown.

HARRY E. TRUCHSES, son of Ernest S., and director of the Allentown Trust Company, real estate broker and fire insurance agent, is a native of Philadelphia, born March 12, 1870. He attended the public schools there, as well as a private German school, and after locating at Allentown, on May 1, 1881, he further attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school in 1889. He then took a course at the American Commercial School and secured employment as a clerk in the employ of Henry Kleckner, a real estate dealer and insurance agent, where he continued until May 1, 1900, and then became Mr. Kleckner's successor. His offices are located at No. 215 Hamilton street.

In the organization of the Allentown Trust Company, Mr. Truchses became a director and has served since as such. He is prominently identified with many of the social and fraternal organizations of Allentown. He is a member of the following bodies: Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. and A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203;

Allen Council, No. 23, R. & S. M.; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, A. A. S. R.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, of which he is past master in the lodge, past high priest in the chapter, past thrice illustrious master in the council and captain general in the commandery; Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; Jordan Commandery, No. 102, Knights of Malta; Ben Harrison Castle, No. 214, O. K. M. C.; Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E.; Beacon Council, No. 422, Royal Arcanum; John Hay Republican Club; Allen Fire Company; Lehigh Saengerbund; Allentown Turner Liederkrauz; Euterpean Club; Oratorio Society, since 1888; of the Executive Committee of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society and an associate member of Yeager Post, G. A. R. He is a director of the Mechanics Building and Loan Association and president of the Fire Underwriters Association of Lehigh county. He has a superior tenor voice and for a number of years sang with the Saengerbund, Oratorio Society, Rajah Temple and different church choirs.

In 1897 Mr. Truchses was married to Clotilde Claudine Canonier, a daughter of Pierre and Catharine Canonier, of St. Etienne, France, who emigrated to America, and they have three children: Catharine, Louise and Elmer P.

#### TRUMBAUER FAMILY.

Nicholas Trumbauer, a native of Holland, settled at an early day in Milford township, Bucks county. The old house now standing between Quakertown and Trumbauersville, was built by him and it, in turn, passed down from generation to generation until 1911, when it passed out of the possession of the family. The last of this name to own it was Milton A., son of John Trumbauer. He was a Lutheran and is buried in the community in which he lived.

John Trumbauer, born in 1777, son of Nicholas, succeeded to the old homestead. He was also a Lutheran, and was buried in the old cemetery, by the side of his father. He died in 1857.

He married Elizabeth Baum. Issue: Tobias; John; Nancy; Philip; and Daniel.

Daniel Trumbauer, son of John and Elizabeth (Baum) Trumbauer, was born Jan. 9, 1800. He was a farmer and shoemaker, and a member of the Lutheran Church, also its treasurer for several years. He died June 22, 1894, and was buried beside his ancestors, at Trumbauersville.

He married Catharine, daughter of Henry T. Trumbauer. Issue: Dr. Henry T. and William T.

William T. Trumbauer, son of John and

Catharine, was born March 25, 1833, at Blue church. He was a merchant for over 50 years, in Locust Valley and Coopersburg, and his son, Thomas J., succeeded to his business. He was connected with the Lutheran church, and a deacon therein. He was a Democrat, also a councilman of Coopersburg. He died Nov. 7, 1907.

He married Matilda, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Ludwig) Weaver. Issue: Thomas J., of whom below and Dr. Albert H.

Thomas J. Trumbauer, son of William T. and Matilda (Weaver) Trumbauer, was born May 30, 1859, at Locust Valley. He was educated in the public schools and Muhlenberg College. At the age of 19 he commenced teaching and taught several terms, then became his father's assistant in his store at Coopersburg, succeeding to the business in 1894.

He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Trumbauersville in 1908, and has served as a director ever since. He is a Democrat and Lutheran.

He married Sept. 24, 1885, Emma L. Derr, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Nance) Derr. Issue: Tillie M. for some time a teacher, and in 1911 entered Jefferson Medical College Training School for nurses.

Dr. Henry T. Trumbauer, son of Daniel and Catharine Trumbauer, was born Dec. 11, 1838, at Trumbauersville. He was educated in the public schools and a private school at Quakertown. After completing his studies, he taught school for some time, then for several years assisted his brother in his store.

In 1861 he began the study of medicine, graduating from Jefferson Medical College in 1863, then practiced four years at Tylersport, Pa., then removed to Coopersburg, where he now practices (1913). He is a Democrat, was for six years a school director, and also secretary of the board. Was also secretary of the local I. O. O. F. for sixteen years, also one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of Coopersburg, serving as vice president since 1909. He is a Lutheran. He married, June 28, 1863, Sarah Weaver, a daughter of Jacob Weaver. Issue, an only son, Dr. Dalton, now deceased, was educated in the public schools, Muhlenberg College, and West Chester State Normal School. Graduated in Jefferson Medical College in 1894, then practiced with his father for seven years. He married Ella A. Kern, daughter of Samuel Y. and Eliza (Ulrich) Kern. No issue.

#### TYSON FAMILIES.

Joseph Tyson, a Quaker, was born at Skip-pack, Montgomery county, Pa., March 2, 1771, and was married to Elizabeth Levering, who was

born March 19, 1772, in Philadelphia. In 1798 he located at Reading, where he engaged extensively in the tanning business at the head of Franklin street, becoming a large owner of real estate in that vicinity. He retired from business in 1826 and died in 1842. His wife died in 1857. They had nine children.

John W. Tyson was the fourth child and only son. He was born in 1801, and learned his father's business. He afterwards became a clerk in Eckert's store, at Fourth and Penn streets, and there, for many years, he also was United States gauger. In 1844 he ran for county recorder on an independent ticket; was elected and served the office very acceptably for three years. He married in 1822, Mary Fasig, and they had these children: William; Albert; John J., born in 1830, was the father of Frank A. and George E., both prominent residents at Reading; Henry, born in 1832, was mayor of Reading in 1879; Lewis; Mrs. B. Walker; Mrs. John Redgrove, and Mrs. Dr. William Matthias, of Atlanta, Ga.

Cornelius Tyson was engaged in the general store and hotel business at the Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He was active up to the time of his death. He and family were Quakers. His wife was Susanna. They had the following children: Joseph, who died at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa., aged 94 years. He was a raftsmen. Cornelius conducted a hotel at Columbia. Benjamin. Charlotte, married to Jacob Focht. Phoebe, was left a widow with three children, young in life.

Hon. Benjamin Tyson, son of Cornelius, was born Oct. 8, 1804, at the Trappe. He was married to a lady from Berks county, and was engaged, first in the mercantile business at New Jerusalem; later owned and cultivated a large farm at Lyons Station. He was prominently identified with Berks county politics for more than a quarter of a century. He was a justice of the peace of Maxatawny township for many years; was elected as a Democrat to the state legislature in 1833, and strongly advocated the establishment of free schools. His unalterable position on the school question caused his defeat for re-election; was prothonotary of Berks county from 1839-42. Afterward he was engaged in the flour, feed, and livery business at Reading; also conducted stage lines from Reading to Harrisburg, Reading to Lancaster, and Reading to Kutztown. At this time he was appointed purchasing agent for the government, buying all the coal it used on its war vessels. He served this position for six years. During these years Mr. Tyson operated a coal colliery at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, Pa., for a period of five years, and later he operated a colliery



in the Mahanoy Valley and he opened up the Gilberton Colliery in which he had employed 150 men. He retired from business in 1862 and continued to reside at Reading until his death, June 1, 1865.

Benjamin Tyson was married to Susanna Hawk, born Jan. 23, died April 8, 1853. They had the following children:

T. Jefferson, died aged 21 years.

Cornelius, died aged 71 years, at Pottsville, Pa.

Charlotte, died, aged 21 years.

Benjamin died, aged 21 years.

William H.

Edwin H., died during the eighties aged 35 years.

William H. Tyson, son of Hon. Benjamin, a farmer at Jacksonwald, Pa., was born at Lyons, Pa., July 31, 1843; was educated in the public schools of Reading, Morgantown Academy, and Boyertown Academy. He began clerking in the general store at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county, which his father conducted and later, for four years, he clerked in the store at Gilberton, Pa. In 1860 he became a wholesale coal agent in Philadelphia and acceptably served said position with the B. Tyson & Co., until they sold out after which for four years he served a similar position with Althause & Focht. Later he was engaged with different associates in the same business until he engaged in the lumber business in Elk and Cameron counties, Pa. In 1875 he returned to Reading, but during that year went to Hersey, Mich., where he was superintendent of a shingle-mill, conducted by J. A. Hawk, of Berks county. About one year later he accepted a position in the Bushong Paper Mill, at Reading, which he served six and one-half years, when, owing to failing health he moved upon the Tyson homestead at Jacksonwald, which he cultivated for nineteen years. In 1889 he purchased a 24-acre tract and this he now occupies since 1901.

In politics he is a Democrat and is justice of the peace of Exeter township since 1902; also was a school director.

In 1873 he married Caroline, a daughter of George and Caroline (Boyer) Huff, of Huff's Church, Hereford township, Berks county. Three children bless their union, viz: Charlotte, who resides with her parents; Catharine A., married to Mr. D. M. Knabb, a prominent druggist, at Allentown; and George H.

Jesse Tyson was a native of Berks county and was born in the vicinity of East Reading, Pa. Later he was a charcoal burner and wood-chopper in Oley and Earl townships, from there he

settled near Hamburg in Windsor township, Berks county, where he died and is buried at the Zion's (Smoke) church. His children follow: 1. Jesse, who lived at Mahanoy City, Pa. 2. Harry, lived for a time at Tamaqua, but died at Zernersville, Schuylkill county. 3. Joseph. 4. Mrs. Sarah Wessner. 5. Rebecca, was married to Francis Ackerman. 6. Mrs. Maria Heisker, who lived at Minersville, Pa. 7. Mrs. William Miller.

Jesse Tyson, son of Jesse Sr., was a stonemason and farmer and lived in the upper end of Stony Run, in Berks county. He was a member of the Grimville church and there he is also buried. His wife, Fannie Gehringer, died during the early nineties. Their children follow: 1. Daniel, of Slatedale. 2. Joseph is a farmer in Greenwich township. He has a large family. 3. Jesse. 4. Samuel. Both are farmers in the Stony Run. 5. Hannah, married (first) Lewis Roth, (second) Reuben Beaver. 6. Sarah, married to Henry Blose. 7. Ella, married to Martin Weaver, a farmer of Macungie, Pa. Jesse Tyson, Jr., and all his sons were very strong and active men. They were noted in their localities because of their strength and muscular activities.

#### ULRICH FAMILY.

Among the early immigrants of the new world was Adam Ulrich, the progenitor of the Ulrich family in Pennsylvania. He came from Alsace-Lorraine, and landed in New York in the year 1708. He settled at Van Rensselaer Manor, where he remained for some years. Not having received the treatment they had expected to receive from Governor Hunter and not being permitted to hold property for themselves, he, with a number of other early emigrants decided to locate elsewhere. They had heard of the kind treatment of the Penns and decided to settle in William Penn's province. Some of these early settlers had great difficulty in getting away. Mr. Ulrich with a number of others, came down the Susquehanna river and went up the Swatara locating near Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ulrich settled at Annville where he built a home which is still standing, and is one of the landmarks of that section known as "Ulrich's Fort." It was used during the French and Indian War as a means of defense for the settlers of the district. Among the list of members of the Tulpehocken church from 1743 to 1746 appears the name of Adam Ulrich.

Daniel Ulrich, a son of Adam, became the owner of the Ulrich plantation at Annville, Lebanon county.

Rev. Daniel Ulrich, was a son of Daniel Ul-

rich. For many years he was a prominent Lutheran clergyman, serving as pastor at what is known as Ulrich's Church. He was married to Elisabeth Murray Weidman. They had a number of children, among them a son, Daniel, who was born in Lebanon county, April 19, 1820; graduated from Princeton University, New Jersey, having taken the classical course and won the degree of Master of Arts. He studied medicine in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was also a graduate. His skill and success as a physician became widely known not only in Reading, where he was located, but through the surrounding country. He died in 1878. He was married to Henrietta Nesbit, whose ancestors were of Scotch lineage. She was a daughter of Alexander Nesbit, a lawyer from Virginia. Her grandfather, Charles Nesbit, was a son of Alexander Nesbit, provost of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, a Greek scholar of world renown. He came to America on being offered the presidency of Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, at the time of its establishment.

ALEXANDER N. ULRICH, a son of Dr. Daniel Ulrich, was born in Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 10, 1853. He was reared in Reading, where he received a part of his education, completing the high school course. He afterwards studied in New England and in 1871 came to Catasauqua and engaged in teaching school. In 1873 he was elected principal of the schools of Catasauqua, and continued in this position for six years. During the meantime he studied law and in 1885 was admitted to the Lehigh county bar at Allentown. Mr. Ulrich had succeeded in building up a large law practice. He organized the borough of North Catasauqua and lived on Bridge street, Catasauqua, where he also had his office. He died Dec. 29, 1910. In politics he was a Republican and for a number of years held the office of justice of the peace; was the Republican nominee for congress from his district in 1908; and during the nineties served as Republican county chairman for many years.

On July 11, 1878 he was married to Irene Fuller, a daughter of Charles D. Fuller. The results of this union was one son, Charles N.

Charles N. Ulrich was born Feb. 4, 1885. He was educated in the public schools of Catasauqua, and entering Lafayette College, graduating with the class of 1905. He read law with his father, A. N. Ulrich. He also attended the law schools of the University of Pennsylvania and Dickinson College. He was admitted to the Lehigh county bar Sept. 14, 1908. In politics he is a Republican. He is solicitor of North Catasauqua borough, succeeding his father in 1910. He

is also a solicitor of the Catasauqua School Board since 1912. On Feb. 15, 1912, he was married to Florence Wallworth, daughter of James and Mary (Smith) Wallworth, of Chester, Pa.

#### GEORGE UHL.

George Uhl, son of Joseph Uhl, an immigrant from Wurtemberg, foreman, residing at Allentown, was born April 30, 1856, in New Jersey, and when four years old his parents removed to Allentown and located in the Second ward. After attending the public schools, he worked in the Fry brickyard for upward of three years until 1868, when he became employed in the Heilman boiler works and there he continued to work until 1912, excepting three years while he lived in Harold, S. D. He is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

In 1880, Mr. Uhl was married to Louisa A. Folkman, daughter of Frederick Folkman and his wife, Sarah, *nee* Breidegam, born at Reading in 1835, and they had three children: Verletta Virginia, who graduated from the local schools in 1899, and taught public school for fourteen years until she died; Frederick Ellwood, who, after a preliminary education in the public schools, entered the West Point Military Academy in 1906, and was graduated in 1910, after which he was engaged in service in the Phillippine Islands for three years, and has since been in the United States, serving in the regular army as second lieutenant, and Jessie F., who was graduated from the public schools in 1910. They are members of Zion Reformed church.

Mrs. Uhl's father was born in Prussia in 1835. He emigrated to Reading, Pa., and in 1861 enlisted in the Ringgold light artillery. He served during the whole of the Civil War, and at its close re-enlisted in the regular army and served for seventeen months. He then located at Reading and after working for a time in the employ of the P. & R. R. Co., he moved to Allentown, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker for a number of years, when he went to Hughes county, in South Dakota, near Harold, took up 160 acres of land and carried on farming there until he died Sept. 11, 1892. He had two children: Mary E., who died in infancy, and Louisa (Mrs. Uhl), who was born at Reading in 1858, and received her education in the public schools of Reading, Harrisburg and Allentown.

#### RAYMOND T. UHL.

Raymond T. Uhl, electrical contractor, was born in the First ward, Allentown, on July 4, 1894. He received his education in the local public schools and then served an apprenticeship

under Deemer & Litzenger, Lehigh Electrical Company, for the purpose of learning the business. After working for Barr & Bachman, electricians, for a time, he, on June 1, 1913, though not yet of age, embarked in this business, with Fred W. Leickel, and the firm is located at No. 131 North Law street. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

His father, Lewis Uhl, was born Dec. 4, 1857, at Rancocas, in New Jersey, and attended the public schools until he was fourteen years old. After working in a woolen mill for seven years, he started in business for himself, manufacturing brooms, and he carried it on for nearly twenty-five years, employing from six to ten men. He then changed to upholstering and also the manufacture of a sweeping-compound, which he named "Dust-Eater," in the building where his son, Raymond, is located; and this business he has conducted until now. He is an expert musician, having been connected with the Allentown Band as a trombone player for nearly forty years. He married Lovina Elizabeth Funk, a daughter of Wm. H. Funk, of Allentown, and they have one child, Raymond T. They are members of the St. Michael's Lutheran church.

#### UNANGST FAMILY.

The first representatives of this family in America were three brothers who emigrated from Germany to this country at an early period and settled in Pennsylvania. John Jacob, locating in Williams township, Philip, in Mt. Bethel, and George Henry, in Bethlehem township, Northampton county.

Silas Unangst was born in Williams township, where he resided all his life. He learned the blacksmith trade at Weightknechts foundry which trade he followed all his life. He was married to Susan Kock, a daughter of Philip and Catharine (Lynn) Koch, who was born and reared in Lower Saucon township. To them six children were born: Catharine, died aged seven years; Mauswetes S., employed by Arbogast & Bastian; Medina A., wife of George Roth, resides in Kansas; Clatus P., mentioned later; Emma S., wife of Silas Wasser, of Lower Saucon; Morris J., a painter of Bethlehem.

CLATUS P. UNANGST, son of Silas Unangst, was born in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, April 26, 1861. He received his education in the public schools of his native place and at an early age learned the milling trade with George Reiff, of Montgomery county. He followed this occupation seven years in Bucks county and for four years conducted Funk's Mill, at Springtown, Pa. Removing to South Bethlehem he was employed by the Zinc Com-

pany as foreman and engineer seven years. He was also in the employ of the L. V. Cold Storage Co., at Bethlehem, and the L. V. Traction Company as conductor.

For the last fifteen years he has been employed by the Gallia Silk Mill at Fountain Hill formerly known as the L. V. or Lipps silk company. At present he is the chief engineer and master mechanic for this company. He holds membership in the following fraternal organizations: K. of P.; I. O. of R. M.; K. of G. E., and Knights of Honor. He is married to Maria A., a daughter of George W. and Rose (Strauss) Seifert. This family was blessed with the following children: Carrie, deceased, married to Enos Tillman. Issue: Lester C., who resides with his grandparents; Orestas C., died, aged fourteen years; Calvin, resides at North Bethlehem, a lineman with the L. V. R. R.; Annie C., married to Thomas W. Getter; Robert C., a barber residing at Trenton, N. J.; Warren, died in infancy, and Helen, died in infancy.

#### WILLIAM F. VAN HORN.

Abraham Van Horn was brought to Lower Saucon when a boy six years old. There he worked for his board and clothes for a number of years and always lived in the vicinity of Coopersburg, in Lehigh county. He owned and lived for many years upon the homestead now the property of T. S. Cooper. He was a lumberman and cut down many forests employing a number of men and horses. His wife was an Arnold. They are buried at the Blue church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children follow: William; Jacob; Charles, of Bethlehem; Mary, married George Schaffer. They lived in different western states, dying in Nebraska; Matilda married Quintus Rice of South Bethlehem.

Jacob Van Horn was born July 3, 1837. For some years he was engaged in the bending business near Coopersburg, employing three men and later he followed the carpenter trade. He was married to Matilda Bader, who was born in 1839 and died in the year 1900. She was a daughter of Isaac and Ann (Moyer) Bader. Both Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn were Lutheran members of the Blue church which he served as deacon and elder. He died Nov. 3, 1902. Their children were: (1) Irene A., who was struck by lightning in Center Valley, in 1900, and died four weeks after her mother; (2) William F.; (3) Morris; (4) Charles; (5) Ephraim, who died aged five years; (6) Clinton; and (7) Raymond.

WILLIAM F. VAN HORN, a merchant at Rittersville, was born Sept. 3, 1867. He was employed upon the farm until he was twenty years

old, then followed the milling trade at Easton, Pa., for three and one-half years. The following eleven years he continued the trade with the Mauser Milling Company, both at Treichlers and at Laurys. In 1900 he moved to Hellertown and there was engaged for two years in the baking business and for a like number of years he was in the same business in Allentown. In 1904 he bought the oldest established store stand at Rittersville where he conducts a large mercantile business. He is the leading merchant in that place. Mr. Van Horn and family are members of the Lutheran church and he is also affiliated with Order Knight of Friendship. He was married Sept. 8, 1895, to Clara A. Ford, a daughter of Peter S. and Jane (Roth) Ford, of Catawissa, Pa. They have these children: Mark J., William P., Lester F., and Irene I.

#### VOLCK (NOW FALK) FAMILY.

Andreas Volck, the first of this family, was born in 1678 on the Wiese, near Worms. He was reared in the Lutheran religion and became by occupation a husbandman and vine dresser. He married Catharine Meckel, who was born in 1680 in Durnstein, near Worms. In 1709 he came to America with the Kocherthal colony, which settled in Dutchess county, New York. He removed to Lynn township about 1735, where he warranted 150 acres of land in 1738, affiliated with the Moravian congregation there and died in September, 1747, leaving eight children, 64 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Their children were:

Barbara, born April 17, 1703, in Durnstein; married, March, 1722, John Holder, born in London, March 21, 1694, a son of Rem Holder.

George, born in September, 1705; married, 1739, Dorothea Dewees, born August 18, 1722. He died, November 13, 1761. They had no children. His widow married, in 1764, Andreas Eisenhart.

Carl, born November 18, 1709.

Maria, born 1711; married a Meyer.

Elizabeth, born 1713; married a Craemer.

Catharine, born 1715; married a Dreis.

Jacob, born in New York in 1717. He was a carpenter and married, January 29, 1740, Mary Dewees, born December 14, 1721.

Andreas, born in New York, May 12, 1721. He married, September 11, 1741, Maria Margaret, daughter of John Adam Romig. She was born in Ittlingen, December 18, 1722. In 1762 they moved from Lynn township to Schoeneck, and in 1763 to Quittopechilla. They had eight children: Anna Maria, born September 14, 1744; Christina, born July 5, 1747; Henry, born 1750, died aged six weeks; Catharine, born June 2,

1751; John Adam, born September 11, 1753; Magdalena, born November 30, 1755; John, born September 22, 1758, and Maria Margaret, born September 27, 1760.

Captain Charles Volck, or Foulk, who for a time commanded Fort Allen and later was in command of Fort Everett, son of Andreas, Sr., was born November 18, 1709, and was baptized in New York, September 10, 1710. He was reared in the Lutheran religion, but having removed to Lynn township, connected himself with the Moravians. Benjamin Franklin, in his letter of January 14, 1756, states that he raised a company under Foulk, and in his letter of the 26th states that Foulk commanded 46 men. After the completion of Fort Allen, Foulk was sent to build another, as Franklin says, "Between this and Schuylkill Fort, which I hope will be finished (as Trexler is to join him) in a week or 10 days." It is apparent that this was Fort Everett and Foulk was in command. In 1758, he commanded 63 men "at the new fort, not named, between Fort Allen and Fort Lebanon."

Captain Volck married, in 1730, Catharine Harzy, born December 17, 1713. He died in 1766, at Hebron, Pa. They had ten children: Hannah, born December 11, 1731, married Henry Romig, died 1763; Jacob, born July 3, 1736; George, born August 12, 1739; Catharine, born 1741, died four weeks old; Catharine, born April 2, 1743; Rebecca, born November 18, 1745, died 1769, at Bethlehem; John, born March 18, 1747, died next day; Maria, born September 25, 1752; Rosina, born December 24, 1754, died December 29, 1754, and Carl, born August 25, 1757.

#### JOHN W. WAGNER.

John Wagner, a Berks countian, is descended through one of the early German families of that county. George Wagner, a pioneer had settled as a farmer in the north-western section prior to 1750. His son, John, located in the eastern part of Upper Bern township, which is now embraced in Tilden township, in the vicinity of Bern Station on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and there he carried on an extensive butcher business during the construction of the Schuylkill Valley canal. He had three children: John, Valentine and Maria (married to Joseph McHemer).

Another John Wagner settled in Bern township and followed the blacksmith trade, besides conducting a hotel. His wife was Susanna Fink. They had six children: Augustus, Levi, Cyrus, Frelingheysen (of the pension department at Washington, D. C., and also army postmaster at Philadelphia during the Civil War); Mary,

and Harrison F. (father of Dr. Levi F. Wagner, at Reading, who was elected Coroner of Berks county in 1909.

There was a third John Wagner, who settled in Maiden creek township, Berks county, at an early date. He was the great-grandfather of Hon. George W. Wagner, additional law judge of that county. His family was a large one. It is probable that John Wagner, the grandfather of John W., of Allentown, is one of his sons. The last named John Wagner settled at Green Lane, Montgomery county, Pa., where he followed farming. He and his wife, Julia Wagner, were members of the Lutheran church and they had five children: Peter; Milton (who lives at Huff's church); Sallie; William (who died young; and Sarah.

Peter Wagner, son of John, was born at Green Lane, Pa., in 1843, and died at Macungie, Lehigh county, on Good-Friday in 1889. He followed lime burning some years; later he became a track-foreman, at the furnace, where he was killed accidentally on a siding while at work. His wife, Caroline Kneedler, died in 1891, aged forty-three years. She was a daughter of Reuben Kneedler, who lived at Macungie. Their children were: John W.; Oliver; Alice (married Chas. Dillinger of Sellersville, Pa.); and Annie, single, who lives at Philadelphia).

JOHN W. WAGNER, of Allentown, was born at Macungie in 1872. He went to Allentown in 1894, and was in the employ of different parties. About 1906 he engaged in the contracting, excavating, carting and general hauling business, which he has since followed. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and a well-read man. He served as a mounted policeman under Mayor C. D. Schaeffer. He married Ella C. Zern, daughter of John and Amanda (Schweitzwitz) Zern, who lived at Frederick, Montgomery county, Pa. They have an adopted daughter, Mabel.

#### WAGNER FAMILY.

The Wagner family settled at Nazareth, Pa., at an early day. Christian Wagner, of that place, was a farmer and blacksmith. His son, Charles, was born in 1867, near there, and educated in the public schools, early learning the trade of blacksmith with his father and working with him until 1837. He then removed to Allentown and entered the employ of Major Frey, and later was with Joseph Kramer, a coach-maker. After some years he established a shop of his own, doing work in his line for Mr. Kramer's establishment. He conducted this business until 1882, when he retired. He was a

city councilman, 1862-1865; a charter member of Allen Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F., and a member of St. John's Lutheran church. He died in 1886 and interment was made in the Linden street cemetery.

Charles Wagner was married to Henrietta Seip, a daughter of John Seip, of Allentown. She was born in 1824, and died in 1908, interment having been made beside her husband. Issue: Henry C.; Anna, died aged sixteen; Mary Alice, died aged seven years; Alice; Sarah; Emma, and Charles. Alice married Charles Christ, of Allentown, and they had four children: Harvey, George, Frank and Allen. Emma married Matthias Ritter (see Ritter sketch in this volume.) Charles was married to Katie Roth, and is serving as treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company.

CAPT. HENRY CALVIN WAGNER, the eldest son of Charles, was born Sept. 4, 1840, at Allentown, and educated in the public schools and the Allentown Seminary. At an early age he learned the trade of cigarmaking, which he followed for some time, then learned the trade of bricklaying, and followed it for two years, when he enlisted in the Civil War.

Upon being mustered out of service, he returned to Allentown, and resumed bricklaying for a period, when he entered the cigar business on his own account until 1876, ultimately employing many men. He went on the road and sold his output, doing an extensive business. He served as clerk under the county commissioners for five years, then engaged in soliciting insurance and other employments, successively until 1911, when he retired from active business. In politics he was a Democrat, and a member of St. John's Reformed church and Yeager Post G. A. R., which he helped to organize.

Captain Wagner was married to Rebecca E. Reiss, daughter of Reuben and Eliza (Weiss) Reiss, of Allentown. She died in August, 1885, aged forty-five years, and was interred in West End cemetery. They had six children: Lizzie H., George L., Harry Reiss, Hattie, Charles Arthur and Herbert B. Lizzie H. resided with her father until his death from pneumonia on Dec. 5, 1914; George, a druggist, died in February, 1905; Hattie, married John Yingling.

#### RECORD OF CAPT. H. C. WAGNER.

This certifies that Henry C. Wagner was enlisted on the 18th day of April, 1861, from Lehigh county, Pa., to serve three months, and mustered into the United States service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa., on April 20th, as a private of Co. I, Capt. Wm. H. Gosler's 1st Regt., Penna. Vol. Inf., Col. Samuel Yohe, commanding.

The regiment was recruited in answer to President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers, and rendez-

voused at Camp Curtin, where it was mustered into service April 20th. The men were supplied with muskets, ammunition, hard tack, and bacon, and moved the following night for Cockeysville, and proceeding to Camp Scott, near York, Pa., where clothing and cooking utensils were supplied, where the regiment engaged in drill until May 14th, when it was detailed to guard part of the Northern Central Railroad. On May 25th, it was ordered to Catonsville, Md., to guard the roads leading to Frederick and Harper's Ferry, and the camp equipage was received, the regiment having been hitherto destitute of such necessities. Advanced to Franklinton on the 29th, thence to Chambersburg and assigned to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division of General Patterson's army, and moved via Hagerstown to Funkstown, Md. Here the men were supplied with uniforms. June 22d occupied Frederick, Md., engaged in drill for two weeks, thence moving to Martinsburg, the base of supplies, and rejoining the division at Charlestown, the movements of the division being for the purpose of preventing the enemy from invading Maryland and Pennsylvania. July 21st marched to Harper's Ferry, thence to Sandy Hook, and by rail to Harrisburg, where the regiment was mustered out. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 29, 1861, by reason of expiration of term of service.

Mr. Wagner re-enlisted at Allentown, Pa., Oct. 13, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered in as 1st Lieutenant of Co. K, Capt. Edward R. Newhard, 54th Regt., P. V. I., Col. Jacob M. Campbell, commanding. The regiment rendezvoused and was mustered in at Camp Curtin, and on Feb. 27, 1862, left for Washington, D. C., where it encamped near Bladensburg cemetery; was armed with Belgian rifles and thoroughly drilled and disciplined. March 29th marched to Harper's Ferry, reporting to Col. D. S. Miles, and was stationed along the line of the B. & O. R. R., for 56 miles, between Martinsburg, Va., and Cumberland, Md.; for nearly a year performed the important and arduous duty of guarding this great thoroughfare through a country mainly hostile, protecting the loyal inhabitants, scouring the country and fighting guerilla bands of Edwards, White, Imboden and McNeil, and capturing many prisoners, horses and arms. October 4, 1863, Co. K was stationed at Little Cacapon, and Co. B at Paw Paw; they were surrounded by an overwhelming force under Imboden, and captured after a hard fight. Upon the organization of the 8th Corps, Army of West Virginia, the regiment was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 2d Division. Companies B and K were exchanged in December, when they returned to the regiment. The command was relieved from guard duty, moved to Romney, Jan. 6, 1864, attached to the 4th Brigade, 1st Division, and marched, April 3d, in pursuit of the enemy, fighting at Purgitsville. July 6th moved by forced marches in pursuit of Lee's army retreating from Gettysburg, fighting on the 19th and returned to Romney. August 15th moved to Petersburg, and engaged in fortifying. November 6th moved to Springfield and assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division. In the spring of 1864, marched under Sigel, on the Shenandoah campaign, bearing a gallant part in the battles of Newmarket, Piedmont (Mount Crawford), Lexington, and Lynchburg; thence marched across the mountains to Camp Piatt, on the Kanawha river, suffering untold hardship; thence via Parkersburg to Martinsburg, W. Va., arriving July 14th. Joined in the pursuit of Early, fighting at Snicker's Ferry

(Island Ford), and Kernstown (Winchester). Participated under Sheridan in his brilliant campaign, fighting at Winchester, Charlestown, Halltown, Berryville, Opequon, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek, Va. Moved via Washington to City Point, Va., and assigned to the 2d Brigade, Independent Division, 24th Corps, Army of the James, with which it participated in Grant's final campaign, fighting at Fort Gregg and High Bridge, where a small force engaged in desperate battle with a vastly superior body of the enemy, were surrounded and taken prisoners, marched after the fleeing rebel army four days without rations; released at the surrender of Appomattox, Va., sent to Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md., thence to Harrisburg, Pa., and mustered out July 15, 1865.

The said Henry C. Wagner was captured at Little Cacapon, Va., Oct. 4, 1862, taken to Richmond, Va., and confined in Libby Prison a few days over two months, exchanged at City Point, Va., and rejoined his command at Sir John's Run, its headquarters on the B. & O. R. R. On Oct. 22, 1863, he was promoted to captain and from December, 1863, until April, 1864, detailed on recruiting service; was with the regiment at Romney, Va., and, excepting the time spent in Libby Prison, and on recruiting service, was constantly with his command, he bore a loyal part in all its marches, campaigns, and battles as outlined above; through the battle of Cedar Creek (Sheridan's Ride), Oct. 19, 1864, achieving a proud and honorable record as an efficient officer and gallant soldier. He was honorably discharged Nov. 10, 1864, at Charlestown, W. Va., by reason of expiration of his term of enlistment.

Capt. Wagner was born Sept. 4, 1840, at Allentown, Pa., and married to Rebecca Reiss, Feb. 3, 1863, from which union were born the following children, viz: Lizzie H., George L., Harry R., Hattie R., Charles, Arthur, and Herbert B. His wife died Aug. 15, 1885.

He was a member of Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F.; Lecha Wonk Tribe, No. 201, I. O. R. M.; Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; and a member and recorder of Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar. He was prothonotary of Lehigh county, a member of the Allentown city council in 1876; clerk in county commissioner's office from 1882 until 1887; and a member of the state legislature 1889-90.

HENRY REISS WAGNER, the second son of Capt. Henry C. Wagner, was born at Allentown, March 15, 1868, and educated in the local public schools, and also in the Blackman Business College, from which he was graduated in 1884. He then entered the employ of the Adelaide Silk Mill and has continued there until the present time, excepting a short period with Farr Brothers, having charge of the ribbon department with 300 hands under him since February, 1903.

Mr. Wagner served as clerk of council from 1896 to 1901; and was also a member of both branches. In politics he is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the Free Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows and Heptasophs.

In 1891, he was married to Hattie Schoudt, daughter of Charles and Amanda (Mertz) Schoudt, of Allentown, and they had four chil-



dren: Harold F., who died in infancy; Ralph Arthur; Elizabeth Rebecca, and Margaret Amanda. They are members of the St. John's Reformed church, which he served as deacon for three years.

CHARLES ARTHUR WAGNER, the third son of Capt. Henry C. Wagner, was born at Allentown, July 14, 1872. He received his education in the local schools and at Dorney's Business College, and with this preparation he served as a clerk in the employment of R. G. Dun & Co., Ebbecke Hardware Company, Adelaide Silk Mill and the Novelty Hosiery Company, upward of twenty years. He served as adjutant of the Fourth Regiment, N. G. P., for seven years; as a private of Company D, Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Spanish-American War; and as councilman of the Thirteenth ward. He is affiliated with the Elks and Odd Fellows at Allentown.

In 1903, Mr. Wagner was married to Hattie Kohler, daughter of W. D. and Masourie (Horn) Kohler, of Allentown, and they had four children: Lorraine, died in infancy; Richard K.; Philip K., and Rebecca. They are members of the St. John's Reformed church.

HERBERT BALLIET WAGNER, the youngest son of Capt. Henry C. Wagner, was born March 11, 1878, at Allentown. He was educated in the public schools and served as a bookkeeper for the Allentown Steam Heat and Power Company for six years. In 1903 he secured employment in the Merchants' National Bank, as clerk and stenographer and by his fidelity rose to the position of assistant cashier. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church, serves in the choir and officiates as treasurer of the Sunday school. He was married Sept. 5, 1905, to Nellie Brearley, daughter of Charles H. and Anna (Hoff) Brearley, of Cornell, Westchester county, Md., and they have four children: Anna, Kathryn, Mildred and Henry C. Wagner.

CHARLES N. WAGNER, a prominent business man of Allentown, and brother of Capt. H. C. Wagner, was born July 19, 1861, in the city, where he was educated in the public schools. In 1878 he became his brother's assistant in the prothonotary's office, and held this position more than three years. For eighteen years he was connected with the Coplay Cement Company, of Allentown, starting as a clerk, and later serving as treasurer. He was also employed by the Eagle Cement Company and the Dunn Mercantile Company.

In 1888 Mr. Wagner was elected secretary of the Allentown Steam Heat and Power Company, and later as treasurer, which position he

still holds. In December, 1905, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company. He is also identified with the American Shoe Company.

Mr. Wagner is interested in the affairs and institutions of Allentown. He is a member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., of Allentown; a past grand and member of the Grand Lodge of the State; member of the Encampment, and Past Chief Patriarch and district deputy. In politics he is a Democrat.

He was married Nov. 5, 1891, to Katie A. Roth, daughter of Benjamin F. Roth. They have four children: Grace H., Marion, Edith, students of the high school, and Charles Morton.

#### JACOB A. WAGNER.

Jacob Alvin Wagner was born at Limestoneville, Montour county, Pa., July 19, 1864.

He is the son of William Alfred and Mary Martha (Gauger) Wagner.

On his father's side, he is a descendant of the Stupp, Bordner and Schneider families, early settlers of Tulpehocken, Berks county, and of Hans Jacob Wagner, who emigrated from Germany and arrived at Philadelphia, on the ship Robert and Alice, Sept. 24, 1742; and settled in Macungie township, Lehigh county, Pa., in the year 1743. He, with his son, Jacob, the second, were among those who organized Lehigh Zion Lutheran church, in 1745.

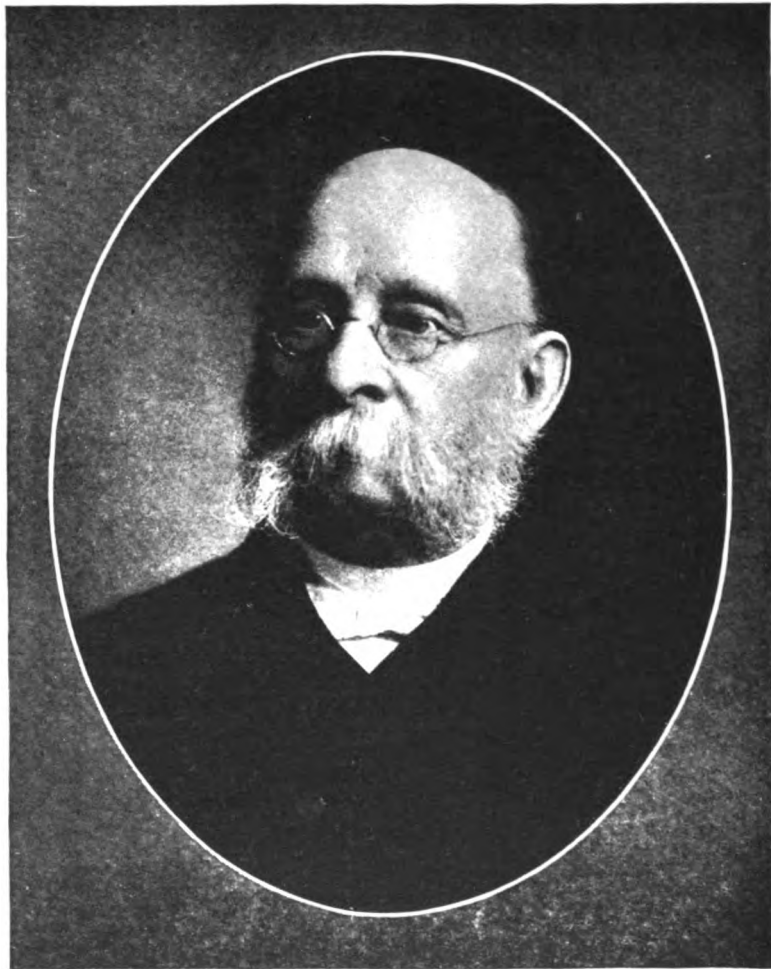
Jacob, second, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and the father of ten children, their total ages amounting, it is said, to 1,000 years, among whom, was Michael Wagner, who died at the age of ninety-four years, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.



WAGNER-MARSTELLER HOMESTEAD.

Upon his mother's side, Jacob Alvin Wagner is a descendant of the Gauger family, a portion of whom were massacred by the Indians, near





*A. G. Wagner*

Northkill, Tulpehocken district, Berks county, in the year 1758; he is also a descendant of Jacob Follmer, a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Northampton county, in 1776, and a descendant of the Eschbach and Romig families, early settlers of Lehigh county. His great-great-grandfather being Adam Romig, who is buried at Friedensville church cemetery.

Jacob Alvin Wagner received a high school education at Shenandoah, Ia., and when sixteen years of age, entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, as messenger boy, and was promoted, successively, to position of operator, train dispatcher and general agent, for that company. On Feb. 1, 1893, he was appointed general superintendent of the Des Moines Union Railway, a large terminal railroad, at Des Moines, Ia., over whose tracks, the trains of the various railroads entering Des Moines, reach the Union passenger station.

Mr. Wagner enjoys the confidence of those who know him. For two years he was president of the Iowa Railway Club, an organization of railroad officials and employees, from all departments of railroad service, in Iowa. He is also a member of the executive committees of several railroad bureaus. As a citizen, he has been honored by the city government, giving one of the streets of Des Moines his name.

Mr. Wagner married Myrtle Gamble, daughter of Judge James DeKalb Gamble, of Knoxville, Ia. Their son, Charles Warren, is a graduate of the Iowa State College, at Ames, Ia., with a degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering, and is a general contractor.

Their second son, Donald Forrest, while a law student, at the Iowa State University, was drowned, in the Des Moines river, on May 21, 1909, after saving the life of his girl companion. A reward was offered for the recovery of his body. The body was recovered twenty-four hours later, by his high school classmates, and the reward was used as a nucleus, to establish a fund, which is known as "The Donald Wagner Scholarship Fund." Various amounts from this fund are loaned to deserving boys and girls to complete their education.

REV. SAMUEL G. WAGNER, D.D.

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., for thirty-six years pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Allentown, and widely known throughout the state for his long and useful ministerial work and his active labors in behalf of the educational and kindred interests of the Reformed Church, was born in the village of Paradise, Northumberland county, Oct. 4, 1831. His parents were Rev. Henry and Sarah Magdalene (Wiestling) Wag-

ner. Both were of German descent, the father having been born in Cumru township, Berks county, and the mother in Harrisburg, where her father, Dr. Samuel C. Wiestling, a native of Germany, had successfully practiced medicine for many years. The father's grandfather was originally from Germany.

Doctor Wagner spent his boyhood days in Lebanon, from 1836 to 1848, where he was a pupil in the local academy, under the care and tuition of Prof. J. H. Kluge. In the spring of 1848, when seventeen years of age, he was matriculated as a student in the sophomore class of Marshall College, then located at Mercersburg, by which institution he was graduated with honor (being the salutatorian of his class) in September of 1850, when only nineteen years old. In the fall of 1851 he entered the Theological Department of the same school, became a graduate from it three years later, and then for the next two years remained as teacher of the Marshall Collegiate Institute. In the spring of 1855, after the required examination, he was licensed by the Mercersburg Classis of the Reformed Church of the United States to preach the gospel. His first pastorate after his ordination by the Classis of Philadelphia in the summer of 1855, was located in Montgomery county, and comprised the so-called Boehm's church and the Whitmarsh church. This pastorate continued for thirteen years, until May, 1868, when he resigned it to take charge of the St. John's Reformed congregation of Allentown, which he served from June, 1868, to July 1, 1904, a period of thirty-six years.

Doctor Wagner served as stated clerk of one Classis and treasurer of another and was also president of the three several classes to which he belonged. He was frequently sent as a delegate to the district synod and to the general synod, and served as presiding officer of the former body. He was a member of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in 1878; a member and president of the board of visitors of the Theological Seminary about the same length of time; a member of the board of education of the Eastern Synod, and its presiding officer for a number of years; a member of the board of home missions and of the board of commissioners of Foreign Missions. He served as an assistant teacher in the Allentown College for Women from 1868 to 1875, and was from the latter year a member of the board of trustees, and many years its presiding officer. In 1880, his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In earlier life he served on the committee to whom was entrusted the work of publishing the *Mercersburg Review*,

and he occasionally contributed an article to its columns. He was always deeply interested in the cause of missions, both home and foreign, and by the hearty and generous co-operation of his parishioners, he was enabled to promote that beneficent cause to a large extent in Allentown and vicinity, as well as in foreign lands. They together, and aided by his son, Rev. C. Ernest Wagner, while he was assistant pastor, together with the princely gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruhe, and the contributions and assistance of other members and friends of the congregation, succeeded in the early nineties in organizing the Trinity Reformed congregation in the western end of the city and in furnishing it with the chapel in which it originally worshipped and which it continues to use for Sunday school purposes.

They were interested also in the early work of other missions in the city, and the congregation, by its zeal, largely inspired the work of church extension in the Reformed Church in Allentown. After his retirement from the pastorate, Doctor Wagner continued to reside in Allentown until October, 1906, when he removed to Lancaster, where he took up his abode with his son, Prof. C. Ernest Wagner. The infirmities of age, which had been for some time apparent, continued steadily to strengthen their hold on him. With a Christian fortitude, such as he had preached through his long career, to others, he endured unto the end. His death, due immediately to cerebral hemorrhage, occurred on the night of Oct. 30, 1908. By seven years and twenty-six days he exceeded the scriptural limit of "three-score years and ten."

Funeral services were held in Lancaster and Allentown, the latter being attended by a concourse of mourners which filled St. John's Reformed church to overflowing. He was buried in Fairview cemetery, beside the devoted wife who had preceded him in death on Dec. 1, 1900. The stone above his grave bears the simple epitaph: "A good man—tried and true."

Doctor Wagner was married, on Oct. 18, 1859, to Miss Rebecca Earnest, of Norristown, the third daughter of William and Lucy Earnest. Mrs. Wagner was a woman highly regarded by the community in which she lived, and was a valuable assistant to her husband in his arduous duties. They had four children, three of whom, all daughters, died in childhood. Their son, Prof. Charles Earnest Wagner, was born in Montgomery county, Oct. 10, 1864. He received his education in the public schools of Allentown, Muhlenberg College, the Theological Seminary of the Reformed church at Lancaster, and Oxford University, England, where he devoted two years (1891-93) in further preparing

himself for doing the work in which he became engaged in 1893, as professor of the English language and literature in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster.

#### WILLIAM WALBERT.

Solomon Walbert was a farmer and hotel-keeper at Walbert Station, Lehigh county. He lived there his entire life and died there.

William Walbert, son of Solomon, was born on the farm, in 1821. His educational advantages were very limited; he attended the subscription schools during the winter, and assisted his father in the farm and hotel work, succeeding to his father's estate and business.

He conducted the same until 1868, when he disposed of the property and removed to Allentown, purchasing the property at Seventh and Chew streets, where he opened a grocery, which he conducted for several years, then sold out. He then commenced the manufacture of hosiery on Turner street, and after a time removed his factory to a building in the rear of his home on Chew street, where he remained until his retirement from active duties in 1896.

He was a member of Salem Reformed church, a Democrat, and was of a quiet disposition, domestic in his tastes, and devoted to his home and family. He died Oct. 1, 1904, and interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

He married Caroline Stettler, of Fogelsville, who died July 23, 1903, and was also interred in Fairview cemetery. She was also a member of the same church as her husband. She possessed many Christian virtues, and was a devoted wife and mother. They had one daughter, Catharine E., who was born at Walbert's Station, and educated in the public schools. She learned dressmaking, following this occupation for several years. She cared most tenderly for her parents in their declining years, and now resides at the family home on North Seventh street, which she remodeled and improved. She is an active member of Salem Reformed church, and is connected with its various societies.

#### WALD FAMILY.

The Wald (or Walt) families were pioneers in Pennsylvania. The ship *Brittania*, which landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1731, had abroad among its passengers, Oswald Wald and his family. The ships "original list," of passengers, gives the age of Oswald Wald at forty-one years; and that of his wife, Anna Barbara, at thirty-four years; and Rosolva, six years; and Hans Heinrich, four years. On the ship *St. Andrew Galley*, which arrived at the same port, September 24, 1737, was Conrad Wald. Both

these pioneers located in eastern Pennsylvania. The federal census of 1790, records the name of Henry Walt, of Montgomery county, the head of a family, consisting of a wife and one son under sixteen years of age. The same authority in the same year gives the name of Casper Wald, who likewise lived in Montgomery county, and besides a wife, had seven daughters and a son who was past sixteen years of age.

One Casper Walt, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, was a farmer on the "Spinner's Homestead," at Spinnerstown, Bucks county, Pa. He was a Lutheran and is buried at the Scheetz church, at Spinnerstown.

His children were: Jacob, John, George, Samuel, Catharine, and Christiana, who both died maiden ladies, and a Mrs. Snyder.

Samuel Walt, son of Casper, was born at Spinnerstown, April 14, 1815. He conducted the hotel at Spinnerstown, and was Overseer of the Poor of Bucks County. In 1847, he moved to Flourtown, Montgomery county, and for 13 years kept the Farmers' and Citizens' Hotel at that place. In December, 1859, he moved to Allentown, where he lived retired until his death, August 17, 1870. He is buried in the Union cemetery.

His wife, Mary Hausekeeper, came from Milford Square, Pa. She was born June 26, 1822, and died June 26, 1895, on her seventy-third birthday. She was married a second time to Philip Miller. They had no children. The children by her first husband were: Christian, who died in infancy; Henry; Milton H.; Catharine, married William Burrman; Mary A., married Alfred Weiler, a wholesale liquor dealer in Allentown; and Jacob, who died an infant.

MILTON H. WALT, grocer, and for many years a councilman in Allentown, was born at Spinnerstown, Bucks county, Pa., November 20, 1846. When thirteen years old he came with his parents to Allentown where he attended the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he learned the cigar making trade, which he followed twenty-seven years. Afterwards he was a letter-carrier of the city for five and one-half years; and for more than seven years he was a conductor on the trolley car. In December, 1899, he engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Eighth and Tilghman streets. He served as a councilman of Allentown sixteen years. He was a member of the select branch six years and of the common branch ten years.

He and his family are members of Zion Reformed church.

He married, in 1868, Rebecca Osman, daughter of John Osman, a former coroner of Lehigh

county. They have these five children: Albert O.; Mary (m. Charles Barron, of Allentown); Milton, who died in 1906, aged 23 years, and Esther.

ALBERT O. WALT, proprietor of "Hotel Walton," and a former councilman, who is a native of Allentown, was born December 21, 1868. At the age of eighteen years he learned the shoemaking trade with H. Leh & Company, and continued in their employ uninterruptedly for fifteen years. In 1904, he erected "Hotel Walton," at the corner of Eighth and Linden streets, at the cost of \$23,000. The building is modern throughout and contains thirty-six rooms.

In November, 1911, Mr. Walt, was elected as a Democrat, to the office of councilman, representing the Eighth ward. He has always taken an interest in municipal affairs. He is a member of Lecha Wonk Tribe, No. 201, I. O. R. M., and the Order of Beavers. He plays the trombone in the old Allentown Band since 1895. In 1906, he wedded Sallie A. Wieder, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Schuler) Wieder. They have two children, namely: George W., and Russel M.

#### WALKER FAMILY.

John Walker was born at Lustnau, Oberamt Duingen, in Wurtemberg, on April 21, 1822. He learned the trade of a carpenter and this he followed in the Fatherland until his emigration to the United States in 1848 or '49. He lived at New York about two years, then went to Catsauqua, Pa., where he lived until his death, April 1, 1897. He helped to build many canal locks and boats for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., in whose employ he was for many years.

He and his family were members of the Lutheran church. His wife was Sophia Catharine Kurtz, born at Lickentau, Rotenbuch, Bavaria, on February 25, 1831, and died at Catsauqua on March 11, 1899. Their twelve children were:

Wilhelm A., born Dec. 29, 1852.  
Margaret S., born Jan. 25, 1854.  
Johannes, born Mar. 17, 1856.  
Heinrich Geo., born April 3, 1858.  
Christian A., born Feb. 28, 1860.  
Philip F., born Feb. 3, 1862.  
Edward L., born Jan. 13, 1864.  
Robert J., born Feb. 1, 1866.  
Robert J., died April 3, 1867.  
Elizabeth S., born Dec. 25, 1867.  
Ida S., born Oct. 25, 1869.  
Frank J., born Aug. 31, 1871.  
Ella A., born Aug. 2, 1873.

William A. Walker, of Catsauqua, was born at Hastings, N. Y., December 29, 1852. When he was fifteen years old he learned the moulding trade at Fullerton, following it ever since,



excepting two and one-half years, when he kept the Union House at Catasauqua. He has lived at Catasauqua since his removal to that place, and there he became a member of Castle 441, K. G. E. (of which he is a past chief); and also of the P. O. S. of A.

In 1878 he was married to Mary Harteg, a daughter of John and Mary (Monica) Harteg, natives of Germany. Their children are: John (m. Lena Guinther), Howard (m. Ida Dotterer), Minnie, Raymond, Lewis, and Helen.

John Walker was born at Catasauqua on March 17, 1856, and he has lived there since then. He learned the moulding trade with the Davis-Thomas Co., and was employed by them for thirty-five years. He also worked at the trade in New Jersey for thirteen months and at Scranton, Pa., for a short time; then returned to his native town to become connected with the "Walker House" on Race street. In 1878, he was married to Rebecca Bahr, who died March 3, 1911, at the age of 60 years. They had two children: Arthur (mentioned later), and Hector (who died aged ten years).

Henry G. Walker, of Catasauqua, who has charge of the blacksmith department of the Davis-Thomas Co., was born April 3, 1858. On the anniversary of his fifteenth birthday he began learning the carriage-blacksmith trade with F. W. Becker, and he remained in his employ about three years, then he followed his trade in the employ of the Lehigh Car-Wheel & Axle Works until in 1898, when he became foreman of the blacksmith department of the Davis-Thomas Company.

He and his family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a past chief of the K. G. E. Politically he is a Democrat. On May 26, 1877, he was married to Ida R., a daughter of James and Hannah (Sisson) Schanaberger. They had four children: Jennie M. (who died aged ten years); Gertrude; Bert J. (a blacksmith at Elizabeth, N. J.); and Fred J. (mentioned later).

PHILIP F. WALKER, butcher, at Catasauqua, was born February 3, 1862. At the age of fifteen years he learned the butchering trade and this he has followed ever since. He killed all his own beef until in 1900, and employed as many as eight men. His meat market, noted for its cleanliness, is located at 228 Second street. On March 10, 1883, he was married to Sarah C. Eckert, daughter of John and Amelia (Rein-smith) Eckert, late of Catasauqua. They had four children: Irene A. (married to George A. Helving, an employe in the Quarter-Master Dept., U. S., at Philadelphia); Thomas (married

Ella Schultz and they reside at Catasauqua); and Wesley and Tillie, who died infants.

EDWARD L. WALKER, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel at Catasauqua, was born at that place on January 13, 1864. He began working as a moulder for the Davis-Thomas Co., the first day on which the opened their foundry in 1878 and continued there until in 1897, a period of nineteen years. In 1897, he became the proprietor of the "Walker House" in East Catasauqua and conducted it for nine years. On April 1, 1906, he moved to Allentown; but on November 6th of that year he became the owner and proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," the leading public house of the "Iron City," being located on Front and Bridge streets, opposite the Lehigh National Bank. The hotel has forty rooms and is conducted along modern plans. He has been a member of the Catasauqua Band for the last quarter of a century; also a member of the F. O. E., and the I. O. O. F.

On May 14, 1882, he was married to Annie F. Feather, a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Howercorn) Feather (who lived and died in Germany). Mr. Walker and his wife have four children: Minnie C. (married Claude Zieg-enfus, and they reside at Coplay); George F., Rosa E., and Anna M.

ARTHUR E. WALKER was born December 7, 1879. At the age of seventeen years he learned the moulding trade with the Davis-Thomas Co., and he was in their employ for eight years. On April 1, 1906, he succeeded his uncle Edward L. to the proprietorship of the "Walker House" on Race street, and has since carried on the Hotel.

For a period of eight years Mr. Walker was a professional baseball player, and during that time was connected with the following teams: Catasauqua for four years; Tri-State for one year; Clinton, of New Jersey; Washington, of New Jersey; and also the Milton and Tamaqua teams in Pennsylvania. He was a crack pitcher and played several championship games successfully. In 1905 he refused a position with the Athletics of Philadelphia. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1905 published a ballad on Mr. Walker and his successes over his competitors. He is tall and wiry.

In 1903, Mr. Walker married Sadie Kane, a daughter of Morris Kane, and they have a son, Edward L.

FRED J. WALKER, of Catasauqua, is the assistant treasurer of the Davis-Thomas Co. He was educated in the Catasauqua public schools and left the high school in 1903, four months before his graduation in order to accept a position in the office of the Davis-Thomas Co. His





*Very Sincerely*

*John J. Walsh.*

promotions were rapid and in 1907 he became the chief clerk and bookkeeper of the company, a position for which he had qualified himself in the evenings at the American Commercial School, at Allentown. Since 1910 he has served his present position of assistant treasurer. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, of the Knights of the Golden Eagles, and of the Catsauqua Club.

DANIEL Z. WALKER.

Daniel Z. Walker, of Allentown, real estate dealer and insurance agent is a son of the late Rev. Richard Walker, a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Allentown. Rev. Walker was born May 1, 1812, and died May 10, 1882. On April 1, 1842 he began his work as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Allentown. He was regularly installed by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, in May, 1844. In 1845 Rev. Walker raised six thousand dollars to pay off the debt of the church. He resigned December 6, 1856. During his pastorate one hundred and forty members were added to the church. Later he preached at Alburdis and at Catsauqua. He was married to Henrietta C. Zellers, a daughter of Rev. Daniel Zellers, a Reformed clergyman. She was born July 12, 1821, and died August 4, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker the following children were born: Richard, of Allentown; Daniel Z., of Allentown; George W., of New York; and Annie E., married to Rev. Wm. E. Marden, a Presbyterian clergyman, of Troy, New York.

Daniel Z. Walker, son of Rev. Richard Walker, was born in Allentown in 1852. He was educated in the private school of his father. He also attended Prof. Gregory's Academy in which many of the leading citizens received their educational training. When a young man, Mr. Walker became a clerk in the Second National Bank of Allentown, which position he filled for many years.

In 1882 he resigned the position to engage in the real estate and insurance business in which he has been prominently and actively identified ever since. He was one of the organizers of the Merchants' National Bank and has been a director since its organization. Upon the organization of the chamber of commerce, Mr. Walker was elected its first president, and filled this office three years. He has been identified prominently in civic matters for a period of upwards of a quarter of a century. For several years he was chairman of select council. It was during this period that the Lehigh Valley and Reading Railroads were brought into the city. Mr. Walker is a member of Barger Lodge

No. 333, F. and A. M.; also all the Masonic bodies, which he served in all its highest offices with great merit. For a period of seven years he held the honored position of District Deputy Grand High Priest of the district which embraces Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe counties. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church since 1876 and has served this church as deacon for six years. In 1876 he was married to Sarah S. Wetherhold, a daughter of William and Mary (Mattern) Wetherhold, of Philadelphia. They have an only daughter, Helen May, the wife of Arthur E. Keller, member of the firm of E. Keller & Sons, jewelers of Allentown. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a son, Edwin Walker Keller.

SAMUEL WALLITSCH.

Samuel Wallitsch, of Coplay, proprietor of the Coplay House, was born in Austria, February 19, 1878; emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1903, locating in Allentown. He lived eight years at Allentown, though employed at the machinist trade by the Bethlehem Steel Company, by other establishments; then on May 1, 1911, he became the proprietor of the Coplay House, at Coplay, succeeding John Harvelick, deceased. The hotel has eighteen rooms and was erected by Samuel J. Guth, in 1900.

Mr. Wallitsch and family are members of the Lutheran church. He is also a member of the Allentown Turner and Liederkrantz and of the Gellert Lodge, No. 202, D. O. H. In 1905 he married Francisco Muehl, daughter of Joseph Muehl, a native of Austria. They have two children: Joseph S., and Francisco.

REV. JOHN J. WALSH

*Rector of the Immaculate Conception Church.*

The Rev. Father Walsh was born on July 5, 1862, at Lake Run, Schuylkill county. His parents were James and Julia Walsh. Born of humble parents, in modest environments, his boyhood days were spent in that vicinity, a section that is cherished by him. He received his early education at Furnace, Pa., and New Philadelphia. Subsequently he entered a school at Tuscarora from which he graduated with honors. A short time following his graduation he became associated with Rev. Joseph Bridgemann, rector of the Catholic Church at Tamaqua. Under the latter's careful guidance he received his first instructions in his religious vocation.

When eighteen years of age he entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at Overbrook to study for the priesthood. For the following eight years his entire time was devoted to preparing

for his life's work, and that he was a close student was evidenced by the fact that he passed two classes. The year prior to his ordination he was ordained a deacon. He graduated at the head of his class, having attained great honors while a student.

On May 20, 1888, Trinity Sunday, he was consecrated a priest by the late Rt. Rev. Patrick F. Ryan, Archbishop of the diocese of Philadelphia. The conferring of the Sacrament of the Holy Order was held in St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, corner of Race and Eighteenth streets, Philadelphia.

He celebrated his first mass at Tamaqua in the edifice where he received his early religious instructions, known as St. Jerome's Church, Rev. John McCullough, rector.

His first assignment was to the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, in Philadelphia, where he was a curate to Rev. J. W. Shanahan, now bishop of Harrisburg.

Subsequently he was transferred to the Church of the Visitation, Philadelphia, where he was an assistant to Rev. A. A. Gallagher. In the latter charge he served faithfully for a period of five years.

His first pastorate was at St. Thomas Church, Ivy Mills, having been transferred from the Church of the Visitation. For six years he remained in charge and chiefly through his untiring efforts the congregation became one of the most flourishing in that section.

On February 15, 1905 he was sent to Allentown as the rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception to succeed the late Rev. P. F. Donegan. Since that time the new parish school and convent were erected to accomodate four hundred children and he has remained as head of that parish and his work has been most praiseworthy.

#### WALTER FAMILY.

The Walter family is one of the early settled families of Northampton county and there Jacob Walter was born before the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer and made frequent trips to Philadelphia by team. His 30-acre tract, upon which he lived, was located in the vicinity of Hecktown, and there he died about 1840, more than 70 years old. He and family were Lutherans. His children were: Andrew, Hannah (married Adam Klippel, a native of Germany), Susanna (married Samuel Shireman and settled in Lycoming county, Pa.), John (farmer, who in 1870 moved to Michigan), and William (who settled in Indiana).

Andrew Walter, son of Jacob, obtained the homestead of his father. He was born there

December 10, 1820, followed farming and died September 8, 1888, in his 69th year. He married Hettie Snyder, born February 27, 1822, and died April, 1898, aged 76 years. Both are buried at Nazareth, Pa. Their children were: William H.; Susanna (married Jacob Keichen-thal); Richard (died young); Samuel; Lucy (married Lewis Breinig); Sarah (died in her 18th year); Frank; Ellen (married Owen Siegfried); Mary Alice (died aged 20 years); Hettie (married Martin Paules); Nathan (died aged 34 years); Freeman; Dr. Peter E.; Alfred, and Edwin, both of Nazareth. William, Samuel, Freeman and Dr. Peter E. reside at Dallas City, Illinois. William and Freeman are carriage manufacturers. Samuel has a hardware store and was burned out twice; and Dr. Peter E. follows his profession.

FRANK WALTER, son of Andrew, was born December 5, 1848. He began life as a tenant farmer and in five years moved upon his own 78-acre farm in Little Hanover township. He farmed there eleven years, then moved upon his present farm, where he lived until 1892. After having been away ten years, he returned to carry on the farm. This homestead was the property of George Schraher and it consists of 13 acres. The larger farm Mr. Walter has rented to his son, George A. He and family are Lutheran members of the Shoenersville church. He served it as deacon for six years, and as trustee for three years. In politics he is a Democrat, and he served his district as supervisor and school director. On September 8, 1870, he married Mantana, daughter of George and Mary (Willauer) Schraher, who lived where Mr. and Mrs. Walter now make their home. Their five children were: Minnie (married J. Muschlitz, who have a son, Warren); and George A. (married Lizzie Daniel, who have four children: Herbert, Paul, Annie and Edna). Both these families live at Rock & Hill, in Northampton county. Minnie, the third child, married C. W. Culp. They live at Dorney's Park and had four children: George and Myrtle, who died in infancy; Ira T. and Clayton F., who died of diphtheria, aged three years, and were buried in one grave.

#### AARON H. WAMBOLD.

George Wambold, the father of Aaron H. Wambold, was a resident of Lehigh county. He was twice married. By his first wife, Mary, he had the following children: Benneville, lived at Vera Cruz, Pa.; Daniel, was a farmer near Akron, Ohio; Elizabeth (Wagner); Maria, married Henry Smith; Aaron H., and John, lived at Cleveland, Ohio.

Aaron H. Wambold, of Allentown, was born near Hosensack, Pa., September 16, 1857. He worked upon the farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then worked in the iron ore mines on Lehigh mountain until about 1888, when he removed to Old Zionsville, where he was an engineer at an ore mine until 1894, when he accepted a position as fireman with the American Steel and Wire Co., at Allentown, to which city he had moved with his family. Afterwards he was employed respectively with the Rapid Transit Company for six years, C. B. Krouse for two years, Dungan & Frey for six years, and Prince Furniture Company for six years. All told he was employed for fourteen years (the three last places) at 520 Hamilton street. He is now an engineer at the Allentown Hospital. He is an independent voter and devoted member of the United Evangelical Church. He has membership in the P. O. S. of A., the Independent Americans, and the American Steam Engineers.

He married Rebecca Dorney, daughter of Josiah and Maria (Esterly) Dorney, of South Whitehall township.

WANNAMACHER FAMILY.

Marcus, Jacob, Sr., and Philip Wannamacher were cousins and settled in Lynn township at an early day. Marcus located on land around and including Lynnport. He lived in a house which stood by a spring near where the depot at Lynnport now stands. His name does not appear in the assessment of 1781, but the names of Jacob, Sr., Jacob, Jr., Philip, and Casper do appear.

Jacob Wannamacher, Sr., lived near Lynnport. He built the grist mill now owned by Alue Billig. He was born March 28, 1754, and died October 31, 1828. His wife, Anna Maria —, was born in 1757, and died in 1832. They had four children: Jacob (1778-1851), Christian (1779-1862), Daniel (1785-1834), and a daughter who married Jacob Wetherold.

Jacob settled on a part of the tract of his father. He was at one time a county commissioner. His wife was Elizabeth Barbara —, (1786-1872). Their family is scattered.

Christian was born April 11, 1779. He was a miller and farmer at what is now Wanamaker, in Lynn. He died November 4, 1862, in his 84th year. Maria Everett, his wife, was born in 1783, and died in 1840. Their children were: Charles (who was a merchant at Philadelphia, where he died); Daniel, who erected the hotel at Wanamaker, and had four children, Amandes, Albert, Cordelia (m. James K. Mosser), and Sarah (m. Adam Hahn); Sally (m. Samuel Hermany); and Rebecca (m. Jesse Follweiler).

Philip Wannamacher, one of the first three

named, resided on part of the tract upon which Edwin Hermany later lived. He was born June 16, 1760, and died September 24, 1839, in his 80th year. At the time of his death he was the wealthiest man in the township. His wife was Catharine Elizabeth Schitz, who was born in 1758, and died in 1835. Catharine, their only child, was married to Joseph Sechler, and settled on the homestead.

Casper Wannamacher was born February 13, 1780, and settled on part of the original tract which later was owned by his son, Daniel (who was deaf and dumb). Benjamin Henry, of Lynnport, now owns this long-settled homestead. Casper died February 20, 1848. His wife was Elizabeth —, born in 1778, and died in 1855. They had three sons and five daughters: Joseph, Daniel and Jesse; Catharine (m. David Follweiler), Susan (m. Reuben Fetherolf), Mrs. Mathias Kerschner, Anna Maria (m. Abraham Leidy, who also had settled at Lynnport), and another whose name is unknown.

Joseph Wanamaker operated the Wanamaker mill near Lynnport for many years and later he became a drover and moved to Allentown where he died and was buried. He and his wife, Mary Brobst, were Lutherans. Their children were: Lovina, Kate, Daniel, Mary, Sarah, James, Polly, John and Charles B. (the last named at Allentown). He was born in 1853 and became a painter. In 1900 he engaged in the moving picture business. In 1907 he was defeated at the general election for the office of Register of Wills by only 37 votes, after having been a candidate for twenty-one years. He is a member of a number of lodges. He married, first, Alzenia Snyder, and they have one daughter, Annie (married to H. F. Stocker, of Lehighton). In 1897 he married, second, Rosa Hallman.

NEIL A. WARD.

Neil A. Ward, merchant of Allentown, was born in the same city, April 11, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of his native city. At the age of thirteen years he became an office boy and a year later a bookkeeper and for ten years was in the employ of M. F. Morrissey, 729 Hamilton street. From 1898 to 1899 he managed a branch store for M. F. Morrissey in Tamaqua. In 1899 he became the manager of an installment house in Philadelphia and continued there seven years. In 1905 he erected the building at 409 Ridge Avenue and engaged in the ladies' and gents' furnishing business. In politics Mr. Ward is a Democrat and he represented the Sixth ward on the school board for two terms, being a member of the board of control. In 1911 he was one of the most active



men in agitating a bank for the Sixth ward. The bank was opened in 1912. During the period of organization he was secretary. In 1904 he was married to Catharine O'Donnell, daughter of the late Neil and Catharine (Mulligan) O'Donnell. Mrs. Ward was born at McAdoo. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are the parents of the following children: Fred, Mary, Anna, and Neil, Jr.

Patrick Ward the father of Neil A., came from Ireland in 1849, and located at Mauch Chunk and was the first brakeman on a coal train that ran on the L. V. R. R., which road he helped to complete. From Mauch Chunk he moved to Easton, where he was married in 1860 to Ann Gallagher, daughter of James and Mary (Campbell) Gallagher. In 1862 he came to Allentown where he has since resided. He became naturalized in 1854 and has ever since voted the Democratic ticket. He was born in 1832 in County Donegal, Ireland. He now resides at 407 Ridge Avenue which property he erected in 1867. He is the father of the following children: Kate, Minnie, John, James, Charles, and Neil A., mentioned above.

#### REV. A. W. WARFEL.

Rev. A. W. Warfel, pastor of the United Evangelical Church at Catasauqua, was born in the year 1848, son of George B. and Susan Warfel, who lived in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa. He was reared on a farm, and attended the township schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he was deprived from further attending school to continue work on the farm. But he utilized his spare time by hard study, thus acquiring his education. He taught school one term and learned the trade of wagon-maker. He united with the Evangelical church in 1866, and shortly afterward was chosen a class leader, which position he held until in 1873. In 1871 he was frequently called upon by the regular pastor to fill his appointments and he preached somewhere almost every Lord's Day. He also officiated at funerals. He was licensed to preach in 1873 and since then has been in continuous service. He was pastor of the following congregations: Mount Nebo, Terre Hill, Harrisburg, Adamstown (two terms), Shamokin, Reading Trinity, Reading St. Paul, Perkasio, Quakertown, Fleetwood, Emerald, and Catasauqua. About 1,700 persons were converted under his pastorate and added to the church. He was twice married: first to Christie Snavelly, and second, to Rosie Schaffer. He has two sons, one a businessman at Reading, Pa., and the other a druggist at Lancaster, Pa.

#### WARMKESSEL FAMILY.

The ancestor, Michael Warmkessel, was one of the pioneer settlers of Macungie township, now Lehigh county, and in 1762 he paid a tax of six pounds in that district. Among his children were Christian, Francis, and Frederick. The federal census of 1790 records Christian and Frederick as heads of families in Northampton county. The former lived in Lehigh township, and the latter in Allen township. Francis lived near the line of Macungie and Maxatawny townships, and was recorded as having three sons in 1790.

Frederick Warmkessel had sons, Frederick, Jr., and Joseph, also a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Schmoyer, who lived in Upper Macungie township. Joseph Warmkessel accompanied by his brother, Frederick, settled in Longswamp township. He was a farmer and a weaver by trade. His homestead is now owned by a Knappenberger and is upwards of forty acres. Joseph was married to Magdalena, a daughter of Jacob Romig, and they are buried at the Mertztown church of which they were Lutheran members. Their children follow:

Lucus, who lived in Lower Macungie.

Aaron, who lived in Longswamp.

Joseph, who remained upon the homestead.

Jacob, who lived at the Lehigh church.

Thomas, who lived near Rothrocksville.

James, whose history follows.

Lucy Ann, m. Reuben Neumoyer, and they lived in Ohio.

Susan, who died unmarried.

James Warmkessel, of South Whitehall, was born Aug. 29, 1826, in Longswamp township. He attended the old pay schools and paid a tuition from two to two and one-half cents per day. At the age of seventeen years he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed in Maxatawny township. In 1864 he began farming in Upper Macungie and in that year wheat sold at \$3.55 per bushel. For four years he farmed near Catasauqua in Whitehall township. In 1882 he came from Upper Macungie to South Whitehall township, where he owns a valuable farm of sixty acres, situated near Cetronia. He was a Lutheran elder of the Cedarville church for two terms.

On Dec. 21, 1851, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Siegfried) Larash. She died on June 29, 1904, aged 71 years. The following children are born unto them:

Calvin (1853-54).

Anna Louise, m. Peter Sittler.

Cassiann (1856-1858).

Jesse M., of Whitehall township.

Alfred H., of South Whitehall township.

James A. (1861-1863).

Daniel J., resides upon the homestead.

Emma M. (1867-1869).

Sarah A. (1868-1883).

JESSE M. WARMKESSEL, farmer of Whitehall township, was born near Rothrockville, Berks county, Oct. 29, 1859. He was reared upon the farm and learned the blacksmith trade at Fogelsville, which he followed two years. In 1882 he began farming in Whitehall township and two years later he moved to Kutztown, where he also remained two years. He resided at Trexlertown for four years and in 1890 he again moved to Whitehall township and is now conducting the farm of Mrs. Troxell, his mother-in-law. Mr. Warmkessel, politically is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation of Mickleys church, which he has served as deacon, elder, and trustee. In 1881 he was married to Lillie A. J. Troxell, a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Henninger) Troxell. They are the parents of the following children: Gertrude, wife of Harvey G. Helfrich; Alice M. A., wife of Charles Henninger; Anna, died in infancy; Minnie H. A., wife of William Herbater; Ada F., wife of Harvey Worman; Estella E.; Esther; James R.; Oliver J. and Wilbur.

Jacob Warmkessel, son of Joseph, was born Jan. 8, 1814, in Lower Macungie township. He was a tinsmith by trade and had his shop aside of the present Weiler's general store in Lower Macungie. There he carried on the business for many years. He was married to Lovina Dankel, born July 15, 1821, and died in March, 1892. He died on Feb. 8, 1895, aged 81 years. They are buried at the Lehigh church, of which he was an official member of the Lutheran congregation and his wife belonged to the Reformed congregation. They had the following children: 1. Eliza, married to George Christ. 2. Francis. 3. Menno. 4. Jacob E. 5. Telilah, married to Charles Weaver. 6. Mary, married to Henry Romich. 7. Catharine, married to Henry Butz. 8. Ellen, died, aged 16 years. 9. Emma. 10. Aquilla, died, unmarried. 11. George.

Jacob E. Warmkessel, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 17, 1843, at the Lehigh church. At the age of eighteen years he learned the tombstone cutting trade from Daniel Bittenbender. He took his first music lesson from Frank H. Kuder and began his musical career as organist at Hainburg, Pa., during the Civil War, officiating, as was the custom in those days as sexton and tombstone cutter in addition to training the choir and playing the organ at services. He was stationed in Hamburg for eight years and then secured a position in St. Michael's church, Tilden town-

ship, Berks county, where he remained nine years. It was while at St. Michael's that Rev. Benjamin Zweizig preached, who was probably the best known minister, not only in Berks county, but also over Eastern Pennsylvania.

An interesting fact is recalled in connection with his services at this church in that on the day when St. Michael's church was dedicated some fifty carriages were burned up when some one carelessly ignited the leaves in the woods near the church and in which many church members had tied their teams.

From St. Michael's Mr. Warmkessel came to Fogelsville where he has been for thirty years, pursuing in addition to his duties as an organist, the work of stone cutting, at which he is an artist. He is probably the last organist in this section of the state to pursue the trade of stone-cutter.

Lately he has been ill with an affection of the heart and in order that he may not overtax himself he played his valedictory to the congregation at Fogelsville on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1912. His much regretted resignation closed an active musical career of almost fifty years. He probably was the last of country organists whose tenure of office was a life-time, and who in many instances had become more closely identified with the congregation than the preacher himself. Mr. Warmkessel transmitted his musical talents to his children, although but two of them have actively taken up music.

He was married, in December, 1856, to Elemina Wagonhorst, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Ludwig) Wagonhorst, of Maxatawny township. Six children bless their union, viz: Francis R.; Henry J.; Lillian J., married to Richard Kramlich, of Fogelsville; Anna F., married to Dr. D. W. B. Kupp, of Reading; Morris O., died, aged 5 years; and Horace O.

Horace O. Warmkessel, musician, expert accountant, and chief bookkeeper, of the Dietrich Motor Car Company, Allentown, was born Oct. 22, 1883, at Fogelsville. He was educated in the public schools at Fogelsville and graduated from the American Commercial School, Allentown, in 1908. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school. He taught his first two terms at Fogels school in Lower Macungie, the next two terms he taught in Schlauchs school in Upper Macungie and the following three terms he taught at Packer Hill (Fullerton). He wound up his career as a public school teacher in serving the principalship of the Cementon schools during the term of 1907-8. On March 23, 1908, he accepted his present position with the Dietrich Motor Car Company and since October, 1909, he is a notary public.

Mr Warmkessel inherited a musical talent from his father and when a lad of thirteen years took lessons from Frank H. Kuder who also was his father's instructor many years before. Later our subject was a pupil of the late and lamented Prof. C. A. Marks, who was a prominent musician of the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Warmkessel is the organist and choir-leader of the St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, at Rittersville, since February, 1907. He has served as organist and choir leader of the following churches: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fogelsville, 1902-1904; Salem Evangelical church, Allentown, 1904-1906; and the Episcopal Church, Allentown, from 1906 until he began serving the present congregation. He and family are members of the St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran church, at Rittersville.

Socially he has membership in the following lodges: Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M., and Constantine Lodge No. 1113, I. O. O. F.

He was married, June 21, 1911, to Nancy Jenkins, whose father's history appears elsewhere in this volume. Unto them is born a son, Carl Andrew Warmkessel.

Frederick Warmkessel, Jr., removed from the vicinity of Easton to Longswamp township, Berks county, and was a weaver by trade and also followed farming, having a tract of forty acres. He was married and among his children was a son, Samuel, whose history follows.

Samuel Warmkessel for a time was a wool-hat maker in Longswamp township, but later he made brooms during the winter months and in the summer conducted a truck farm in Longswamp, where he died at the age of 71 years. He was a Lutheran member of the Mertztown church which he served as a trustee.

He was married to Susanna Beaver, of Berks county. She died in 1906, aged 82 years. Both are buried in the Mertztown cemetery. Their children were: Jane, Elias, Elizabeth, widow of James Gerry; Rachel, wife of Charles Weiss, Allentown; Moses, whose history follows; Leah, married to Joseph Gilleline, and they reside at Atlantic City, N. J.; and Jonas, of Northampton, Pa.

MOSES WARMKESSEL was born in Longswamp township, Oct. 14, 1855. He attended the local schools and when 12 years old he began working in ore mines. When fifteen years old he became an engineer at the mines at Shamrock, serving the position at that place for three years. Afterwards for a period of seventeen years he followed the same occupation at different ore beds in Berks and Lehigh counties. In 1903 he became a watchman and engineer for Hess Brothers at Allentown. Afterward he was em-

ployed at Fullerton, also the Atlas Portland Cement Company. On March 28, 1908, he became the engineer at the Muhlenberg College, where he has continued up to the present time.

He retains his membership in the Lutheran congregation at Mertztown; and belongs to the Shamrock Beneficial Society.

He married Sarah, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Herbst) Shirey, of Longswamp township. They reside at 235 North Tenth street, Allentown.

#### HENRY L. WASSER.

Henry L. Wasser, foreman of W. F. Mosser & Son Machine Shop, is a grandson of Jesse and Sallie (Weider) Wasser, who was a miller by trade and resided in Salisbury township, the greater part of his life. The latter part of his life he lived retired in Allentown. Franklin Wasser, son of Jesse and Sallie Wasser, was born in Salisbury township, April 16, 1838. At an early age he started to work in a foundry which work he followed nearly all his life, being in the employ of W. F. Mosser & Son, of Allentown for forty-four years, and was foreman of the plant for thirty years. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he enlisted on April 17, 1861 and was a member of Company I, First Penna. Vol. Infantry. When his term of enlistment had expired he re-enlisted and served in Company D, 128 Penn. Vol. Infantry, and was a sergeant in the same. On July 29, 1865, he was married to Leah Hower, a daughter of Peter and Carolina (Minnich) Hower. She was born in Rittersville, Pa., Nov. 7, 1842, and now resides on the old homestead, 334 North Second street, Allentown, with her daughter, Mary H. Wasser, who cares for her in her declining years. The following children were born to this family: George K., born Nov. 13, 1866, died Aug. 23, 1876; Mary H., born Jan. 25, 1876, at home with her mother; Henry L., mentioned below; Sallie C., born May 13, 1873, died Aug. 29, 1876; Elsie N., born July 23, 1874, married to Edward Martin, a wood-carver of Allentown. They have two children: Blanch and Frank; William W., born Sept. 30, 1876, a silk-weaver, married to Martha Poe. They have the following children: Frank, Calvin, John, Lewis, and Leah; Katie C., born Feb. 25, 1878, married to George Kruse, an electrician at Rittersville, Pa., and Blanche, born Aug. 10, 1886, died May 6, 1887.

Henry L. Wasser, son of Frank and Leah (Hower) Wasser, was born in Allentown, Nov. 27, 1871. He received his education in the public schools of his native place and at the age of fourteen years he started to work in Shimers'

hosiery mill in Allentown. The following year, 1889, he entered the employ of W. F. Mosser & Son, as an apprentice and later worked in all of the departments of the foundry and on the death of his father in 1907, succeeded him as foreman of the plant, having under his supervision fifty men. He and family are members of Grace Evangelical church, in Allentown, and he is a member of the following social organizations: Knights of Malta and the Knights of Friendship. On May 30, 1899 he was married to Katie A. Seip, a daughter of Reuben and Susan (Barto) Seip. They reside at 1423 Gordon street, Allentown, Pa.

#### WALTER LEISENRING WATSON.

Walter Leisenring Watson, the superintendent and general manager of the Clear Spring Water Co., at Catasauqua, was born in Montrose, Susquehanna county, Penna., March 31, 1870, and is of Scotch descent. The Watson family is one of the old and honored English families. The name appears frequently in the literary, scientific and ecclesiastical annals of Great Britain. John Watson, a great uncle of Walter Leisenring Watson, founded the John Watson University of Edinburgh, and also endowed the University of Edinburgh. The founder of the American Watson family was Walter Watson, who migrated from Scotland in the first quarter of the Nineteenth Century and settled along the Hudson river in New York, where he stayed for some time and then returned again to Scotland. His son, Walter, who was born in Scotland in 1819, remained in America, and after his father's return to his native country purchased a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and erected a homestead which still remains in possession of the family. He married Candace Hammond, and to them were born seven children: William, was twice married and had two children, Edward and Gertrude; Willoughby W.; Candace, who married and was the mother of two daughters; Culley, married to Orrie Washburn; Rose, married to Daniel Hanna; John; and Delia, married to Charles Tyler.

Willoughby W. Watson, the father of Walter Leisenring, was born in New Milford, Susquehanna county, in 1842. He acquired his education in the public schools, began teaching at an early age and when only nineteen years was superintendent of the schools of Susquehanna county. He studied law in the office of Judge Fitch and subsequently became a partner of his preceptor. He soon became one of the leaders of the Susquehanna Bar. In 1875 he was elected State Senator, being the first Republican Senator elected

from the district. In 1883 he removed to Scranton and continued to practice law. Mr. Watson is not only a lawyer of high standing, but also a business man and financier. He is vice-president of the Trader's National Bank of Scranton, President of the Pennsylvania Casualty Company of Scranton, director of the Cement National Bank of Siegfried's, Pa., the Clear Spring Water Co. of Catasauqua, and of the Whitehall Portland Cement Co. He is married to Annie Kemmerer, and they have six children: Walter L.; Charles; Gertrude, who died in infancy; Albert, married to Mabel Wheeler; Annie, and Candace.

Walter Leisenring Watson was born at Montrose, Susquehanna county, Pa., March 31, 1870. He received his preliminary training in the public schools and the Scranton Preparatory School, after which he entered Swarthmore College, taking the course of civil and mining engineering, and was graduated with the class of 1893. After graduation he accepted a position of mining engineer with the Mt. Jessup Coal Co. He remained with them for about a year, when he resigned to accept the position of mining engineer and assistant superintendent of the Mid Valley Coal Company, at Mt. Carmel, in whose employ he continued for six years. In 1897 he came to Cementon, Lehigh county, and was superintendent of the Whitehall Water Co., and Whitehall Land Improvement Co., and had charge of the construction of the Clear Spring Water plant and system. Since the completion of the Clear Spring water system Mr. Watson has served as its superintendent and general manager.

Mr. Watson is a member of the Presbyterian church and has served the congregation as trustee and treasurer for eight years. He is a member of Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. & A. M., the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was one of the organizers of the Charotin Fire Co. of North Catasauqua and served as its first president; he also was one of the organizers of the Charotin Social Club in 1908, and is a member of its board of governors. In 1900 he was married to Margaret E. Boyer, a daughter of Reuben and Rebecca (Schaffer) Boyer, of Catasauqua. They have three children: Candace M., Margaret B., and Gertrude K. In politics he is a Republican.

#### WEAVER FAMILY.

Frederick Weber, who is believed to have been the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the family, was doubtless a German, for in the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and in the deed of conveyance of property to his son, George, in 1770, his name is written in German script "Freyedrich Weber."

The date of his arrival is unknown, but it was probably prior to 1727, inasmuch as his name does not appear in the list of those who took the "Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania, 1727-1775, with the foreign arrivals, 1786-1808, printed in the Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series, Vol. 17, 1890.

Among the earliest entries on the records of Augustus Evangelical Lutheran church (the Trappe church) is the baptism on April 8, 1731, of George Weber, born April 4, 1731, son of Catherine and Frederick Weber. From this and other entries wherein the names of Frederick Weber and Catherine, his wife, are referred to, it is probable that they lived at no great distance from the Trappe church, then in New Providence township, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania.

The honorable the proprietors granted unto Frederick Weber several warrants, dated June 8, 1743, for 100 acres in Lower Saucon, which township was formed out of Saucon in that year, and for which Frederick Weber was a petitioner. Another warrant, Feb. 13, 1747, for twenty-five acres and another warrant, Oct. 20, 1752, for thirty acres; all of these were in Saucon township, Bucks, now Northampton county, Pa., and contiguous to another tract in the Lehigh Hills, containing fifty-six acres. Frederick Weber later made division of the lands aforesaid, between his two sons, George and Michael, in equal parts. Frederick Weber died in 1773, for, on December 23d of that year, his son, Jacob, applied to the Orphan's Court for proceedings in partition of his deceased father's land. In the petition he states that as his father died intestate, leaving five children, etc., he asked that the land be divided or that it be sold to him and he pay the other children their share. The latter method was adopted by the court and Jacob became possessor of the land. As no mention is made of Catherine, wife of Frederick, she probably preceded him in death.

The five children of Frederick and Catherine Weber were as follows; there were as the church records show, others who died prior to 1773: first, Jacob, the eldest, was born in 1727, for in the Trappe church records it is recorded that "on April 13, 1746, Jacob Weber from Saucon, aged nineteen, son of Frederick," was confirmed. The records of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Lehigh county, Pa., records that on Dec. 18, 1750, Jacob Weber, son of Frederick Weber, was married to Johanna Margaretha Herbold; second George Weber, born April 4, 1731, baptized April 8, 1731, received land from his father as above noted on which he resided until his death which occurred before that of his father and sometime between July 28, 1770, and

Sept. 8, 1770. (Will in Register of Wills office, Easton, Pa.) He was survived by a widow, Ann Barbara, who prior to March 7, 1772, married Anthony Stock, and three children, all under fourteen years of age, viz: Catharine, married John Moyer; Valentine; Mary, married, first, Desh; second, Heinle. Died about 1847.

The final settlement in this estate was not made until 1787. George Weber served as a private in Capt. Solomon Jennings' Rangers of Northampton county, Pa., 1763. Third, Michael Weber, born Sept. 29, 1738, died Dec. 24, 1826. Fourth, Ann Margaret Weber was married May 3, 1757, to John Arnold Eberhard (Everhard), of Egypt. She died Aug. 9, 1824, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. They were the great-grandparents of the late William White Cottingham, LL.D., for nearly sixty years superintendent of public instruction in Easton, Pa., and of William White Moon, now of Nazareth, Pa. Another descendant is Vilas Everhart of Easton, Pa. Fifth, Catharine, mentioned in a list of communicants in May, 1750.

Valentine Weaver, who was the first to anglicize the family name, son of George Weber and Anna Barbara Weber (No. 2 above), was born in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, Sept. 12, 1766. On August 14, 1781, he was indentured an apprentice unto Jacob Sellman, of Frederick, Maryland, to the tanner and currier's trades, and to be taught "to read, write and cast accounts," and at the expiration of his apprenticeship to receive "one new suit full, cloth clothes, one hat, two shirts, one pair shoes, one pair stockings, and five pounds specie." (See Minutes of the Court of Frederick county, Md.) Why he should have been sent so far from home to learn this trade when there were tanneries in abundance nearer home is not known. Upon completing his apprenticeship, he located at Easton, Penna., where he engaged in the tanning and currying business until about the year 1805, when he removed to Stockertown, Northampton county, Pa., and erected the spacious stone dwelling still standing and the tannery nearby, which for 75 years was in operation and known as "Weaver's Tannery." Here he died Oct. 25, 1838, and is buried in the Forks churchyard, a mile distant. He was active in church, political and military affairs. He was an officer in the Lutheran Church and a member of the Democratic party. He took an active part at the various political gatherings, frequently acting as chairman of such meetings, and several addresses to the voters of the county were issued in print over his name. In 1814 he was elected a county commissioner, the only public office he ever held. In 1808 he was a member of the 71st

Regiment, Penna. Militia. He was married Dec. 4, 1788, to Christiana Weygandt, born December 13, 1771, and died May 8, 1849. The latter was a daughter of Captain Jacob Weygandt and Catherine Nowlane, his wife. Captain Weygandt was an officer in the Revolutionary War, taking part in a number of prominent engagements. He founded and published the first newspaper in Northampton county, Penna., (1793), served three years in the State House of Representatives (1808-1811); a presidential elector in 1808, and county treasurer from 1813 to 86. He was born at Germantown, Pa., Dec. 13, 1742, and died at Easton, July 11, 1828, and his wife was born Jan. 17, 1751, and died Dec. 7, 1834.

Valentine Weaver and Christiana Weygandt Weaver had children, as follows:

A. Daughter, born Dec. 5, 1789, died December 5, 1789.

B. Jacob Weaver, born Jan. 12, 1791, died at Nazareth, Penna., Oct. 3, 1870. He was associated with his father and succeeded him in the tanning and currying business until his retirement about 1856, when he removed to Nazareth, Pa. He was a member of the Easton Union Guards in 1824; the minority candidate for county treasurer in 1829. He was interested in educational and religious affairs. He was twice married (1) on Aug. 16, 1817, to Elizabeth Geiger, born Nov. 27, 1789, died March 20, 1827; (2) on Jan. 29, 1828, to Margaret Reimer, born Sept. 27, 1800, died Jan. 20, 1888. In these marriages were born six sons and nine daughters, viz: Catherine, married Joseph Roseberry; Elizabeth; Michael, married Caroline Barnet; Anna Maria; Sabina; Jacob Weygandt, married Sarah Ann Frey; William Henry, married Elizabeth Rebecca Abel; Valentine Margaret Ellen, married Aaron Lerch; Martha Matilda, married James H. Wilhelm; Thomas Hart Benton, married Araminta Fogel; Ethan Allen; Julia, married Edward T. Grunewalt; Ann Sabina Hecht, married (1) Lucius Edgar Ricksecker, (2) Edward Cress; Mary Alice. Two of the sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War; a grandson of Jacob Weaver was the late Captain William Herman Wilhelm, a graduate of West Point, who was mortally wounded in action near Lipa, Batangas Province, Luzon, P. I., June 10, and died June 12, 1901. Another grandson is Ethan Allen Weaver (son of William Henry above), the writer of these notes, a sketch of whom accompanies this.

C. George Weaver, born June 15, 1793, died May 2, 1854. He was by occupation a tanner and was a member of the Easton Union Guards, 1824. He married Sarah Herster, of Easton,

born Jan. 7, 1796, died Oct. 20, 1816. In this marriage were born three daughters: Louisa, married William Cawley; Sabina Christiana, married John Frey; Sarah, married John Slough.

D. John Weaver, born Nov. 21, 1795, died May, 1877. He was a tanner and currier and for the most of his life resided at the Wind Gap, Northampton county, Penna. He married, in 1817, Elizabeth Levers, born April 8, 1796, died November, 1875. They had issue, six sons and one daughter: Mary Ann Elizabeth; Valentine George, married Lydia Shiffer; Jeremiah, married Elizabeth Eley; Joseph Michael; John, married Matilda Mill; Ferdinand; and Thomas Jefferson, married Harriet Johnson. Three of the sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

E. Michael Joseph Weaver, born April 21, 1798, died July 3, 1799.

F. Charles Weaver, born March 8, 1801, died Sept. 2, 1870. He was a tanner and currier by occupation and for some time in partnership with his brother Jacob in the business at Richmond, Northampton county, Penna. He served in the State Militia and in 1835 was a candidate for brigade inspector. He was for some years a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred at Jersey Shore, Penna. He married, March 24, 1825, Catherine B. Hummel, born Nov. 9, 1803, died July 2, 1891. They had issue, four sons and five daughters: Valentine Weygandt, married Mary Mickley; Anna Elizabeth, married Isaac W. Hales; Charles Carroll, married Martha Pringle; Benjamin Hinds, married Mary Duff; Malinda Louisa, married John Ferron Brown; Mary Katherine, married Martin A. Thomas; Philip Hilgart, married Kate Foust; Frances Rebecca, married James R. McMurray; and Emma Beulah, married Henry L. Christ. Two sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

G. Michael weaver, born Nov. 21, 1803, died April 17, 1876. He was a tanner by trade and during his residence in Plainfield township, Northampton county, Penna., he served for some years as postmaster and justice of the peace. In 1835 he was a candidate for brigade inspector, First Brigade, 7th Division, Pa. Militia. In 1840 he returned to Easton and for twenty-five years was assessor of the "old Bushkill" and Fourth wards; he also served two terms in the borough council. He resided continuously for thirty-six years in the house in which he died, northwest corner Bushkill and Bank streets. He married, Nov. 7, 1826, Susan Catherine Whitesell, born April 17, 1809, died Jan. 15, 1888. They had issue, three sons and two daughters: Valentine, married Anna Margaret Haveling; Helen; Joseph; Susan Cath-



erine; and Jacob Weygandt. Two sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War; one of these, Jacob Weygandt, graduated at Lafayette College in 1859 and for all his lifetime was a teacher, for some years principal of the boys' high school, of Easton.

H. Susan Weaver, born Feb. 7, 1807, died March 12, 1879. She married, Sept. 24, 1835, Thomas Kreidler, died May 2, 1889, and had issue, two sons and four daughters: Christianna Louisa, married Thomas Jefferson Hay; Cornelius Weygandt, married Catherine Babp; Thomas Joseph, married Elmina Shall; Susan Catherine; Elizabeth Hinds, married (1) Jacob L. Hay, (2) Bartholomew Bietz; Margaret Ellen, married Edwin Brown.

I. Christina Weaver, born March 5, 1810, died Jan. 19, 1890. She married, June 11, 1834, Jacob Haenchen. They had issue, three sons and three daughters: A daughter, died in infancy; Emma Camelia, married Julius Deininger; Philip Augustus, married Margaret Eisenbise; Daniel Webster; Anna Catherine, married Samuel Rote; and Constantine Bertrand.

J. Catherine Weaver, born Dec. 9, 1812, died Sept. 12, 1882. She married (1) John Price, of Pricetown, Penna., a widower, who died May 27, 1851; (2) on April 27, 1854, Jonas Gockley, of Reamstown, Lancaster county, Penna. He died at Lancaster, Penna., Nov. 11, 1881. They had issue: one son, Edward Hugo, married Sarah E. Richards.

K. Mary Ann Weaver, born Oct. 15, 1818, died Feb. 24, 1846. She married, Dec. 24, 1839, Adolph Groetzinger, and had issue: one daughter, Augusta P., married (1) Nelson P. Kramer, (2) John F. Lovett.

Ethan Allen Weaver, son of William Henry and Elizabeth Rebecca (Abel) Weaver, was born June 7, 1853, in Northampton county. He was educated in the schools of Nazareth and Easton and under a private tutor and graduated from Lafayette College with the degree of civil engineer in 1874, and Master of Science in 1877. From September, 1874, to April, 1875, he was an assistant in the chemical laboratory and pursued a post graduate course in chemistry. During the years 1875 to 1877 he was engaged in miscellaneous literary pursuits and journalism. On Jan. 24, 1878, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and served fifteen years in the civil engineering department, with the chief engineer of construction, and since 1893 with the chief engineer of maintenance of way, as draughtsman, chief draughtsman, statistician, chief clerk, and assistant engineer.

On June 23, 1903, Governor Pennypacker commissioned Mr. Weaver a member of the com-

mission to erect a monument on the battlefield of Germantown, and on March 1, 1905, the governor commissioned him a member of the commission to direct and supervise the preservation of the historical archives of the state. He is at present a member of the Advisory Commission for the Preservation of the Public Records, which he was first commissioned on Jan. 31, 1906, by Governor Pennypacker, and re-commissioned by Governors Stuart and Tener.

Mr. Weaver is a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Moravian Historical Society, the Historical Society of Bucks County, the Pennsylvania German Society, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, of which he was secretary from 1892 to 1910; a warrant member of Colonial Lodge, No. 631, F. & A. M., and one of its trustees, and a member of the fraternity since 1875, and a life companion of Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia. He was one of the founders of the Chi Phi Fraternity at Lafayette College in 1874, and is an honorary member of the Yale University (Omicron) Chapter.

In 1890 he compiled and edited the General Historical and Biographical Register of the Chi Phi Fraternity (470 pp.), and in 1898 the Decennial Register of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution (475 pp.), and has compiled and edited several thousand pages of other genealogical, biographical and historical matter relating to the latter society. He has also written a memorial of Capt. Wm. H. Wilhelm, 21st Inf., U. S. A., killed in the Philippines in 1901, prepared for the Alumni Association of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point; memoir of Owen Rice, Captain 153d Regt., Penna. Vol. Inf., 1862-63; genealogy of the Weygandt Family (Germantown Branch), 1897, and a series of contributions to the Easton newspapers relating to the history of that community (limited edition in book form). He married, in 1883, Miss Mary M. Patterson, and they had four children, one of whom, Kenneth P., born 1886, died in 1892. The three surviving children are Marguerite Elizabeth, Gertrude, and Cornelius W. Mr. Weaver resides at 251 West Harvey street, Germantown.

Valentine W. Weaver, the eldest son of Charles, was born Jan. 9, 1826, and started life for himself in a general store. After continuing for some years in stores at Berlinsville, Easton and Catasauqua until he became twenty years old he learned the trade of machinist in the shop of the Crane Iron Works at Catasauqua, and his rapid progress led to his employment by the company as agent of their extensive mining interests. Afterward he became identified in the successful

management of different large furnaces, especially at Alburtis, Macungie and Coplay, which was highly creditable to him, and also with a number of financial institutions. In religion he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Republican. He was married in 1848 to Mary Mickley, daughter of Jacob, of Whitehall township, and they had eight children: Charles, who died in infancy; William M.; James W.; Valentine W.; Anna Elizabeth; Mary Jane; Catharine May; and Emily Rebecca. [For ancestors of Jacob Mickley, see Mickley Family in this publication.] James W., of Easton, is secretary and treasurer of the Thomas Iron Company. Valentine W. was born in 1857 and died at Coplay, Jan. 21, 1901. He married Annie Levan.

MRS. ELLA SINGMASTER WEAVER, of Macungie, is the widow of William Mickley Weaver, deceased. He was born July 18, 1851, at Catasauqua. He received his preliminary education in the local schools and at Williamsport; then entered the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia for the purpose of becoming an expert mechanic, and after spending three years there in learning the trade in its several branches he received the responsible appointment of superintendent of the large Lock-Ridge Furnaces at Alburtis, in Lehigh county, as successor of his father, which gave him the distinction of being the youngest furnace superintendent in eastern Pennsylvania. He filled this position for two years when he was selected to again succeed his father as the superintendent of the Macungie Furnace, and he directed the operations on this plant in a successful manner for twelve years until his decease, March 19, 1890.

While at Alburtis, Mr. Weaver assisted in organizing and establishing the Presbyterian church, and he continued his membership and support until he died. He took an early interest in photography and became the first amateur photographer of distinction in Lehigh county. He secured many views of historic buildings in the vicinity of Macungie, among others, and some of them were selected for interesting embellishments of the history of the borough.

In 1881 he was married to Ella Singmaster, daughter of James, and they had two children: William Singmaster and Edna May. The son, William S., was born in 1886, received his education in Macungie, Shippensburg State Normal School, and Bethlehem Preparatory School, graduating from the latter in 1904; then engaged in the automobile business at Allentown for three years after which he directed his attention to farming and has since been so engaged; was married to M. Adelaide Hufford, daughter of George, of Allentown, and they have one child,

Elizabeth Adelaide. The daughter, Edna M., was married to Walter G. Linton, of Philadelphia, and they have two sons, Donald W. and James.

Charles C. Weaver, the second son of Charles, was born at Richmond, near Easton, Pa., on April 12, 1830. He was an ore-mine operator in Lehigh county, and a resident of Allentown for many years. He was a Democrat and served as a street commissioner during the administration of Col. S. D. Lehr, then mayor of the city. He died May 15, 1905.

Mr. Weaver was married to Martha, daughter of John Pringle, of Plymouth, in Luzerne county, Pa., and they had nine children: William C.; John B.; Alfred E., who died in infancy; Frank D.; Elizabeth M.; Gertrude B.; Burton V., who died at age of twenty years; Valentine W., and Ruth C. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

FRANK D. WEAVER, of the firm of Shimer & Weaver at Allentown, a son of Charles C. Weaver, was born at Plymouth, on May 14, 1863. When five years old, he accompanied his parents to Lehigh county. They located at Guth Station on the C. & F. R. R., and there he attended the public school until he became seventeen years old, when he entered the employ of Shimer & Laub, carpet merchants at Allentown, No. 637 Hamilton street, and continued there until the death of both his parents, and then, in 1893, Mr. Shimer retired from the partnership upon which occasion he sold his interest to his son, Joseph P., and Mr. Weaver. The transfer including Mr. Weaver was a well-deserved compliment to him for his faithful and efficient services. The business was then carried on under the name of Shimer, Laub & Weaver, until the decease of Mr. Laub, when it was changed to Shimer & Weaver, and so it has continued until now. Mr. Weaver has been intimately associated with the Shimer family for thirty-four years, and during this long period he has looked upon Mr. Shimer, Sr., as a father. He is a notable example of what a young man, with an humble start in life, can accomplish, fortified by industry, perseverance and integrity.

In 1888 Mr. Weaver was married to Mary E., daughter of John T. and Julia (Bush) Burdge, of Allentown, formerly of New Jersey. They have one son, Edgar, a graduate of the Allentown high school with the class of 1904, and now an efficient electrician in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company. The son was married to Mary B., daughter of Morris Schantz, of Allentown, and they have a son, Franklin S. They are members of the Linden Street Methodist Episcopal church.

Jacob Weber, eldest son of Frederick, the emigrant, settled in later years in Allen township, where he died June 30, 1790. He was a farmer and tanner and had four children: George, Jacob, John and Catharine. Catharine was born in 1763, married Henry Fatzinger and died in 1835.

Jacob Weaver, who is said to have been a son of Jacob, Sr., was born in Upper Saucon, Aug. 8, 1774. He removed to Allentown and died there Aug. 4, 1855. His wife, Susanna, was born Dec. 19, 1777, and died Jan. 18, 1855. They had six children: Thomas, born 1799, died 1860; Margaret, born 1800, died 1886, unmarried; David, born 1802, died 1879, unmarried; Sarah, born 1806, died 1874, unmarried; Joseph, and Solomon.

Joseph Weaver was born in 1813, and died in 1877. He married Sarah Ritter, born 1821, died 1883, and had two children: Thomas, who married Elemina Butz, and Susie, born May 5, 1847, who married, Sept. 14, 1865, Samuel Adams, of South Bethlehem, born July 25, 1837, died Feb. 22, 1902, and had four children: John, Joseph W., Henry and Susie.

Solomon Weaver, youngest son of Jacob, was born in 1826, and died in 1857. He was a merchant on Hamilton street, east of Tenth street, and married Sarah Ludwig. They had two sons: Milton D. and Jacob D.

Jacob D. Weaver, son of Solomon, was educated in the schools of the city and the Allentown Academy. From 1874 to 1886, he was engaged in the cigar manufacturing business with his brother, after which he was for four years in the meat business. From 1890 to 1898, he was a member of the firm of Reinhard and Weaver, contractors, and from 1898 to 1904, of the Allentown Paving and Construction Company, after which he continued the contracting business alone. Mr. Weaver married, in 1875, Maria Kressley, and they had six children: a son, died young; Solomon N.; Addie S.; Dr. Joseph M.; Margaret, married Donald McKenzie, and Ruth C.

SOLOMON N. WEAVER, son of Jacob D., was born Dec. 10, 1875, and was educated in the public schools and high school of Allentown. He early entered business life as superintendent for the firm of Reinhard & Weaver, with whom he continued for three years, after which he was a member of the firm of Allentown Paving and Construction Company from 1898 to 1904. On April 1, 1904, he started the Weaver Contracting Company, of which he is sole owner, and is engaged as a general contractor in heavy construction work and cement work. Among the contracts executed by this company have been

work on the H. Leh & Co. building, the approaches for the Catasauqua bridge, the pikes in Whitehall township through Cementon and from Coplay to Egypt, sewers in and about the city of Allentown, and superintending the paving with vitrified brick and macadam of the road from Wilkes-Barre to Kingston. He employs on an average forty-five men. Mr. Weaver also operates the Weaver and the Koehler limestone quarries at Sumner avenue and Seventh street.

Mr. Weaver married, July 11, 1900, Rebecca Mae Yost, daughter of Rev. Henry Yost, deceased, and his wife, Mary Spang, of Reading. They are members of Zion Reformed church. Mr. Weaver is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

DR. JOSEPH M. WEAVER, son of Jacob D. and Maria Weaver, was born Aug. 14, 1882, in Allentown. He attended the public schools and high school and Muhlenberg College, graduating in 1903, then attended a medical college at Philadelphia, graduating in 1906, then engaged in practice in Allentown, where he has met with success. He is a member of the following named societies: American Medical, Lehigh Valley Medical, Lehigh County Medical and Zion Reformed church.

He married, Sept. 25, 1906, Frances Preston Jones.

Henry Weber, a farmer, owned 275 acres in Upper Saucon, where he died about 1783. He had eight children: Henry, Jr., of Upper Saucon; Caspar, who kept the ferry at Allentown, and whose wife, Anna Maria, died May 6, 1798, aged fifty-two years; John, of Allen township; Michael, of Maxetawny; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Bretz; Sarah, wife of Leonard Reichard; Susanna, married, first, Jacob Beyer, and second, John Groter, and Hannah, married Joseph Hornecker.

Michael Weaver, born 1770, was of German descent, the son of John and Barbara Weaver. He was an extensive farmer and merchant, and also owned and operated a tannery on his premises in Allen township. Owing to his efforts, a postoffice was established in 1831 and named Weaversville in his honor, and he was the first postmaster.

He was a prominent man in this community; a Whig, and captain of a company in the War of 1812. He married Magdalena Dreisbach, born 1772, died 1860. He died Dec. 2, 1834. Issue: David, Thomas and Samuel.

Samuel Weaver, son of Michael Weaver, was born in 1808 at Weaversville. His education was acquired in the public schools, and at an

early age he, together with his two brothers, David and Thomas, formed a partnership to carry on the business founded by their father. Later on he purchased his brothers' interests, becoming the owner of the old homestead of 100 acres, with the tannery, located at Catasauqua creek. In 1835 he was appointed postmaster, holding that position during all his lifetime.

His mercantile establishment was the largest in the vicinity. In early days he bought his goods in Philadelphia and New York, they being conveyed to him first by teams, then by canal, and finally by rail.

He was very active in promoting the educational interests of his community. He donated the site of the Weaversville Academy, and was one of the foremost movers in its establishment, and he was secretary of the Board of Trustees until his decease, in 1863. He was a Republican, and for many years the treasurer of the Lutheran church, and also superintendent of the Sunday school.

He married Sarah Boyer, daughter of Jacob Boyer (a prosperous farmer of Allen township); born 1819, in Howertown, and died in 1893. Issue: William T., Amelia M., Jane S., Joseph A., Amanda E., Clinton F., David M., Annie C., Frances C., and Samuel J., of whom below.

William T. became a traveling salesman, and during the war of '61 was a sergeant in the 153d Pennsylvania Infantry. Jane S. married Dr. J. F. Raub, of Washington, D. C. Amanda E. married Rev. E. Martins, of Hillsboro, Ill. Annie C. married George Green, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Frances married and removed to Boston.

DR. SAMUEL J. WEAVER, son of Samuel and Sarah (Boyer) Weaver, was born Sept. 2, 1850, in Weaversville, where he assisted his father in his business, and attended the public schools and the academy, and at the age of seventeen, began the study of medicine with Dr. J. F. Raub.

He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1872, being the youngest in the class. He first engaged in practice in Weaversville, then in 1883 removed to Bethlehem, where he had a large practice.

He was a charter member of the Lehigh Valley Medical Association; an active member of the State, County and American Medical Associations; was medical examiner for various insurance companies and fraternal orders. He was a member of the Cypress Commandery, K. of H.; the first treasurer of the Grand Commandery of the state of Pennsylvania, serving three terms; was a member of the I. O. O. F. and an elder in Christ's Reformed church. In politics, a Republican; from 1888 to 1891, county coroner.

He married, Dec. 5, 1822, Miss Mary J. Weaver, of Lower Saucon. Issue: S. Herbert, who married June 30, 1909, Florence B. Laubach, and resides with his mother.

Dr. Weaver died Jan. 17, 1905, and was interred in the cemetery at Bethlehem.

Mrs. Weaver, in 1912, removed to West Bethlehem. She is a member of Christ's Reformed church of Bethlehem, and is also connected with the Ladies' Aid Society and the Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

William T. Weaver died at Bethlehem, May 11, 1902, aged 64 years. He married Catharine Lilley and had six children: Lewis A., and Fred W., of St. Louis; John D., of the New York *Sun*; Thaddeus H., of Allentown; Arthur J., of Steelton, and Herbert S., of Bethlehem.

Samuel S. Weaver, son of Tobias Weaver, was born in 1821 in Lower Saucon township. He became the owner of three farms which are now owned by the Lehigh Coke Company. He was a prominent and active citizen of the community; a lifelong member of the Lower Saucon Reformed church; was a deacon, elder and trustee. He died in 1908 and was buried at Lower Saucon church.

Samuel S. Weaver married Sarah A. Oberly, daughter of Anthony Oberly. Issue, ten children: Isadora, who died aged two years; Theodorus, died from wounds received at Gettysburg; Titus, who bought the homestead farm and resided there until his decease, in 1911; Mary J., married Dr. S. J. Weaver, of Weaversville; Louisa R., married J. T. Shimer; Milton S.; Robert N., of Hess Brothers, of Allentown; Irwin, who died in infancy; Annie, married Rev. S. A. Mitman, of South Bethlehem, and Ida M., married the late Isaac P. Koplin, a carpenter.

MILTON S. WEAVER, son of Samuel and Sarah A. (Oberly) Weaver, was born in 1855, in Lower Saucon, now the home of the Lehigh Coke Company. He was reared upon the farm and when his school days were over, he worked a farm adjoining the homestead, continuing to do so for nine years. In 1888 he came to Bethlehem and was employed by the Adams Express Company, both as driver and train messenger for a period of about ten years. In 1898 he became one of the organizers of the Hanover Manufacturing Company, and in 1907 he became the owner of the West End Hosiery Mills, which business he has since carried on. In politics he is a Republican, is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs; was a member of the Bethlehem school board for two full terms.

Milton S. Weaver was married in 1897 to Emma Boyer, daughter of William and Mary

(Rath) Boyer, of Macungie. Issue: William S., of California, a contractor and builder at Alhambra, Los Angeles county; R. Calvin, of Bethlehem, of the firm of Young & Weaver; Arthur B., employed by Roller Smith Company, Hanover township, and Russell M., who is his father's assistant.

Thomas Weber lived in Upper Saucon, where he was born and died at Coopersburg, Dec. 6, 1882, aged over seventy years. As early as 1850 he was a tailor at Coopersburg and was a member of the Lutheran congregation at the Blue church, which he served some years as deacon and elder. He married Susan Funk, of Bucks county, who died March 19, 1885. They had four children: Milton F.; William F.; Preston, who was a partner of his brother, Milton F., in the butchering business and Emma, married George W. Heaney and lived at Coopersburg, where the widow still resides.

William F. Weaber, son of Thomas, was born in Upper Saucon, near Chestnut Hill, Aug. 31, 1846, and died at Allentown, Dec. 29, 1905. He was educated in the common schools and afterward engaged in teaching school for eight years in Salisbury and Lower Macungie and at Applebachsville, Northampton county. Later he attended and graduated from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., when he entered the employ of the P. & R. R. Co. and for seven years was freight and ticket clerk at the East Penn Junction. In 1877 he became bookkeeper and buyer for Leisenring, Trexler & Co. and continued with them until 1882, and afterward with their successors, Trexler & Hartzell, as bookkeeper and manager until 1893. Then he became a partner of W. J. Hartzell, trading as the Welt Bote Publishing Company, in which he continued until his death. At the same time he was one of the four partners who started the *Allentown Daily Leader*, on Aug. 28, 1893, and continued as a partner until his decease. He was prominently identified with the Democratic party and was for thirty-eight years a member of Coopersburg Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was one of the organizers of St. Michael's Lutheran church in 1876 and for eight years served as a faithful teacher of the English Bible class.

Mr. Weaber married, Sept. 20, 1870, Tevillia, daughter of Jonas and Matilda (Hottenstein) Hartzell. She was born in Lower Macungie, Oct. 28, 1851, and died at Allentown, Jan. 3, 1905. They had four children: Oliver T.; Jennie M.; Gertrude E., married Rev. Harry K. Lantz, pastor of the Lutheran church at Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, and Dr. Thomas H.

Oliver T. Weaber was born in Allentown, June 12, 1871, and was educated in the public schools of the city and the high school, from which he graduated on June 21, 1888. He also attended Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he graduated Sept. 26, 1888. He then became yardmaster and dispatcher for the L. V. R. R. Co. at East Penn Junction and served until April 4, 1890, when he entered the employ of Trexler and Hartzell, publishers, and he continued with them and their successors to the present time. He is now filling the position of business manager of the *Daily Leader*, and is also acting as manager of the printing department of the Welt Bote Printing Company. He has been one of the publishers of the Allentown directory for five consecutive years, the publishers of which won the "Grand Prix" at the National Convention of the Directory Publishers' Association of the United States. He is also interested in the publication of mercantile directories.

Mr. Weaber is a Democrat in politics and served as a school director in the Fourth ward from 1899 to 1911 and officiated as secretary from 1905. He was also a member of the Board of Control for three years. He served as jury commissioner of the county from 1901 to 1903, and in 1911 was elected recorder of deeds, which office he now fills. He is prominently identified with eleven secret and beneficial societies and passed through the chairs of six of them. He has been a member of the Liberty Fire Company, No. 5, since 1892, served as president for seven years and since 1908 is foreman; and is also a member of the State Firemen's Association since 1896. Mr. Weaber married, April 18, 1893, Loeda S., daughter of William and Catharine (Kern) Sell, of Allentown, and they have three children: Margaret K., William F. and Lucy E.

DR. THOMAS H. WEABER, youngest son of William F., was born in Allentown, July 7, 1883. He attended the public schools of Allentown, graduating from the high school in 1900 and afterward also from the Bethlehem Preparatory School in 1901 and from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1905. He was resident physician at St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, in 1906, and in the fall of that year established an office in Allentown, locating at 211 North Eighth street, where he has since resided. He has been resident physician for the poor of Allentown since Jan. 1, 1908; one of the medical inspectors for the city school district and is examining physician for two life insurance companies. He is a member of the Allentown Academy of Medicine, the Le-

high County, Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; Allen Commandery, No. 20, K. T.; Allentown Lodge, No. 130, B. P. O. E., and several other secret societies. He married, Jan. 20, 1909, Laura, daughter of Harry J. and Laura (Newhard) Dehnhardt, of Allentown, and they have one child, Jean D.

Henry Weaver is supposed to have come from England to America. He landed at Philadelphia, where for some time he followed cigarmaking. He removed from thence, to Allentown, (date unknown). He became a man of considerable prominence. He was appointed postmaster of Allentown in Feb. 1824, holding the office up to 1833. He was born Feb. 28, 1774, and died Oct. 23, 1836, and was buried in the old cemetery at Linden and Tenth streets. His wife, Mary, was born Feb. 24, 1774, and died Aug. 24, 1835. His son, William Wildey Weaver, was born Jan. 10, 1802, in Philadelphia, coming to Allentown with his parents. He was educated in the public schools, and on attaining manhood became the owner of much real estate located in the west end of Allentown. He was for some time engaged in the mercantile business, being associated with Elias Mertz. In politics Mr. Weaver was a Whig, then a Republican, and was a member of the Evangelical Church. He died Dec. 14, 1868, and interment was in Union cemetery.

William Wildey Weaver married April 3, 1832, Catherine Sweitzer, born Jan. 30, 1802, died April 7, 1877, and was also buried in Union cemetery. Issue: (1) Mary S., born Jan. 12, 1835, married Washington F. Christman; (2) Henry Sweitzer, of whom below; (3) William Wildey, born Feb. 21, 1837; (4) Benjamin Kugler, born July 24, 1840; (5) Elizabeth Kugler, born April 4, 1842, died April 22, 1842.

Henry Sweitzer Weaver, eldest son of William Wildey and Catherine (Sweitzer) Weaver, was born July 24, 1834. As a boy, he attended the public schools and when very young learned the trade of cabinetmaker with S. H. Price and later they formed a partnership, doing business under the firm name of Price & Weaver, which continued until the Civil War, when he sold his interest to Mr. Price. He then became station agent for the L. V. R. R. Co. at Furnace Station, where he continued for some years. He then resigned to take the position of assistant superintendent of the Roberts Furnace, later becoming the superintendent, where he continued for seventeen years. He then engaged in the

furniture business under the firm name of Helfrich, Weaver & Co., the members of the firm being Henry S. and Benjamin K. Weaver, (brothers) and Solomon and M. Alexander Helfrich (brothers). Mr. Weaver continued a member of this firm until his decease, Feb. 11, 1897. He was interred in the West End cemetery. He was a valued member of St. John's Reformed church, which he served as deacon for six years. He was very active in all church work. He was a member of the Order of Good Fellows; the I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Honor, being the financial secretary of the latter organization. He was an enterprising and progressive man, devoted to home and family. He planned the home which he built on North Sixth street and supervised its construction. In politics Mr. Weaver was a Republican. He served as a member of the Allentown school board.

Henry S. Weaver married, May 1, 1860, Matilda E. Horn, daughter of George and Catherine (Wentz) Horn, of Weissport, Carbon county, Pa. Both the Horn and Wentz families are prominent in that section. Issue: (1) Katherine Elizabeth, and (2) Annie Irene Weaver. Katherine E. attended the public and high schools of Allentown, and later became an art pupil of Mrs. Appleton, of Allentown; also of Prof. William Chase, of New York City, and the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Katherine E. Weaver married Dr. Samuel C. Schmucker, a professor in the State Normal School at West Chester, Pa. He is a writer of note, and has written several books, the illustrations of which were executed by his wife. Issue: Beale W., who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and became a civil engineer, and Dorothy W., a graduate of the State Normal School, the Friends' Select School, of Philadelphia, Wellesly College at Wellesly, Mass. Annie Irene (2) was educated in the public and high schools. She has for several years been a clerk in the postoffice at Allentown, and is a member of St. John's Reformed church. In 1914, with her niece, Dorothy W., she made a trip to Europe and was in Paris at the outbreak of the great European War.

#### WEAVER FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Weaver family emigrated from Germany, and settled in Virginia, afterward locating in Lehigh (then Northampton) county, Pa. He had a son, Valentine, who was married to a Miss Weygandt. Among their children was a son, Charles, married to Catharine Hummel, and they had six children, three sons and three daughters.

Valentine W. Weaver, one of the sons of



Charles, was born Jan. 9, 1826 in Northampton county. His boyhood days were partly spent in Northumberland county and there he had the educational advantages which those times afforded. He was a clerk at Berlinsville, Milton, Easton, and Catasauqua. At the age of 20 years, he became an apprentice in the Crane Iron Works, and upon learning the trade of machinist he acted as agent of their mining interests at Catasauqua and vicinity.

After filling this position several years, Mr. Weaver became assistant superintendent of the Thomas Iron Co. at Hokendauqua; and he operated the Lock-Ridge furnace in the interests of that company. From there he went to Pine Grove and looked after the company's properties for three years. He next served the Millertown Iron Co. for a time; and in July, 1879, he took charge of the Coplay furnaces, and continued there a number of years.

In 1848, he was married to Mary Mickley, a daughter of Jacob Mickley, of Whitehall township, and they had seven children: William M.; Valentine W.; Lizzie, m. Mr. Yerkes, of Hatboro, Pa.; Mary, m. H. S. Bachman; Catharine M., of Allentown; and Emily J.

Mr. Weaver served as a director of the Macungie Iron Co., the Hokendauqua Bridge Co., and of the national banks at Catasauqua and Slatington, in which he was financially interested. In politics he was an ardent Republican, but never aspired for office; and in religion he was a Presbyterian.

BENJAMIN H. WEAVER, a brother of Valentine W., above-named, was born in Northampton county, Pa., on Aug. 21, 1832. His boyhood days were spent on a farm. His educational training was received in the public school of the village. He clerked for two years in the store of Hallenback & Reets, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

In 1859 he went to Catasauqua and was employed by the Crane Iron Co., for two years; then he responded to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers and enlisted in Co. A, 1st Penna. Vols., under Colonel Yohe, of Easton. After three months (the term of his enlistment), he returned to Catasauqua. In the same year, however, he re-enlisted for a term of three years, in the 46th Penna. Vols., under Colonel Knipe. He served one year and a half, when he was wounded in the right shoulder at the Battle of Cedar Mountain, on Aug. 9, 1862, and was sent to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., where he was confined from Aug. 9, to Oct. 23, 1862. As a brave and intrepid soldier, he was anxious to rejoin his company, but was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He returned

to Catasauqua and was re-employed by the Crane Iron Co., as mining agent, which position he held for several years. Since then he has carried on mining operations for himself.

On Nov. 4, 1864, Mr. Weaver was married to Mary Duff, daughter of David Duff. They had eight children: Jesse L., deceased; Harry B., superintendent of the Allentown Iron Co.; Gertrude B., deceased; Ralph S., superintendent of Allentown Portland Cement Co.; Mary Naomi, who resides with her father; Margaret I., deceased; Adrian B., sales agent for Rogers, Brown & Co., of Chicago; and Cooper F., draftsman for American Steel & Iron Co., at Lebanon, Pa.

Mr. Weaver's affiliations have been with the Republican party since attaining his majority. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church.

HARRY B. WEAVER, son of Benjamin H., was born Dec. 9, 1867, in South Whitehall township. When twelve years old his parents moved to Catasauqua, where he received his education in the borough schools.

In 1889 he entered the Crane Iron Co. laboratory as a chemist's apprentice and from this start he gradually became sufficiently familiar with the manufacture of pig iron that he was entrusted with the charge of the following furnaces: Macungie furnace, at Macungie; Wharton furnace, at Wharton, N. J.; Lehigh Steel & Iron Co. Furnace, at Allentown; Durham Iron Works furnace, at Riegelsville; and Burden Iron Co. furnace, at Troy, N. Y.

In 1910 he associated with James K. Bowen, of Allentown, in organizing the Allentown Iron Manufacturing Co., for the manufacture of cold blast charcoal iron, and he was elected treasurer and general manager of the company.

Since the incorporation of this company, a superior charcoal iron has been produced under the management of Mr. Weaver, which has resulted in the development of a lucrative business.

Mr. Weaver took a very active part in the "Home Week," anniversary proceeding of Catasauqua, June-July, 1914, and acted as chairman of the educational committee. The "Educational Parade," on Tuesday, June 30, 1914, was a great success.

Christian Weaver was an active and successful farmer for a number of years, first at Macungie and then at North Whitehall, in Lehigh county. He was married to Elizabeth Clayberger, and they had four children: Tilghman, John, Reuben, and Polly, m. David Kuhns. They were members of the Lutheran church at Egypt,

which he served for a number of terms as deacon, elder, and trustee.

Tilghman, the eldest son, was born in North Whitehall, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared on a farm and followed farming all his life at Ormrod. He also burned lime and sold large quantities of it. He was married to Katherine, a daughter of Henry Ritter, and they had five children: Fianna, m. John Biery; Jane, m. Ephraim Henning; Charles H.; Tilghman F.; and Emma, m. William Bear. They were members of the Lutheran church at Egypt, and he, like his father, served the congregation as deacon, elder, and trustee.

Charles H. Weaver, the eldest son of Tilghman Weaver, was born Sept. 8, 1849, at Ormrod and educated in the township school. He was reared on his father's farm until he became of age; then he and his brother bought the farm and carried it on successfully until 1898 when they sold it to the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. for its valuable deposit of cement rock. He built a home at Ormrod, where he resides. He has since been in the employ of the Cement Co. He married Ellen J. Bertsch, a daughter of John and Malinda (Stopp) Bertsch, and they have two children: Preston C. and Elmer. They are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt. He served the congregation as deacon, elder, and trustee.

PRESTON C. WEAVER, the elder son of Charles H., was born at Ormrod, March 15, 1873, and educated in the township school. He was reared on a farm and worked for his father until he became twenty-two years of age, when he entered the employ of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. and worked as cooper for eight years. He then established a fine, three-story frame hotel stand, with twenty-five rooms, at Ormrod, and has conducted a most successful business until the present time. He was married to Alice J. Miller, a daughter of Calvin and Rose (Stephen) Miller. They have three children: Edna M., Helen J., and Norman P. They are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt.

Tilghman F. Weaver, second son of Tilghman, was born Sept. 8, 1849, at Ormrod. He received his education in the township school, after which he worked on his father's farm until he became of age. Then he engaged in farming for himself which he followed successfully until 1898. He next engaged in the bakery business with his son, William, at Egypt, and carried it on eight years; since then he has lived retired. The farm which he and his brother, Charles, owned jointly was sold by them to the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., for its valuable deposit

of cement rock. He was married to Sarah, a daughter of Adam and Celinda (Stopp) Bear, and they had three children: Katie, m. Howard Wotring; William J., and Tilghman A. Upon the decease of his wife, he married Mary, a daughter of Levi and Julia (Keck) Landis, with whom he has four children: Charles L., Minnie, m. Herbert Fogel; Emma J.; and Ellen S., m. Frederick Koch. They are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt, and he has also officiated as a deacon, elder, and trustee.

WILLIAM J. WEAVER, the eldest son of Tilghman F., was born at Ormrod, Feb. 14, 1879, and educated in the township school. He was reared on his father's farm until he became eighteen years of age; then he entered the mill of the Lehigh-Portland Cement Co., and worked there three years. In 1899, he and his father embarked in the bakery business at Egypt and carried on the manufacture of bread, pies, and cakes for eight years, which they sold in the surrounding territory. He then engaged in farming and has conducted the operations successfully until the present time; since 1910 on the plantation of the Coplay Cement Co. Fort Deshler, the old, historic, stone building, which was used by the inhabitants of that vicinity as a place of refuge during the latter part of the French and Indian War, is situated on this farm.

In 1900 Mr. Weaver was married to Ivy Frantz, a daughter of James and Emma (Kohler) Frantz, and they had three children: Annie M., who died in childhood; George F., and Harry J. They are members of the Lutheran church at Egypt, which he served as deacon and trustee. He is a member of P. O. S. of A. camp at Egypt, and past president.

#### HENRY WEAVER.

John Weaver lived in friendly relations with the Indians and it is said frequently went hunting with them. Occasionally he gave them food and by winning their favorable consideration in this way, they told him, in times of massacre, that he should remain in the house and not try to shoot them or set the dogs upon them, for they would not hurt him or his family; and the tradition in the family is that they never broke their promise to him.

Heinrich Weaver, a son of John, a stone mason and farmer in Lynn township and lived where his son, Henry, now lives, three-fourths of a mile north-west of New Tripoli. The farm comprised 52 acres. He employed a number of masons to assist him in his building operations, and he taught the trade to a number of apprentices. His three sons learned the same trade. He was a Lutheran member of the Ebenezer

church. His wife was Catharine Snyder and they had three children: Daniel, Jonas and Elias.

Daniel Weaver, the eldest son of Henry, lived where Amandus Weaver, his grandson, now resides. He was born March 13, 1808, and died June 13, 1872. His wife was Mary Hartman, born in 1808 and died in 1886, in her 79th year. They had three children: Nathan, Lydia (m. Daniel Kerschner), and Caroline (m. Phaon Bachman).

Elias Weaver, the youngest son of Henry, was a farmer in Lynn township and owned a farm adjoining that of his brother Daniel. His wife was Abbie Holben and they had four children: Moses, Nathan, Reuben, and one other.

Jonas Weaver, the second son of Henry, was a farmer and distiller in Lynn township. For a number of years he lived on the farm now owned by Benjamin Henninger and there his children were born. He bought his father's homestead after the latter had died. The farm on which he lived comprised 96 acres. In 1905 the farm passed out of the family name and Benjamin Henninger became the purchaser. He was born June 3, 1810, and died December 13, 1874.

His wife was Barbara Peter, born October 14, 1815, died June 12, 1882; and they had ten children: Sallie, Elias (who died small), David, Daniel, Jesse, Henry, William, Lydia, Mary and Caroline. He and the family were Lutheran members at the Ebenezer church.

HENRY WEAVER, son of Jonas, farmer, school director, and distiller of Lynn township, has always lived in the district named. He was born October 1, 1848, and reared upon a farm, where he worked for his father until he became of age. During this time he attended the district school and also took a course in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He and his brother, Jesse, remained at home with their father until the father died, and they continued there afterward until 1897, when Henry moved to the place where he now lives. On this farm, there is a log house in which his father was born in 1810, and this house was apparently built many years before that time. It is one and a-half stories high and has no cellar. The frame house near by was built by Henry Weaver in 1898.

Mr. Weaver operates a distillery and cider-press and produces apple-jack and cider, of the latter 30,000 gallons annually. His farm comprises about 100 acres, some of it being woodland. Politically he is a Democrat, and takes a great interest in school affairs. He was elected a director in 1905 and is regarded as a man of superior judgment by the Board.

On May 20, 1877, Mr. Weaver was married to Mary, daughter of Edward and Abbie (Hunsicker) Krause, and they have two children: Milton J. (married to Ida Fenstermacher, who have four children, Henry L., Robert, Nieda, and Perma); and Cleveland H. (m. to Hattie Feinaur, who have three children, Mary, Ralph and Ida).

#### WEIBEL FAMILY.

John Weibel, the pioneer ancestor of the line of the Weibel family here under consideration, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 17, 1809. He learned the trade of tailor in the Fatherland, and in early manhood emigrated to the United States, settling first in Philadelphia, from whence he removed to Catasauqua, same state, where he spent the remainder of his days. His first wife bore him three children: Angelina; Emma, married John Seabold, of Philadelphia; John, foreman of an extensive saw factory in Philadelphia. He married (second) Mary Meyer, born March 1, 1818, died Jan. 11, 1892, who bore him seven children: Matilda, married Orlando Keen, now deceased, who resided in Allentown, where Mrs. Keen resides at the present time; Charles W., of Catasauqua; Alfred, deceased; Herman M., of whom further; Franklin, deceased; Louisa, married William Greenawald; Rosa, died in childhood.

Herman M. Weibel, son of John and Mary (Meyer) Weibel, was born in Philadelphia in 1835. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Catasauqua, and there attended the local schools, later becoming a student at a school in Shoenersville. When seventeen years of age he began an apprenticeship at the trade of butcher, and followed this line of work for a number of years at Catasauqua, for a period of six years at Bethlehem, also at Allentown, in company with F. M. Kramer, for fifteen years, removing to that city in 1882. He established a business of his own on Washington street, near Seventh, Allentown, in 1902, and continued for three years, at the expiration of which time he was compelled to retire on account of failing eyesight. He married Emma B. Getter, daughter of Samuel and Lovina (Bader) Getter, who was a native of Williams township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania. Children: Abbott S., of whom further; Herbert H., a resident of Allentown, manager of the Lehigh Telephone Company.

Abbott S. Weibel, son of Herman M. and Emma B. (Getter) Weibel, was born at Bethlehem, Northampton county, May 14, 1878. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown and the Allentown Business College. His first employment was in the freight department

of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, where he remained for two years. He then turned his attention to the electrical business, placing himself under the guidance of C. E. Missimer, and since 1894 has followed this line of work, having served with several parties, the principal one being the Electric Light Company of Allentown, where he had charge of the commercial lighting of the city. In 1904 he severed his connection with this company and established a business of his own at No. 627 Hamilton street, Allentown. Subsequently the Lehigh Electric Company, conducting business in both Allentown and South Bethlehem, and the Abbott S. Weibel interests consolidated, taking the old name of Lehigh Electric Company, and purchased for its business the George Fetzer building at No. 18 North Sixth street, Allentown. Mr. Weibel became the president and manager of the new company, and later sole owner, which does the largest volume of business of its kind in the Lehigh Valley, and among the places equipped by this company with electrical appliances are the following: Arbogast & Bastian, Taylor Engineering Company, Mack Bros. Motor Company, Novelty Hosiery Co., A. H. Balliet Cigar Box factory, Lehigh Valley Shoe Company, C. A. Dorney Furniture Company, Eckert building and the new Hunsicker building on Seventh street. He is a Republican in politics. He is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; Caldwell Consistory, S. R., Thirty-second Degree, of Bloomsburg; Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Vienna Lodge, No. 847, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand, also a member of the Encampment. He is librarian of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, also member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Weibel married, in 1897, Mabel Schall, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Snyder) Schall, of Northampton. Children: Helen, Ruth, Hampton, and Marietta.

#### WEHR FAMILY.

Simon Wehr took out warrant No. 20, for 161 acres of land, dated October 3, 1753. On Aug. 15, 1767 he took out another warrant, No. 2793, for 25 acres; and on April 6, 1787, he took out the third warrant, No. 196, for 60 acres. All the land was situated in Heidelberg township, Lehigh county. In 1781 the following names appear among the taxables from that district: Simon, Michael, Lorentz, and Philip Wehr; and the tax-list of 1812 contains the following names: Jacob, Michael, Conrad, Lawrence, and Peter Wehr. The name of Simon Wehr appears

among the heads of families who, in 1757, built the new Heidelberg church. They were members of the Reformed congregation from the beginning. On the old graveyard of this church are the tombstones of Lorentz Wehr and his wife, Juliana Borger. He was born March 16, 1743, and died July 1, 1795; and she was born Feb. 3, 1747, and died March 30, 1815.

Michael Wehr was born Feb. 3, 1768, and died March 29, 1852, in his 85th year. His wife, Maria, *nee* Bloss, was born April 14, 1779, and died January 3, 1836. They are buried on the new graveyard at the Heidelberg church where no less than six generations of the family have been buried. Michael Wehr lived upon the homestead situated in Washington, and now owned by Benjamin D. Wehr, a grandson. He was a farmer and his acres were many. Their children were: Michael, William, Daniel, Elias, Solomon, Julia (married Casper Peter), Mrs. Christophel Kern, Maricha (married Jonas Kern), and Salome (who was weak-minded and disappeared suddenly under mysterious circumstances).

Michael Wehr, son of Michael, was a farmer in Heidelberg and owned the farm now the property of George Wehr, a grandson. His wife Maricha was a daughter of Jacob Metzger. Their children were: David S.; Reuben; Owen (who settled at Columbia Junction, Iowa) Stephen; Wilson; Maria (married Benjamin Falck, who settled on Schwabian creek, Northumberland county, Pa.; Rydia (married Elias Hoffman); Sallie (married John Werley), and Louisa, who was unmarried.

William Wehr, son of Michael, was born in 1805, and died in 1845. He was a farmer and also followed tailoring and lived upon the homestead in Washington township. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Simon Snyder. They had six children: Joel, Emanuel, William, Demetrius, Carolina, and Fietta.

Elias Wehr, son of Michael, was a farmer at Mountville, in Carbon county, Pa. His first wife was a Montz, and the second a Leichleiter.

Solomon Wehr, son of Michael, first located at Mountville, but later lived at Summit Hill, Pa., and finally moved to Illinois, where he became a wealthy man, having sold his cattle ranch to a railroad company. His wife was a Guth and among their children was a son, Samuel.

Daniel Wehr, son of Michael, was born in the year 1807, and departed this life February 6, 1890. He owned a 142-acre farm, now owned by Benj. D. Wehr, his son, which is situated in Washington township. He was a blacksmith by trade and carried on that business with farming. He served his township as a school director.

His wife was Hannah, a daughter of Johannes Kern, and they had the following children: Angelina (married David Smith); Sarah (married Gideon Heintzelman); Mary A. (died unmarried); Abbie (married Moses Peter and after she died he married her sister, Amelia); Amanda (married Willoughby Koch); Leah (married Elias Deibert); Seniah (married Harrison Seibert); Benjamin D., Moses F. and Wilson (who died young).

Moses F. Wehr was born September 6, 1849. He began farming upon the homestead in 1871, and the following year moved upon the farm of his father-in-law, Jacob Peter, where he lived for eleven years, then purchased a 126-acre farm in Lowhill, a part of which is now embraced in the Col. H. C. Trexler reservation. After farming this place for fourteen years, he, in 1907, sold it to the present owner and moved to where he now lives, near Siegersville.

In Lowhill he served as a school-director; also Lowhill church as a trustee. He and his family are members of the Reformed church. In 1870 he married Lydia A. Peter, and they had five children: William H., Mary L. (the wife of J. L. Kressler); James (who died in infancy); Henry P. (merchant at Guthsville); and Morris D. (a school teacher).

WILLIAM H. WEHR, proprietor of the Jordan Roller Mills, in South Whitehall, was born June 28, 1871, and was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the American Business College of Allentown in 1894. He also attended the summer normal school at Ruppssville. After leaving the farm in 1891, he went to Allentown and was employed by H. Leh & Co., having attended at the same time the American Business College in the evenings. In 1897 he learned the milling trade with T. B. Hollenbach in Lowhill, and was then in his employ for three years; and the next two years he followed his trade at the Schantz Spring Mill.

In 1903 Mr. Wehr accepted a position with G. P. Kressler, proprietor of the Sieger Mill on the Jordan creek and two years later became the owner of this mill property. Mr. Wehr remodeled the mill, installing the "Ideal" roller process. His leading brands of flour are the "Silver-White," "White-Rose," and the "Fancy Patent." Mr. Wehr also owns the homestead of the long-deceased Alexander Guth, which was afterward owned by the Atlas Cement Co. This property adjoins the four acres which belong to the mill, and the farm now consists of 57 acres of fertile land.

Mr. Wehr is a member of Jordan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Herd No. 5, Loyal Order of Buffaloes, located at Allentown. On September

22, 1906 he married Mayme R. Wenner, daughter of the late Phaon J. Wenner, and his wife Emma *nee* Stettler, and they have these children: Beulah M., Wilbur M. and Elmer P. They are members of the Jordan Reformed church which he served as a deacon.

David S. Wehr, son of Michael, was born in 1812. He was a blacksmith near Pleasant Corner. He owned a farm of 113 acres, which was sold after his death to Joel A. Wehr, who in 1900, sold it to Alvin Peter. His wife was Polly Wehr, born in 1819 and died in 1894; a daughter of Philip Wehr, who settled in Michigan with the rest of his family. They had four children: Mary (married Reuben Hunsicker); Violetta (married Levi Kistler); Senia (married Edwin Snyder), and Joel A. (farmer of Heidelberg township).

Emanuel Wehr, son of William, was born March 26, 1834, in Washington township, where he has resided since 1874. He followed carriage building and also the undertaking business, at Slatington until his removal to Washington township, where he manufactured bricks for many years.

He made many spinning wheels, reels, and flax-breaks while he lived at Slatington. He was an expert wood-worker.

In 1896 Mr. Wehr was elected a supervisor and since then has filled this office. He also was a school director for fifteen years.

In 1856 he married Sarah Ann Blose and they have nine children: Rosa J., Sylvanius J., Amanda E., Agnes F., Carolina, Ida, Alice, Birdie, and Arthur W.

#### WEIDA FAMILY.

The immigrant ancestor was Godlieb Weida, a German. He had settled in Rockland township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, where in 1790, he lived with his four sons: Peter, Jacob, Godlieb, Jr., and Michael, each of whom was then the head of a family.

Peter Weida removed in 1803 from Berks county to what is now Lehigh county, settling upon 170 acres of land about two miles north of Weidasville, in Lowhill township, and there he lived until his death, Feb. 21, 1837, aged 76 years. In 1811, he bought the land upon which Weidasville was afterwards built. This country village perpetuates the family name. Peter Weida was married to Charlotte Stump, of Lancaster, Pa. She died Jan. 18, 1837. They had two sons: John and George. The latter lived on the old homestead farm, which afterward was owned by Nathan Shire, who died there. He left a family, but none of them are now in the township.

John Weida was born in Berks county and removed with his parents to Lehigh county, where he was a farmer and a merchant at Weidasville. His farm was 150 acres. About 1818 they settled at what is now Weidasville, and there he died March 11, 1864, aged 70 years. He was for many years a justice of the peace; and he represented the county in the General Assembly.

In 1807 he married Elizabeth, a daughter of David Kuhns, an early settler of the township, and they had these children: Benjamin, Maria (married Stephen Hartman), David, Anna (married Benjamin Kocher), Peter, Elizabeth (married Dr. Wm. P. Hoffman), Solomon (lived at Reading), and Salome (married W. H. Wetherhold, a coachmaker at Reading).

Benjamin Weida was born in Lowhill. For many years he carried on the mercantile business at Weidasville, and for a long term of years he served as its postmaster. He was a well-known and respected citizen of his community. He is buried at the Morganland church, which he had served officially. He married first, Lydia, a daughter of John Guth and they had two children: John F., and Abbie (married Joseph Stein, who lived at Weisenberg), both being now deceased. His second wife was Carolina Peifer.

David Weida was born May 4, 1814. He was educated in the common schools; also in New Jersey and at the Allentown Academy. In 1838 he began commercial life in connection with his brother as a merchant at Weidasville, which he continued for a limited time. The cultivation of a farm and the butcher business also engaged his attention, and he acquired a competency by 1858 which enabled him to retire at Allentown, where he made his home.

In 1838 he married Carolina Krause, a daughter of Philip Krause of Heidelberg. She died May 11, 1854. They had two children: Owen J., and Sarah E. (married to Lewis D. Krause of Allentown). He married on Sept. 1, 1857, as his second wife, Mrs. Jonas Haas, a daughter of Andrew Shifferstein, and she died March 11, 1877. Mr. Weida served for a time as a director of the Allentown National Bank, and during his active career he also frequently served as administrator of estates and filled other important offices of trust. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

John F. Weida, of Allentown, only son of Benjamin, was born at Weidasville, June 29, 1839. He was educated in the common schools and Muhlenberg College; and also in a school at Reading. When he was a boy twelve years old he went to Philadelphia with a large team, and

bought a load of dry-goods, notions and groceries, which he drove home. He succeeded his father in the mercantile business at Weidasville and continued it until 1869, when he moved to Allentown and accepted the position of cashier of the Macungie Savings Bank of Allentown, which he filled until the bank discontinued business. While he resided at Weidasville he was the postmaster of the village. Since his residence at Allentown he was a member of the school board from the Seventh Ward.

He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. On Nov. 26, 1861, he married Maria M. Dinkey, a daughter of Charles and Catharine (Mosser) Dinkey, who lived in East Penn township, Carbon county, Pa. They had five children: Emma C. (an esteemed school teacher at Allentown); Minnie M. and Charles B. (both deceased); Annie F., and Miriam M.

Joshua Weida, son of George, born November 8, 1814, and died January 20, 1883, was a farmer in Lynn township and his homestead is now owned by George E. Weida, his grandson. He erected the brick house on the farm. He was a Lutheran member of the St. Peter's church at Lynnvill and served on the vestry. His wife, Rebecca Reinhard, was born August 5, 1817, and died September 12, 1893, aged 76 years. Their children were: Lewis (1837-1907, married Sarah ———, 1834-1906), Levi, Catharine (m. Levi Hunsicker), Sarah (m. Reuben Kunkel), Owen, and Anetta (m. Lewis B. Fenstermacher).

Owen Weida, son of Joshua, was born in Lynn township in 1845 and died in 1908. He lived on his father's homestead and the farm came into his possession after his father's death. In 1892 he built the present barn. He was buried at St. Peter's church at Lynnvill, where he served as a deacon and elder of the Lutheran congregation. He was married to Mary A., daughter of Michael Werley (born in 1849), and they had five children: Henry (at Schnecks-ville), Sylvester (at Kutztown), Annie R. (m. Jonathan J. Wessner, at Quakertown, whose children are: Dalton, Homer, Leon and Gordon), Emma (m. Harvey Kemmerer at Emaus), and George E.

George E. Weida, youngest son of Owen, is the third generation of his family who have resided on the Weida homestead near the Lynnvill church in Lynn township. He was born on the place in 1886. After his father's death he purchased the property and he now carries on the farm. He is a member and deacon of the Lutheran congregation of the Lynnvill church. He was married on October 13, 1908,



to Hattie, daughter of William A. Reinert, of New Tripoli and they have a daughter, Marian.

Daniel Weida, of Long Swamp township, was married to Eliza Weiler, and their children were: (1) John W.; (2) James; (3) Peter; (4) Daniel; (5) Elizabeth (Mrs. William Smith); (6) Louisa, (Mrs. William Bigony); and (7) Sarah, (Mrs. Charles Hammon).

John W. Weida, the eldest son of Daniel was born in Long Swamp township, Berks county, and was educated in the public schools. He married Sarah J. Butz. Issue: (1) Jerome, married to Emily Hamsher, and is a practicing physician in Philadelphia.

James Weida, son of Daniel and Eliza (Weiler) Weida, (1835-1907) married Angelina Walbert (1839-1912), a daughter of Peter and Mary A. Walbert. Issue: (1) Sylvester, married Union Wilson, Philadelphia; (2) John R., married Mary Bortz, Allentown; (3) Eliza J.; (4) Ella (Mrs. Walter Jackson); (5) Clara V. and Bright R. Weida.

BRIGHT R. WEIDA, son of James, was born Feb. 26, 1883, and educated in the public schools, after which he worked at the silk mill at Alburts, for 5 years. He entered upon railroad work in 1903, becoming an operator relief agent, and in 1912 was appointed station agent at Emaus, Pa. He is a member of the Evangelical church.

Jonathan Weida, a miller, of Emaus, married Catherine Zimmer, and they had children: (1) Louisa (Mrs. Horace Shutz); (2) Amos; (3) James, Allentown; (4) Carrie (Mrs. Lafayette Brown); (5) Daniel, of Reading; (6) Judith, (Mrs. Edward Hafer); (7) George; (8) Mary at home.

George Weida, the fourth son of Jonathan, was educated in the public schools and at an early age learned the trade of miller, in his father's mill and also that of carpenter. In 1910 he purchased W. H. Seem's milk route, at Emaus. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Emaus and has served it for 6 years, as a deacon. He married Mamie Miller, a daughter of Henry and Emma (Shantz) Miller. Issue: Clarence, Francis and Emily.

ISADORE J. WEIDA, M. D., was born Oct. 17, 1866, in Longswamp township, Berks county, and was educated in the public schools, Wyoming Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1890. He also took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic. He became the physician for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company, and the Beech Creek R. R. Co. He was for a time at Patton, Pa. Then in 1892 removed to Emaus, Pa., having pur-

chased the Hammond property, on Main street. He is president of the board of health, and a member of the board of trade of Emaus borough.

Dr. Weida married Jennie A. Long, a daughter of Marcus and Eliza (Trexler) Long. Issue: Emily and Esther Weida.

#### WETHERHOLD FAMILY.

On Oct. 22, 1754, there arrived at Philadelphia two brothers named John Nicholas and John Jacob Wetherholt. They had probably both seen military service in Germany, as they entered the army of the province soon after their arrival. John Nicholas was born in 1724 and on Dec. 21, 1755, was commissioned captain in the First Battalion of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment. He was in command of Fort Everett during the French and Indian War and the muster roll of his company is given in the chapter relating to that war. In 1762 he resided in Heidelberg township, where he was taxed in 1764 on seventy acres of land.

John Jacob Wetherhold was commissioned lieutenant in Major Parson's town guard on Dec. 21, 1755, and in April, 1756, was stationed at Dietz Blockhouse. On Sept. 21, 1756, he was commissioned captain, and on Sept. 2, 1757, was paid £88 6s. 6d. for enlisting fifty-three men in the provincial service. He was a man of undaunted courage and believed that he was invulnerable to bullets. He remained in the provincial service and on Oct. 7, 1763, left Bethlehem with Lieut. Jonathan Dodge, Sergeant Laurence McGuire and a small party of soldiers on the way to Fort Allen. The party stopped for the night at the tavern of John Stenton, about a mile north of Howertown, in the Irish settlement. Early next morning, October 8th, Captain Wetherhold ordered one of the men to get his horse ready and as he opened the door he was shot and instantly killed by a party of Indians who had surrounded the tavern. Captain Wetherhold then went to the door and was mortally wounded. The sergeant then attempted to pull in the captain and shut the door, but was dangerously wounded. The lieutenant succeeded in closing the door, but meanwhile other Indians shot Stenton, the landlord, through a window, who ran a mile and then dropped dead. Captain Wetherhold crawled to a window and shot an Indian dead, who was about to set fire to the house. The other Indians then took their comrade's body and left, going toward the Lehigh. On the way they killed several persons and crossing the river into Whitehall township, killed and wounded fifteen or twenty persons, a full account of which is given in the chapter on the massacre of 1763. A few hours later the

news reached Bethlehem and a small armed force was sent to bring the wounded men for surgical treatment. Captain Wetherhold died the next day, Oct. 9, 1763, at the Crown Inn and was buried on the tenth in the graveyard that was located near Second and Ottawa streets, South Bethlehem. Captain Wetherhold resided in Lynn township, where his widow, Susanna, and his three children, Jacob, Susanna and Catharine, resided in 1764, on a tract of 150 acres, which he owned. In 1766 his widow married Michael Kern.

Jacob Wetherhold, the son, had a son, John Wetherhold, of whom tradition says that on a certain occasion he rode away from home on a white horse and never returned, having doubtless been killed by Indians. His widow later sold the land and removed from the township. They had three sons: Joseph, William and George. William settled in Illinois, married a Miss Boyer and had a daughter named Ella.

Joseph Wetherhold became a farmer and tanner and the owner of the homestead. He later removed to Allentown, where he resided at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Hamilton streets, and died in 1859. He married Sarah Acker and had four children: Nathan; Elias; Anna, born Oct. 5, 1819, died Feb. 16, 1906, married Joseph Kline, and Lydia, married Joel Haas. They were members of the Reformed Church.

Nathan Wetherhold, son of Joseph, was a farmer and tanner at Lyon Valley. He married Polly, daughter of John and Sophia (Ebert) Mosser, of Mosserville. They had eight children: Araminta, married Peter Werley; Helena, married D. Frank Knerr; Sarah S., married John A. Knerr; Aquila, married Francis A. Peter; John W., of Balliettsville, who married Amelia Bachman; Ida, married Charles Boger; James A., married Alice Peter, and George A.

GEORGE A. WETHERHOLD, shoe merchant of Allentown, a member of the firm of Wetherhold & Metzgar, located at No. 714 Hamilton street, was born at Lyon Valley, in Lowhill township, Lehigh county, Jan. 17, 1866. He attended the township schools and later pursued a course of advanced study at the Allentown Business College, after which he was employed for a year as a clerk in a general store at Danville, Montour county, Pa., and then at Allentown as a clerk in the shoe department of H. Leh & Co. for some time. There he was promoted to the head of this department and filled this position for ten years, his service with this firm covering a period of twenty-one years. In 1908 Mr. Wetherhold and Owen W. Metzgar organized the present firm of Wetherhold & Metzgar, and

they have conducted a successful business until the present time. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran church, in which he served as a member of the vestry for one term.

On Oct. 3, 1894, Mr. Wetherhold was married to Mary M. Daeufer, daughter of Francis and Mary (Schmucker) Daeufer, of Allentown. Their children are: Marie D. and Leila D.

Elias Wetherhold, son of Joseph, was born Feb. 12, 1826, in Lowhill township. He was reared on his father's farm and became a merchant at Hynemansville, where he successfully carried on business for forty years and was postmaster for over thirty years. He married Amelia E., daughter of David and Magdalena (Neff) Stein, who now resides in Allentown. Mr. Wetherhold was a member of the Reformed Church and died May 4, 1889. He had seven children: Chester D., Charles A., Annie, Sylvester, Edward H., Ella S. and William F.

CHARLES A. WETHERHOLD, merchant of Allentown, son of Elias, was born June 23, 1862, on his father's farm at Hynemansville, in Weisenberg township, and there he was brought up and employed until he became twenty years of age, having in the meantime received his education in the township school, and in business colleges, at Allentown and Easton. He was then employed at farming and storekeeping at Wadsworth, O., and Kempton, Pa., for three years, when he secured a position as clerk in a large hotel at Milford, Del., and remained there four years. His father having died, he then conducted the farming operations until 1906, when the stock was sold and he removed to Allentown, where he became a member of the Wetherhold Grocery Company, located at Nos. 212-14 North Fifth street, and he has continued in the business until the present time. While at Hynemansville he filled the office of postmaster for ten years and was a member of the Reformed congregation at the Seiberling Union church, which he served as a deacon.

In 1881 Mr. Wetherhold was married to Sallie A. Leiby, daughter of Daniel Leiby, of Mosserville, in Lynn township, and they have three children: Ralph V., Mark A. and Angeline, a school teacher of Allentown.

EDWARD H. WETHERHOLD, jeweler of Allentown, son of Elias, was born July 2, 1867, at Hynemansville, in Weisenberg township, and there attended the public school. He then entered his father's general store at that place and served as a clerk until he became seventeen years old, when he learned the trade of jeweler at Hamburg, in Berks county. After working at his trade for several years at different places, he embarked in the jewelry business for himself at

Allentown in 1890 and has carried it on there with increasing success until the present time. He was first located on North Seventh street and in 1895 removed to 738 Hamilton street. In 1906 he purchased the premises at No. 723 Hamilton street and since then has been located at that stand. He has become affiliated with Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203; and Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.

In 1900 Mr. Wetherhold was married to Annie C Lawfer, daughter of Wm. R. and Hannah (Kleppinger) Lawfer, of Allentown, and they had two sons, William E. and John, the latter having died in his boyhood. They are members of Salem Reformed church. He served as a member of the choir for seven years and of the consistory for six years.

George Wetherhold, the third son of John, was born Feb. 17, 1801, in Lynn township and learned the trade of tailor, which he carried on for a time. He removed to Allentown and conducted a hotel business for upward of thirty years, at the northwest corner of Seventh and Hamilton street, for six years, (known as the Eagle Hotel), and then on the southeast corner of Seventh and Walnut streets for twenty-five years. His prominence led to his election as sheriff of the county in 1841, and his re-election in 1844. During his service of six years, his residence was in the county prison, the office of prison warden not yet having been created. He died Oct. 4, 1869. He was married to Elizabeth Rinker, daughter of Abraham Rinker. She was born Dec. 28, 1803, and died Nov. 11, 1881. They had twelve children: Charles; William; George; Henry H., 1836-38; Allen J., 1842-62; Moulten; Matilda, married Albert Biehl; Eliza, died young; Sarah, married Levi Martin and died April 28, 1911, aged seventy-nine years; Ann, married Jonathan Barrell; Emma, married William Beck, and Mary, 1830-55.

George Wetherhold, the third son of George, was born in Lynn township. He learned the trade of cigarmaker, which he followed for a time at Rahway, N. J., until 1861, when he removed to Allentown. He was married to Catharine Swartz, and they had seven children: George; Winfield; Richard; Sydney; Wharton; Ida, who was accidentally burned to death while still young, and Minerva, who died in infancy. His wife died in 1909 at the age of eighty-five years. His remains were interred in the Union cemetery at Allentown, but hers in Fairview cemetery.

GEORGE M. WETHERHOLD, the eldest son of George, Jr., was born at Rahway, N. J., July

1, 1861, and in his infancy accompanied his parents to Allentown, where he received his education in the public schools, and then learned the trade of barber. He, however, followed his trade only a year when he removed to Chicago, Ill., and learned the trade of pretzel baker, which he carried on for seven years. He then (1888) returned to Allentown and embarked in the local express business which he has since conducted in a very successful manner. To meet the demands of his business he employs nine men and twelve horses. In politics he is a Republican. On July 30, 1881, he was married to Mary Newhard, daughter of David and Martha (Heimbach) Newhard. She died Aug. 6, 1898, aged thirty-seven years, and on Dec. 24, 1907, he married as his second wife, Elizabeth M. Lafey, daughter of Jeremiah and Emma (Gilbert) Lafey, of Klinesville, in Berks county.

#### WAIDELICH FAMILY.

Michael Frederick Waidelich was born Aug. 2, 1831, in Besenfeld, Wurtemberg, Germany. He was a son of Jacob Frederick and Mary Ann (Kirn) Waidelich, who had seven children; and by his second wife, Catharine Hartman, he had two sons. All the sons by his two wives except two, emigrated to America. The two sisters with their families also remained in the Fatherland.

Michael F. Waidelich came to this country in 1846, at the age of 15, and at once settled with his eldest brother, Christian, at Steinsville, Lehigh county, Pa., but Christian and the other brothers afterward left for Ohio, where they lived until they died.

Charles Waidelich, the only surviving son of Jacob Frederick, learned the wheelwright trade with his brother, Michael F., at Steinsville. He now resides in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Michael F., learned the wheelwright business from his brother, Christian. He and Penrose Ely formed a partnership and continued as partners in the carriage business for thirty-nine years. One was a Democrat in politics and the other a Republican; both went to elections in one carriage but each voted his own ticket. They amicably dissolved partnership in 1890, dividing their personal and real property with entire satisfaction and continued friends until death.

Michael F. Waidelich died Aug. 27, 1910, at Steinsville, where he is buried. His widow, Sallie, a daughter of David and Catharine (Wanamaker) Follweiler, is living at Steinsville. They were married May 31, 1857, and had five sons and a daughter, Mary, who died, aged nine years. The sons are: Dexter, Milton, Rev. John Henry, Jacob Burnside, and Charles Dav-

id (the youngest being employed as a machinist by a large firm at Columbus, Ohio).

Dexter, a coachmaker, has the homestead of thirty acres, situated at the base of the Blue mountains. He was born Sept. 27, 1857, and at an early age learned his trade from Waidelich & Ely, for whom he worked many years. In 1892 he came into possession of his farm; but he continues working at his trade besides farming.

On Aug. 17, 1879 he married Janetta Lutz, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Bailey) Lutz. She died March 31, 1890, aged 30 years, 7 months, and 25 days. Their children were: George F., Samuel T., Robert A., and John A. On March 17, 1893 he married, as his second wife, Lena C., daughter of Levi Graver, and their children are: Minnie, Paul, Ralph, Charles, and Joseph.

Milton, the second son of Michael F., was also a woodworker, but later was engaged as a telephone operator by the P. & R. Ry. Co. at Lynnport, where he also had charge of a general store for his brother, Jacob. He is now located at Lansford, Pa., and is employed by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., as manager in charge of the company's store and delivery department.

Rev. John Henry, a Lutheran minister, is pastor of St. Michael's congregation at Sellersville, Pa., since 1889, and secretary of the Bucks county pastoral association since 1889. He was elected delegate by his synod to the general council for three conferences. Two Union churches have separately amicably and virtually built new churches during his pastorate. He organized Trinity church at Perkasié in the year 1892; and separated his large parish into two congregations. He served as president of the Sellersville borough school board for 12 years, and declined a re-nomination for a six-year term in 1911, which was tendered without opposition.

He was married to Alice Keller and they have one son, Luther F., who graduated with the class of 1912 at Muhlenberg College, from which his father graduated in 1886.

JACOB B. WAIDELICH, of Allentown, was born in 1861. At the age of fifteen years he became the foreman of his father's wheelwright shop and served that position until he was twenty-one. In 1882 he established a blacksmith shop at Lynnport which he conducted in connection with a general store which he established later, and after 1885 he devoted his entire time to the mercantile business until in 1888, when he and five associates formed the Enterprise Slate Company which he served as superintendent from 1889 to 1899. The company employed from

thirty-five to fifty men. In 1900 he sold his store business and in 1902 he disposed of his interests in the slate company. In 1901 he won the nomination for high sheriff of Lehigh county over five candidates and was elected by a large majority. His administration as sheriff was a commendable one. He had been jury commissioner from 1895 to 1898. In 1912 he was a presidential elector for President Wilson and he attended the famous Baltimore convention. He is one of the Democratic leaders of Lehigh county.

In 1912 he and his brother, Rev. John H., paid a visit to the homestead of their forebears in Germany.

In 1906 he engaged in the drug business at No. 643 Hamilton street, and in 1910 he opened up a retail store at 618 Penn street, Reading, and in 1913 he opened up his third store, at Slatington. All of these stores have an extensive patronage, and are conducted under the name of the American Medicine Company.

He and family are members of the Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. Waidelich is an Odd Fellow; Knight of the Golden Eagles; Junior United American Mechanics and of St. Mary's Commandery. In 1901 he was appointed the Grand Deputy Commander of Lehigh county.

He married Mary, the only child of Jonathan and Sarah (Henry) Muthard. Their children are: Clara C., m. John Dauefer; Jennie S., m. Samuel Handwerk; Beulah M., a school teacher in Allentown since 1904; Minnie E., a graduate of the Allentown high school, class of 1907, is now studying medicine; Mary; Frederic; Noble O. and Harold R., are twins.

GEORGE FREDERICK WAIDELICH, son of Dexter, was born near Mountain P. O., Pa., Oct. 20, 1879. He was a member of the first graduating class from Lynn township public schools in 1895. He then took the teachers' examination though only sixteen years old and was granted a certificate but was not allowed to teach. In the fall of 1895 he entered the Sellersville high school, from which he was graduated in 1896 with first honor; taught school in his native township the following two terms, and deciding then upon a commercial life he entered the Peirce Business College at Philadelphia, in the spring of 1898 and graduated in February, 1899, when he accepted a position in the office of Whiteall Tatonic Co., No. 410 Race street, Philadelphia, and he has continued there to this time.

In 1906 he was married to H. Irene Smith, daughter of A. B. Smith, of Sellersville, Pa. They have two children, Alfred and James. He

is a Democrat but has affiliated himself with the reform movement in Philadelphia.

SAMUEL T. WAIDELICH, second son of Dexter, was born at Steinsville, Nov. 30, 1881. He was educated in the public schools of Lynn township, graduating there in 1898, and of Peirce Business College at Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1902. He then accepted a position as stenographer with the H. C. Biddle & Co. in Philadelphia, and continuing there three years when he returned to his native township and purchased a 45-acre farm from the David Hartman estate, situated near New Tripoli. The modern scientific methods applied by Mr. Waidelich in its cultivation have proven most successful and profitable. He took a complete correspondence course in agriculture with the State College of Pennsylvania. Mr. Waidelich's library contains upwards of 700 volumes. He is a scholar and one of the intelligent and progressive citizens of his township.

He taught school two terms, in 1899 and 1900, in the Wannamaker School, near Lynnport. Politically he is a staunch Democrat and in 1911 was elected for a term of four years as a school director of the township, receiving the highest vote on the whole ticket. He was honored with an election as one of six delegates of Lehigh county to the state school directors convention held in Harrisburg on Feb. 7 and 8, 1913. He was honored with the presidency of the first board under the new school code.

Socially, Mr. Waidelich, is past grand of Steinsville Lodge, No. 249, I. O. O. F., since 1902, and in 1908 was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, which met in Philadelphia; charter member and Past Patriarch of the Encampment, No. 54, I. O. O. F., of Pleasant Corner, Pa.

On Nov. 9, 1904, he was wedded to Flora L. Moyer, daughter of J. D. O. Moyer, (whose full history appears in this publication). They worship in Ebenezer church at New Tripoli, being members of the Lutheran faith. They have three children: Harry T., Archie J., and Sadie I. J.

ROBERT A. WAIDELICH was born at Steinsville, March 23, 1884. At an early age he graduated from the Lynn township public schools, and for three years was a teacher in that district. He was also graduated from the Peirce Business College at Philadelphia in 1905, and after his graduation he accepted a position as bookkeeper with a large Philadelphia firm, which he served for two years. He then resigned to become a drug clerk in the Allentown stores of the American Medicine Co., of which his uncle, Jacob B. Waidelich, is the proprietor, and in May, 1910, he was selected to be the business man-

ager of the Reading store of the company, where he has shown much tact and efficiency, and the large business of that store is attributable to his successful management. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Encampment, and the Patriarchs; also a charter member of the Buffaloes at Reading.

JOHN A. WAIDELICH, the youngest son of Dexter Waidelich, by his first marriage, was born at Steinsville, May 3, 1887, and he graduated from the public schools there in 1902. The following year he was licensed to teach school, and has taught three terms in Lynn township in a successful manner. He was graduated from Peirce Business College at Philadelphia in 1900, after which he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the New York Belting and Packing Co. at Philadelphia, which he filled until 1910, when he became the assistant store manager for the American Medicine Co., at Allentown.

Mr. Waidelich is a member of Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, F. & A. M., Allentown; and Caldwell Consistory, 32° A. A. S. R., of Bloomsburg, Pa.; the I. O. O. F., at Steinsville; Jacksonville Lodge, No. 343, K. G. E., of which he passed through the chairs twice, and is also a Past Chief. In 1906 he was a delegate to the state convention of the K. G. E., which met at Harrisburg, Pa.

#### WEIDNER FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Weidner family was Adam Weidner, who settled in Oley township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, prior to 1744, in which year he purchased a considerable tract of land from Benjamin Lee, a part of which was located in the vicinity of Pleasantville, now the property of Philip D. Hoch. He had three sons: Tychicus, Lazarus and David, who, tradition says, were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Pennsylvania.

Tychicus Weidner, who was also called "Die-trich" Weidner, and his brother Lazarus settled in Oley township before 1754, and in 1759 "Dehecus" Weidner paid a federal tax of seventeen pounds in Oley. He died July 9, 1799, and left his estate to his children, namely: Jacob, to whom his father sold a tract of land located in Amity township, in 1788, and two hundred acres in Oley township, a part of the tract of four hundred and four acres, in 1791; John; Jonathan, of whom further; Hannah, born April 10, 1764; Catharine; Esther; Susanna; Mary; Peter; Christian, born Feb. 11, 1766; Elizabeth, born Oct. 16, 1767; Samuel, born April 8, 1771; Daniel, born Nov. 15, 1773.

Jonathan Weidner, third son of Tychicus

Weidner, was born Sept. 14, 1762, died in 1838. He lived on a farm near Pricetown in Ruscombmanor township. He and his wife, Barbara (Gambler) Weidner, who was of English descent, are buried at Pricetown. Children: Abraham, born April 7, 1789, of Alsace township, married Catharine Beck and had two daughters: Barbara and Amelia; Jonathan, of whom further; Barbara, married Charles Rothermel; Hannah, married John Focht.

Jonathan (2) Weidner, son of Jonathan (1) Weidner, was born April 29, 1808, died in 1861, and is buried at Pricetown. He was a farmer, and for more than a quarter of a century was justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor township. He taught school for many years, and was a prominent man in his community. He was a regular member and attendant of the Reformed Church. He married Mary Ann Seidel, daughter of John and Rebecca (Miller) Seidel. She died May 22, 1845, aged twenty-nine years, four months, seventeen days. Children: Augustus, born August 14, 1838, died in 1907 at Pricetown; Mayberry S., of whom further; Sarah C., wife of Elias Becker.

Mayberry S. Weidner, son of Jonathan (2) Weidner, was born in Richmond township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1842. He was educated at home, and by making use of his spare time added to his knowledge. He was licensed to teach at the age of sixteen years, by Professor William A. Good, and taught for six years in Ruscombmanor. On Oct. 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, as a private and was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of wounds and disabilities Dec. 3, 1862. He was employed as a painter and paperhanger, and in 1863 came to Allentown, where he engaged in the business of contracting and building, continuing until 1888, achieving a large degree of success. During this time he built 367 houses. Since 1889 he has been engaged in the real estate business, also insurance, with offices at No. 438 Hamilton street, being one of the established agencies in the city. He is a Republican in politics, and is noted for his Pennsylvania German stump speaking throughout the state, being a noted stump speaker for over thirty years. He organized the Board of Trade and was its secretary for nineteen years. He was instrumental in locating many of the leading industrial enterprises in Allentown, and was known as the father of the city's policy of diversified industries. He is public-spirited, but has always refused public office. He was connected with the Allentown Bank, and was the organizer of the Pennsylvania Building & Loan Association, serving as its treasurer for twelve years, and

is still a member of its board of directors. He has witnessed the growth of the city from a population of 12,000 to 60,000, and in various ways has rendered very valuable services. In June, 1896, he wrote a ninety-two page pamphlet under the auspices of the Board of Trade, entitled "Descriptive History of the City of Allentown." On July 21, 1913, Allentown gave a reception in honor of Mr. Weidner, and in addition to it being his birthday, it was the fiftieth anniversary of his becoming a resident of Allentown. In the seventies, when the panic struck Allentown, the people almost starved, the city being dependent entirely on the iron industry. This lesson taught thinking men that it was a wrong policy to rely upon only one industry, and Mr. Weidner was one of the men to establish other lines of trade, thus proving a benefactor to the people of his adopted city.

Mr. Weidner married, Nov. 12, 1865, Sarah Ann Acker, daughter of Michael and Maria (Leiby) Acker. Children: William A., of whom further; Charles H., of whom further; Emma.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM A. WEIDNER, son of Mayberry S. Weidner, was born at Allentown, Lehigh county, Sept. 28, 1865. He was educated in the public schools, leaving while a pupil in the second class of the high school in order to learn the optical business, having charge of the grinding of spectacle and eye glass lenses, and in this manner laid the foundation of future success. He then became associated with Drs. C. C. Cocklin and Russell T. Cocklin, the former now located at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, being one of the foremost oculists of that city, and the latter a successful practitioner of New York City. Mr. Weidner was placed in charge of an optical establishment located at No. 317 Market street, Harrisburg, where he continued for a period of three years, during which time he was preparing himself, under a private tutor, and later entered the Chicago Ophthalmic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1889. Since 1893 he has been located in business in Allentown, with finely equipped offices at No. 528 Hamilton street where he follows the profession of scientific optician, enjoying an extensive and highly lucrative practice, which extends throughout the entire eastern part of the state. Professor Weidner is a member of Barger Lodge, No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, all of Allentown; Harrisburg Consistory, and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Reading.

Professor Weidner married in 1902, Ida M. C. Leopold, daughter of the late Rev. Aaron Frederick Leopold, and sister of Rev. W. A. Leo-



pold and Rev. S. T. Leopold, prominent ministers of the Evangelical Church. Professor and Mrs. Weidner have an only daughter, Marion E.

Charles H. Weidner, son of Mayberry S. Weidner, was born in Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1867, died Sept. 4, 1911, aged forty-four years, is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Allentown. After completing his studies in the schools of Allentown, he learned the trade of painter and paperhanger, and for many years conducted a large and profitable business at No. 517 North Sixth street, Allentown. He married Jennie Wickert, who bore him two sons: Ray William, and Edward.

Ray William Weidner was born in Allentown, Nov. 14, 1889. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, after which he took a course in the Boston Conservatory of Music. He gave his entire attention to that vocation, achieving a large degree of success, and has continued in the same up to the present time (1914). He was organist and choir director of Salem Reformed church, Catasauqua, for three years, organist of St. John's Reformed church, Allentown, and of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, Allentown, and in addition to this has a large class of pupils in music.

Joseph Weidner, the son of John, was born near Trumbauersville, Bucks county, Nov. 16, 1795, one of six children. He married Elizabeth Breinig, who was born in Lehigh county, Nov. 26, 1800, and resided in Upper Saucon township, where he was a farmer and held membership in St. Paul's Lutheran church. He had five children: Thomas, who was born Nov. 26, 1823; William P., born May 7, 1825; Francis H., born May 9, 1829; Mary A., born Dec. 23, 1831, and Emma M., born April 9, 1840.

FRANCIS H. WEIDNER was educated in the public schools in the vicinity of his home and in later years became an active ore mine operator. The last ten years of his life he resided in Allentown, where he was a member of St. John's Lutheran church. In politics he was an ardent Republican. He died at Allentown, Sept. 12, 1863. He married July 20, 1852, Sarah Hoffman, daughter of John and Sarah (Kaull) Hoffman. She died at Trexlertown, Dec. 6, 1853. They had one child, Lilia Amanda Weidner, born July 5, 1853, who was educated at the Allentown College for Women.

#### GODFREY WIDMER.

Godfrey Widmer, president and general manager of the Widmer Silk Company, a son of Samuel and Lena (Kramer) Widmer, was born in Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 3, 1865. He was educated in the public and high schools of his

native place and came alone to America at the age of 16 years. His first employment in the new country was in a piano factory at a salary of \$3.00 a week. He soon found his way to Turnerville, Conn., where he secured employment in the silk mill of P. W. Turners and remained here three years. Later he went to Paterson, N. J., where he was identified with the manufacturing of silk for 25 years, learning the manufacturing of silk in all its departments, being in the employ of the following companies: Dougherty & Wadsworth, one year; Charles Needing & Co., seven years; Frank & Dugan, three years; and the Columbia Ribbon Company, one year. He then engaged in business for himself under the firm title, The Progressive Silk Company, which he conducted ten years, after which he came to Allentown, where he organized the Widmer Silk Company, of which Godfrey Widmer is the president and general manager; George Van De Mater, of New York, vice-president; and Harry Newhart, a native of Allentown, assistant superintendent. The company was incorporated under the laws of New York and has a paid-up capital of \$15,000. The company is located at Fourteenth and Liberty streets, Allentown, and the New York office at 156 Fifth Avenue. The dimensions of the mill is 100 x 45, in which they have 60 looms and employ 40 hands. In 1913 this company did a business of \$150,000. The success of this company is due to a large extent to its aggressive president and general superintendent. Mr. Widmer was married in 1890 to Caroline Wohmer. They have no children.

#### WEIL FAMILY.

The immigrant ancestor of this family, we are told, came from France about the close of the eighteenth century, and settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He owned his own home; was married, and had a son, Jacob, whose wife's given name was Sarah. They had the following children: Adeline, married to Edward Romich; James Jacob, born Feb. 17, 1830, died Feb. 16, 1881, aged 51 years, less one day. He married Mary Laubach, born Dec. 8, 1826, died on Christmas Day, 1900, in her 75th year. They are buried at Trexlertown, Lehigh county. Their children follow: Adeline, James, Franklin, Sylvester, Leanda, Tevillia.

Sylvester Weil, son of James Jacob, was born in Lehigh county, and spent his youth in working at the ore mines in Macungie. After his marriage to Sarah Dietrich, daughter of Henry and Judith (Kutz) Dietrich, a farmer, who lived near New Smithville, Pa., he removed to Mahanoy City, Pa., and there was a stationary engineer in

the coal mines until his death about 1907. He is buried at Trexlertown, Pa. He was a ward assessor in Mahanoy City for twenty years. His widow after his death, moved to Kutztown, and in 1911, to Reading. They had ten children, namely: Clara, Harry, Stella, Roy, Clinton, Elmer, Claudius, Elva, Marion and Franklin. Of these Stella, Roy and Clinton died young.

**WEILER FAMILY.**

According to tradition, the first Weiler (name unknown) resided in Longswamp township, Berks county, and sold Bibles. The federal census of 1790 mentions John Weiler, who had two sons under 16 and one daughter. He, likely, was the father of John Andreas, and if so, had been a distiller by trade. John Weiler resided in Longswamp township, where he conducted a hotel on the family homestead. He is said to have died at the age of thirty. He had been married to Maria Haas, the issue being: (1) Nathan, m. 1st to Maria Fogel; 2d to Mrs. Mary Ziegler; (2) James; (3) Charles, m. to Revina Shankweiler, of Longswamp; (4) William, m. to Rebecca Yerger, of Longswamp; (5) Peter, m. to Sarah Keck, of Macungie; (6) Eliza, m. to Daniel Weida, of Longswamp; (7) Sophia, m. to Richard Wertz, of Longswamp; (8) Mary, m. to Peter Hendricks, of Orefield; (9) Lucetta, who died single.

James Weiler, son of John, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, Aug. 29, 1816. When a youth, he lost his father and was raised in the family of Reuben Trexler. Later he began a general store in 1836 near Lehigh church. He was one of the first school directors of Lower Macungie township, a member of the Reformed Church, which he served in various capacities. His wife was Sarah A. (b. Sept. 15, 1821; d. March 4, 1895), a daughter of Benj. and Lydia (Helffrich) Smith, the issue being (1) Cassalina, wife of James Breinig, deceased; (2) Calvin, (3) Austin, deceased, m. 1st to Emma Schmoyer, deceased; 2d to Laura Bittenbender; (4) Laura, deceased, m. to Wm. Bittenbender, deceased; (5) Ellen, wife of George Walbert, of Allentown. Mr. Weiler died Feb. 19, 1907.

Calvin F. H. Weiler, son of James, was born in Lower Macungie township, Nov. 29, 1848. Graduated from People's Business College, Reading. Went into the iron ore mining and contracting business. Moved to Allentown in 1896 and became salesman for Johnson & Swartz. The following year he returned to the country, conducting a general store till 1907, when he returned to Allentown. He was a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church, which he served in various capacities. He was married to

Caroline (b. Nov. 13, 1848; d. Dec. 25, 1897), daughter of Charles and Anna (Dankel) Shafer, the issue being (1) William, deceased; (2) Herbert; (3) Rhoda, wife of Geo. H. Slenker, of Allentown. Mr. Weiler was killed by an engine, Dec. 3, 1909.

HERBERT J. WEILER, son of Calvin, was born in Lower Macungie township, June 17, 1880. Attended Keystone State Normal, Kutztown, 1895-'96. Clerked for W. R. Lawfer & Co. for 5 years, the Globe Store for 6 years; then on March 4, 1907, began the coal and wood business and since 1912 is also engaged in concrete contracting business. He is a Republican, a member of Barger Lodge, F. & A. M., K. of F., and of the Reformed Church, which he serves as elder. He married, Dec. 26, 1901, Elsie D., daughter of Alfred and Clara (Boehm) Keck, their daughter being, Caroline E., born June 24, 1905. He resides at 525 Cleveland street, Allentown.

William Weiler, the father of Dr. D. D. Fritch's wife, Sarah, was born in 1820 in Longswamp township on the homestead in Weilersville. He learned the trade of tailor and followed it several years; then learned the trade of carpenter and carried on business as a building contractor for a number of years; then directed his attention to store business at Weilersville for twenty years. He lived in retirement for some time and died January 10, 1904. He was married to Rebecca Yerger, daughter of Abraham, of the Swamp, in Montgomery county, who was born in 1825 and died in 1886. They had nine children: John (m. Mantana Kercher), Jane (m. Edward Rose), Margaret and Amanda (who died in infancy), Sarah (above), Jonas (m. Lillie Bieber), Annie (m. Amos Weiss), Angeline (who died 17 years old) and Mary (who died 6 years old).

**WEITKNECHT FAMILY.**

George A. Weitknecht, son of Charles and Catharine Weitknecht, was born in Baden, Germany, March 23, 1817. He came to the United States when a mere boy, and lived for a time on a farm near Easton, Pa., and from there he settled in Lehigh township, Northampton county, on his own farm, and there he died. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's church, which he served officially, and a Democrat in politics. His wife, Julia, bore him two sons: George W., and Charles H.

George Washington Weitknecht was born Feb. 22, 1844, in Lehigh township. He was reared upon the farm and attended the common schools until he was eighteen years old, then learned the trade of stone mason, which he followed until he was made construction foreman,

during the building of the Lehigh Portland Cement Mills, which position he has continued to serve to the present. Himself and family are Lutheran members of Zion's (Stone) church, at Kreidersville, and he has served it as deacon, elder and trustee.

He married Anna S. Bachman, daughter of Charles and Christiana (Fenstermacher) Bachman. Their children are: Annie (m. P. C. Biery); Thomas F.; William H.; Sarah A. (m. Charles S. Miller); and Harrison E.

THOMAS F. WEITKNECHT, merchant at Laurys, director of the Cementon National Bank and school director of North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, was born Aug. 5, 1873, in Lehigh township, Northampton county. After his education in the common schools, at the age of 17 years, he became a clerk in the general store at Beersville and later at Kreidersville. In March, 1897, he engaged in the mercantile business at Laurys, in North Whitehall township, and there he has carried on a general store up to the present.

Himself and family are Lutheran members of Zion's church, and he is one of its trustees. Socially he holds membership in the following lodges: Chapman Lodge No. 637, F. and A. M.; Siegfried Chapter R. A. Masons; Allen Commandery, No. 20, at Allentown; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading. He is a member of the Cemetery Association at Kreidersville.

He was married in 1897, to Lillie R. Reichard, daughter of Philip and Mary (Kress) Reichard. Their children are: Foster R., and Retta M.

#### ANDREW M. WEINGARTNER.

Andrew M. Weingartner, of West Bethlehem, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, was born in Fünf-Kirchen, Austria Hungary, Nov. 15, 1872, a son of Karl and Maria (Hendl) Weingartner, and grandson, on the maternal side, of Johann Hendl, director Conservatory of Music, of Arad, a member of the family of Hendl, the great composer. Karl Weingartner was a manufacturer of agricultural machinery of Arad, Austria Hungary, where he was a prominent resident.

Andrew M. Weingartner received his preliminary education in the schools of Arad, and Buda Pesth, Austria Hungary, and later was a student in the Military School of Music, which he attended for a number of years. Upon attaining his majority he emigrated to the United States and pursued a course in music under the competent instruction of Henry Schradieck, in New York City. Upon the completion of his studies, he removed to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he has gained a reputation as a talented musician,

being a fine performer on the violin, and serving in the capacity of teacher of the same. He is also an instructor in music at the Moravian Seminary and the leader of the Bethlehem Steel Company's band, and also the Lehigh Valley Symphony Orchestra. He is well known and highly respected in his adopted city, and his fame as a musician is not confined to Bethlehem alone, but has spread over a large territory adjoining.

Mr. Weingartner married, Nov. 17, 1896, Gertrude Elizabeth Ungerer, daughter of J. R. and Gertrude (Schoenen) Ungerer, of Bethlehem, Pa. Children: Hermine and Andrea.

#### WEINSHEIMER FAMILY.

Henry Weinsheimer, the progenitor of this family, was born at Waldshilbersheim, near Kreuznach, Germany, Oct. 10, 1814, son of Frederick and Philippina (Bretz) Weinsheimer.

In his youth he served as an apprentice at the baker's trade, under the direction of his uncle, John Englebert, at Bacharach, Germany, his term of service continuing from 1830 to Jan. 31, 1833. He then worked in different towns at the trade until 1836, when he served two years in the German army.

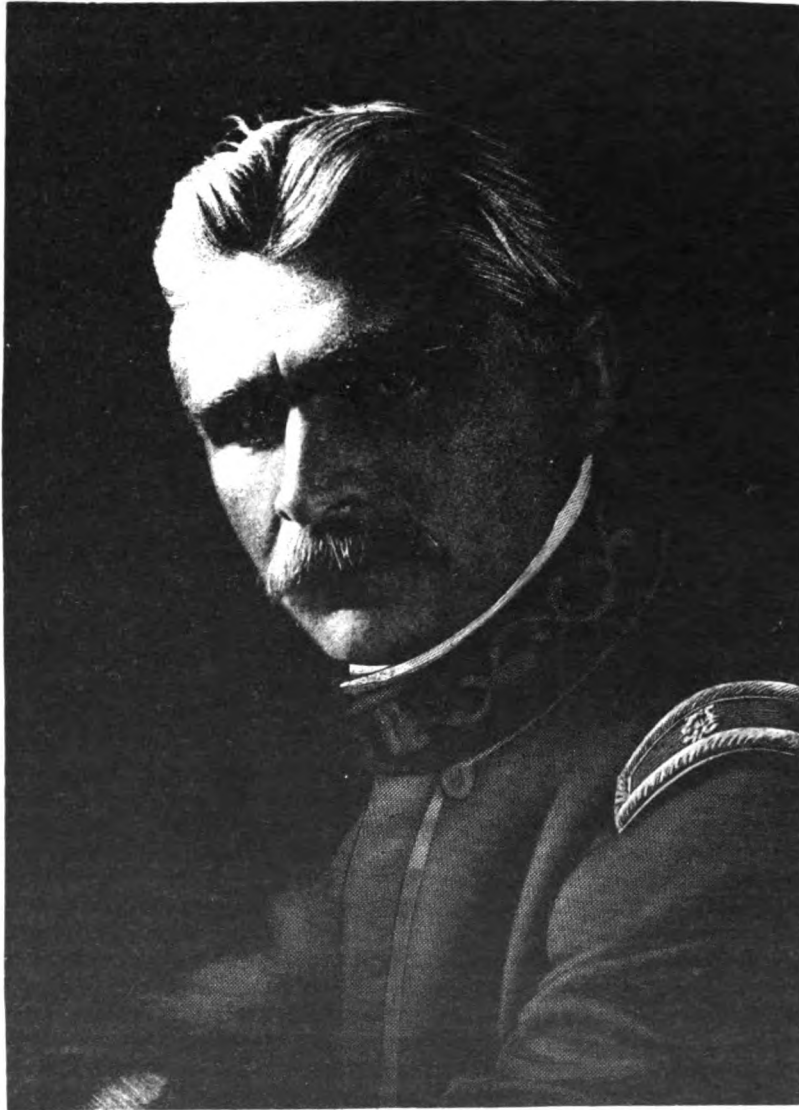
He embarked at Havre, France, on a vessel whose destination was New York, reaching there in July, 1838. He at once came to Allentown, where he resided during the remainder of his lifetime. He became largely interested in various mercantile and industrial operations in his adopted city.

On July 1, 1863, he joined Company D, 41st Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, at which time his two sons, J. Frederick and Alfred S., were then serving in the army. Was a Republican in politics and one of the organizers of St. John's Lutheran church, in which he was an elder for many years, and superintendent of the Sunday school for 25 years.

He was devoted to his family and for 53 years he and his wife lived in happy wedlock. In September, 1893, they celebrated their golden anniversary. She died in 1896, and he died Dec. 11, 1898. Both are buried in Fairview cemetery.

He married, Sept. 12, 1843, Miss Rebecca Saeger, youngest daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Mickley) Saeger. Their children were: Jacob Frederick, Alfred S., William Henry, Oscar B., Margaret A., Evelyn C., Clara L., and Edward Charles Weinsheimer.

Jacob Frederick Weinsheimer married Agnes Hausman, and reared a large family. Alfred S. Weinsheimer married Alice Beitel, and is secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company, at Chicago; William Henry Weinsheimer married Miss Margaret Balliet, daughter of Stephen and



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Elizabeth (Huntzinger) Balliet. They have children: Blanche B., and Frances E. He is president of the Southdown Knitting Company, of Allentown. Oscar B. Weinsheimer married Sallie Heimbach and had a son, Edgar; Margaret A. married Samuel Cortright, residing in Philadelphia; Evelyn C.; Clara L., married Edward H. Reninger, attorney-at-law and secretary and treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Allentown.

WEISEL FAMILY.

The Weisels of Warrington, Bucks county, are members of a large German family, and descendants of Michael Weisel, who emigrated from Alsace, then part of France, but now belonging to Germany, and settled in Bucks county about 1740. He brought with him three sons, Michael, Jacob and Frederick, who were sold as Redemptioners. About 1750, Michael, the oldest son, married Mary Trach and bought land in Bedminster on the old Bethlehem road, near Hagersville, which his grandson, Samuel, now owns.

Michael Weisel, the second son, had four sons and three daughters: Henry, John, Michael, George, Anna, Maria, and Susan. Henry married Eva Shellenberger, and settled on the homestead, in Bedminster, and his children and children's children intermarried with the Fulmers, Harpels, Detweilers, Leidys, Flucks, Lauxes, Sollidays and Seips, and settled principally in the townships of Bedminster, Hilltown and Rockhill, from whom have sprung numerous descendants. Nearly all the Weisels in Bucks county are descendants of Michael—the late Henry Weisel, Warrington, having been a great-grandson.

Jacob, the second son of Michael the elder, married about 1755, and they had five sons: George, Jacob, Peter, John, and Joseph; all of whom settled in Rockhill, Richland and Milford townships. George, Jacob, Peter and John afterward migrated to Bedford county Pa. Joseph had three sons who married and settled in Milford township.

What became of Frederick, the third son of the ancestor, is not known.

Michael Weisel, Jr., and his son, Henry, served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The Weisels of New Britain and Plumstead are of this family. The family of Henry Warrington, has in its possession a stove plate bearing date 1674.

Henry Weisel lived near Soudertown, in Montgomery county. He was a farmer, died about 1843, and was buried at Tohicken Church, above Hagersville. His wife was a Seipel. Their

children were: Mary (married Samuel Berndt), Sarah (married Henry Cressman), Noah (married Mary Althouse), Henry (married Sabilla Laubach), Elizabeth (married Reuben Moll), and Catharine (married Aaron Dimmick).

Henry Weisel, son of Henry, was born in Montgomery county, June 17, 1830. At the age of twelve years, his parents died and for some time afterward he lived in the family of Isaac Wambold, Esq., of North Wales. He learned the saddler trade and in 1851 began working as a journeyman at Hellertown with Henry Desh. There he was later engaged in this business until 1876, when he began working for his son, William, and continued to do so until he moved to Allentown and there he made leather driving-whips, which were known as "black-snakes." In September, 1904, he made his home with his son, George, at Rittersville and there he died December 3, 1904, in the 75th year of his age. He is buried at Hellertown. His aged widow continues to make her home with their son, George, who tenderly cares for her. He was a notary public for some years; also a tax collector. He was an Evangelical in religious belief and served his Church faithfully and well as class leader, exhorter and trustee. He married Sabilla Laubach, who was born March 3, 1831. Their children were: William H. (of Allentown), James (of Birmingham, Alabama), George L. and Edward (of Hellertown).

William H. Weisel, harness and leather salesman, who resides at Allentown, was born at Hellertown April 3, 1853. He first followed the butchers' trade until he became nineteen years old, then learned the harness-making trade which he followed from 1873 until 1891 as his father's successor at Hellertown. In 1891 he began to act as salesman and for ten years represented the Hersh Hardware Co. He is a member of Hellertown Lodge, No. 563, F. A. M.; Zinzendorf Chapter No. 216, at Bethlehem; Allentown Commandery, No. 20; and Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia. He and family attend the U. E. Church.

In 1874 he married Hannah M. Landis. They had four children: R. L. (leather merchant at Allentown), Nettie C., Susan, and Joseph L. (who died aged four years).

GEORGE L. WEISEL, marble and granite dealer, at Rittersville, was born November 29, 1855. In 1870, he learned the stone-cutting trade with Smoyer & Wieder, in Allentown, and continued in their employ afterward for four years. During 1875 he followed the trade at Philadelphia. In 1876 he returned to Hellertown and carried on the business there until 1890. The following ten years he followed his trade at Allentown



again; and in 1900 he established himself at Rittersville. His marble and granite yards, as well as his fine residence, are located at the corner of Pike and Church streets near the Union Church.

Mr. Weisel and family are members of Trinity U. E. Church, at Allentown. He prepared the corner-stone in the wall of that church edifice. He enjoys a wide acquaintance and carries on a large business in tombstones and monuments. He is in possession of the Henry Weisel family Bible which was printed in 1541. He is a member of Hellertown Lodge, No. 563, F. & A. M. He was married on December 11, 1879, to Laura E. Riegel, a daughter of Thomas G. and Sarah (Lutz) Riegel. They had two children: Harvey C. (married to Alma Moore, who have a son Harvey C., Jr., and live at Allentown), Ella J. (who died November 28, 1887, aged 6 years, 1 month and 14 days).

James Weisel, a bookkeeper at Birmingham, Alabama, since 1888, was born at Hellertown, Pa., Oct. 28, 1853. He married Annie E. Heiser, of Baltimore, Maryland, and their children are: Mary, Charles and James, who died in infancy.

Edward Weisel, a saddler, at Hellertown, was born March 17, 1862. He married Emma, a daughter of James Knecht. Their children are: Annie (married Robert Rickert), James R., Robert, and Herbert.

#### WEISER FAMILY.

For three generations descendants of Conrad Weiser have been prominent in the affairs of Lehigh county and the city of Allentown. Martin Weiser, a veteran of the War of 1812, was a lineal descendant of Conrad. Martin was one of the best known men in the county, having been one of the first makers of what are now known as "Grandfather's clocks." Many of the specimens of his skill in this line are still to be found in the rural districts of the county. He was noted as a wit and was a master of sarcasm. In the rural districts many of his quaint sayings are still to be heard. One story in particular is oft repeated. When Martin made his periodical trips through the county to repair, clean and sell clocks, it was his custom to remain over night and for meals with his customers. Because of the flashes of wit with which he illumined his conversation the old clockmaker was, as a rule, a welcome guest. But, like the immortal Charles Lamb, he sometimes joked not wisely but too well. Lamb, it will be recalled, was once asked by a doting mother how he liked babies. "Boiled, ma'am," replied Lamb. Lamb said a witty thing but lost the friendship of a mother. Thus it was

with Martin Weiser. He was a guest at dinner in the upper end of the county. The coffee served was lamentably weak. However, the dishes were beautiful. They were artistically decorated in blue. Weiser took a sip of the coffee and setting down the cup said, in his native vernacular: "Ei, mommy, wos hen ier shae g'schar. Mer kon die blummer derfoon im kupichya saena dorrich der koffee." ("Why, mother, what beautiful dishes you have. You can see the flowers on the cup through the coffee.") After that old Martin Weiser never received another invitation to dine with that family.

Martin Weiser was married to Mrs. Mary Ann Shepherd (nee Stout) whose parents were of an old Moravian family and whose paternal grandfather was one of the early surveyor generals of Pennsylvania. Martin Weiser had one son, Nelson Weiser, born Aug. 6, 1823. Nelson early in life became a cigar-maker, but abandoned the trade to engage in business and politics. He was the political lieutenant of Major William Fry and when the latter was elected to the state senate, Mr. Weiser became clerk of the senate, a position he filled for several sessions. He served, as a Democrat, as a member of the State House of Representatives during the sessions of 1863, 1864 and 1865. In 1858 Mr. Weiser entered the newspaper business when he became a part owner of the *Republikaner*, the German Democratic weekly. In 1866 the firm of Harlacher & Weiser secured control of the Lehigh Valley *Daily News*, a morning publication which had been launched on the turbulent sea of journalism several months previous by J. Peter Correll, of Easton. Mr. Weiser remained in the newspaper profession until 1874, when he retired from active life, dying April 20, 1876, after a busy career. Mr. Weiser also served for many years as common councilman from the Fifth ward and was for several terms chairman of that body. He was also one of the organizers of the old Allentown Passenger Railway Company, and drew up the charter for the organization, which Governor Geary declared was the "most sweeping document that was ever granted to a railway corporation." The Governor had summoned Mr. Weiser to Harrisburg and asked him whether the people of Allentown wanted a company with a charter like that. Mr. Weiser informed him that no objection had been made to it and the Governor affixed his signature with the remark: "Why, the Allentown Passenger Railway Company can run its tracks through every street and alley of Allentown if it wishes to do so. It can run locomotives over them."

Mr. Weiser was married to Elemina R. Weiser (nee Massey) whose father, Dr. Joseph Fox

Massey, was a native of Massachusetts and whose father and grandfather fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mrs. Weiser's maternal grandfather was John Keiper, the pioneer tobacconist of Allentown. She died in December, 1906.

Nelson Weiser had four children: Annie E., who married Captain Thomas B. Leisenring, commander of Co. G, Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and she is now the Deputy Factory Inspector for this district; Mary C., who still resides in Allentown; Sarah, who died at an early age; and Charles W., editor of the *Allentown Democrat*.

CHARLES W. WEISER has been eminently successful as an editor. He was educated in the public schools of Allentown, the preparatory department of Muhlenberg College, and in a school in New York city, where he was preparing for an examination for a cadetship in the Naval Academy at Annapolis. It had been his father's ambition to have him enter the navy of the United States, but the untimely death of the elder Mr. Weiser caused an abandonment of the plan. After doing clerical work for some time, young Weiser determined on a newspaper career and entered the office of the *Chronicle and News* and learned the printing trade. He subsequently worked in Philadelphia, but returned to Allentown and took up active newspaper work. In 1894 he and Kirt W. DeBelle secured control of the *Morning Critic*, a newspaper that had little circulation and less influence. The venture was a dubious one because there was a general impression that a morning newspaper could not be made to pay in Allentown. The paper was conducted under the title of *Morning Critic* for six months when the new publishers determined upon a change of name and on Jan. 1, 1895, the *Morning Call* made its bow. Mr. Weiser adopted a vigorous, independent policy and the paper prospered wonderfully under his editorship. Mr. DeBelle retired from the firm and David A. Miller became Mr. Weiser's partner. In October, 1904, Mr. Weiser retired from the firm because of ill health. He went to Philadelphia with his family and for six months was confined to the University Hospital, during which time he was operated upon fourteen times. After doing general literary work for several years he returned to the editorship of the *Morning Call* on Jan. 1, 1907, and remained until March 29, 1909, when he was offered the editorship of the *Democrat*, which had been purchased by a syndicate of Democrats with the avowed purpose of having Lehigh county returned to the Democratic column. They figured on doing this with the aid of a fearless Democratic organ. Under the editorial guidance of Mr. Weiser, the *Democrat* began to prosper, the Re-

publican party was completely routed and in 1911 the men who had set out to redeem the county to Democracy had the satisfaction of seeing every office in the county filled by a Democrat, excepting those held by the opposition party by grace of the law that permits minority representation. Mr. Weiser's untiring work as editor of the *Democrat* contributed in a great measure to this victory.

As a political writer Mr. Weiser commands attention all over the state. The *Democrat* is widely quoted and exercises a powerful influence. As a humorist Mr. Weiser has won fame from Maine to Texas, and his pithy paragraphs have done much to advertise the city. The name "Bud" Weiser was conferred upon him by Colonel Geo. W. Bailey, of the Houston (Texas) *Post*, the premier editorial paragrapher of the country, and it has clung to him ever since. As "Bud" Weiser he is known the country over. Mr. Weiser is also noted as a writer of Pennsylvania German dialect humor and he created the character of Sim Schmalzgsicht, the sage of Leder Eck Poshta. The doings of Sim, his wife Cass, their son Benneville, Mose Biffel, their hired man, Em Hofferdeckel, the love-lorn maid, Yuni Naasblum, Jerry Kivvel, old Jud Schtrumpfoos, have served to drive dull care away for many a moment.

Mr. Weiser is married to Sarah A. Kistler, a descendant of one of the oldest families in the upper end of the county. Her parents were Aaron B. Kistler, now deceased, and Mary Elizabeth Kern Kistler. Mr. and Mrs. Weiser have three children: Charles Kistler, Helen Ruth, and Nelson Aaron, and reside in a pretty home at Fullerton, Pa.

THOMAS L. WIESER, painter and paper-hanger of Allentown, was born Nov. 26, 1847, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county. He was educated in the public school at Cedarville and brought up on a farm until 1864, when he enlisted in the Civil War as a private of the 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and served until Feb. 20, 1866, when he was mustered out at City Point. During his service he was wounded in the right leg. After his discharge he returned home and learned the trade of painter under Amos and James Unger, at Allentown, where he served an apprenticeship of three years. He then followed his trade as a journeyman in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin, after which he returned to Allentown. He and his brother Henry then conducted a general painting business for a time until 1871, when he embarked in the business for himself and since then has been engaged as a house painter and paper-hanger in a successful manner, his place being at No. 119 North Madison street. He is a member of the

Grand Army of the Republic, the Elks and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Wieser was married to Emma S. Beidelman, daughter of Samuel and Henrietta (Stubber) Beidelman, of Allentown. They have one child, a son, Samuel Jonathan, who married Mamie Hagenbuch, and they have a daughter, Isabella. The son learned the same trade and is engaged in business with his father.

Mr. Wieser's father was Jonathan Wieser, a native of Berks county, where he carried on the trade of weaver (mostly bed-spreads) near Hamburg, for a number of years; then located in Lehigh county, where he conducted farming operations in different localities. He died at Allentown, aged 86 years. In early life he was a staunch Democrat, but in later years became a Republican. He was married to Hannah Henninger, of Whitehall township, near Wenersville, and they had twelve children, six of whom died in infancy: Jonathan; Adeline, m. William Ritter; Mary, m. Edward Eisenhard; Henry W.; Gideon; and Thos. L.

HENRY W. WIESER, painter and hardwood finisher at Allentown, was born in South Whitehall township, on Dec. 3, 1842. He received his education in the local school and attended the People's Business College at Reading, after which he was employed at farm work for John Dorney and Jonathan Dorney until the Civil War broke out in 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Co. F, 47th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. T. H. Good, of Allentown, and continued in active service for three years, including the "Red River Expedition." Upon his discharge he returned to the employ of John Dorney at Chapman station on the C. & F. R. R., and continued with him until 1869; then he learned the trade of painter under the firm of Unger Brothers at Allentown, and followed it as a journeyman for ten years. Afterward he was in partnership with his brother, Thomas L. Wieser for a time, and in 1876 went West where he followed his trade for two years; then he returned to Allentown, embarked in business for himself as a house painter and hardwood finisher with the latter as a specialty, which he has conducted in a successful manner until the present time. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of the St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church.

In 1869, Mr. Wieser was married to Louisa Lentz, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (George) Lentz, of Whitehall township, and they have one child, a son, Edwin W., who is in his father's employ.

His father was Jonathan Wieser. See sketch of Thomas L. Wieser.

#### WEISTLY FAMILY.

Joseph Weistly, son of James Weistly, of county Derry, Ireland, emigrated to America in 1846. He located at Summit Hill where he was married in 1851 to Mary Smith, a daughter of Gilbert Smith, also a native of county Derry, Ireland. She came to America alone in 1846. From Summit Hill Mr. Weistly went to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he remained about one year. He came to Catasauqua in 1853, where he lived until his death. He was employed by the Crane Iron Works from 1853 until he retired. Mr. Weistly took a very prominent interest in church matters. He was for many years a Trustee in the Bridge Street Presbyterian church and a member of the building committee when the church was erected. To Mr. and Mrs. Weistly the following children were born: William, of Catasauqua; Isaac, Joseph and Annie, died young; Jennie, of Scranton, Pa., and Rev. Alfred J., a Presbyterian minister located at Scranton.

WILLIAM WEISTLY, merchant, of Catasauqua, was born in Summit Hill, May 26, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of Catasauqua. At an early age he started to clerk in a store. In 1879 he started in the Mercantile business for himself in Catasauqua and has continued in the same business to the present time. He has been prominently identified with the public schools of the Iron Borough, having been a member of the School Board for upwards of twenty years. He has also taken a very prominent part in the church life of the borough. Since 1873 he has been the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Bridge Street Presbyterian church. He has also been a trustee of this church for many years. He is one of Catasauqua's most prominent citizens taking a deep interest in every thing that tends to the real uplift of the community. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Malta. In 1880 he was married to Laura A. Laubach, a daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Hess) Laubach. They have two children: Rev. Joseph L., Presbyterian minister at Forty Fort, N. Y. He was educated in the following institutions: Catasauqua High School, 1898; Muhlenberg College, 1902; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1902. He is married to Mabel Ossman, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Mary P. married Adolph P. Schneider, of White Mills, Pa., a graduate of Lafayette College, 1909, at present electrical engineer for the Allentown Light and Power Co.

#### WEISS FAMILY.

Peter Weis, the probable ancestor of a numerous family, had been the largest taxable in

Weisenberg township, in 1762, paying twenty-six pounds tax in that year. He had sons, John, George, and probably Christian. George and Christian remained in Weisenberg township, and John settled in Lynn township, where his homestead is still pointed out as the farm now owned and occupied by George E. Weida. Mr. Joseph Weiss, born in 1843, informs the writer that it is his belief that his great grandfather was buried at the New Jerusalem church. He was married and among his children were two sons, John, Jr., and Heinrich.

Johannes Weiss, son of John, was born Nov. 15, 1775, and died in Lynn township on Jan. 5, 1847, where he had originally settled, and he was buried in the old grave-yard at New Tripoli. He lived where his great-grandson, Franklin O. Weiss, has his residence and there he carried on the business of an undertaker besides carpentering and farming. The old house is still standing in which he lived and made coffins. The coffins of that time were narrower at the ends than now, and their cost was from six to twenty dollars. He conducted many funerals and buried many of the pioneer settlers. His son, Nathan, became the owner of the 75-acre farm and he was succeeded by his nephew, John J. Weiss, who also became the owner of the adjoining farm of seventy acres, which he sold to his son-in-law, William J. Peter. The first mentioned farm is now owned by Franklin O. Weiss.

The wife of Johannes Weiss was named Elizabeth Kreglow. She was born Oct. 13, 1782, and died Dec. 6, 1853, having lived with her husband for upwards of forty-eight years. Their children were: John, Jeremiah, Nathan, Catharine, married Johannes Heintzelman, and Daniel, who died young. They were members of the Reformed congregation of the Ebenezer church.

Nathan, the third son, was married three times, but he had no children so far as known. His first wife was a Sensinger, the second a Kressley, and the third a Winterhold. As mentioned above, he owned his father's place, and there he carried on farming and also conducted a distillery.

Jeremiah Weiss, the second son of Johannes, was born on his father's farm above mentioned, June 27, 1822, and died there Dec. 19, 1904, aged eighty-two years. He was a farmer by occupation but he also carried on tin-smithing. His wife was Lydia Dengler, daughter of Frederick and Polly (Sell) Dengler, and their children were: John J.; Daniel, born in 1855, and died in 1901; Jacob; Mary, married to George Shellhammer, and Elizabeth, who died when two years old. They were members of the Re-

formed congregation at New Tripoli, and he filled various offices in the church. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as a tax collector and school director.

John J. Weiss, retired farmer of Lynn township, was born Sept. 22, 1847, and was brought up to farming which he carried on until he retired in 1903. The farm was the old homestead and this he sold in 1907 to his son-in-law, William J. Peter. He also owned his grandfather's homestead of seventy-five acres and this he sold to his son, Franklin O. Weiss, in 1907. In political faith he is a Democrat and he served as a township supervisor for a time. He was married, Feb. 20, 1869, to Eliza Krassley, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Old) Krassley of Heidelberg township, and they have two children: Franklin O., and Mary A., married to William J. Peter.

John Weiss, the eldest son of Johannes, was born in Lynn township. In his early life he located in Upper Macungie township and there his younger children were born. He was a farmer by occupation, and he also carried on a clover-mill in Weisenberg township which was owned by his son, Jeremiah. Following his parents, he became a member of the Reformed congregation at New Tripoli, but he was buried at Fogelsville. His wife was Miss Haaf, and they had the following children: Jeremiah, died Oct. 17, 1911, aged 79 years; Lydia, married Leiby; Matilda, married to a Mr. Leckey, of Weisenberg; Sarena, married Henry Miller, of Bowers, Berks county; Caroline, married William Kistler, of Weisenberg; Eliza, married Joseph Dengler, of Weisenberg; and Tilghman.

Tilghman Weiss, the youngest son of John Weiss, was born May 25, 1850, in Upper Macungie township, and after farming for a time in Heidelberg township he removed to Lynn township, where he followed the same occupation. In 1883 he located at New Tripoli and there also carried on farming for eight years. He joined the Reformed congregation at New Tripoli and served it as a deacon; and he is affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics of that place. He was married to Mary Rauch, daughter of Joshua and Polly (Claus) Rauch, and they have three children: John F., Harvey T., of Allentown, and Nathan J., of New Tripoli.

JOHN F. WEISS, the eldest son of Tilghman H., a public school teacher of Lynn township, who resides at New Tripoli, is a native of North Whitehall township, where he was born Jan. 16, 1873. He received his education in the common schools of Heidelberg and Lynn townships and was licensed to teach when seventeen years

of age. In 1902 he was granted a professional certificate and the following year the state superintendent granted him a permanent certificate. Until the year 1914 he had taught public school in Lynn township for twenty-four consecutive terms. He is an influential Democrat and is prominently identified with the best interests of the Democratic party; and he has served as township assessor for three years and for two years was a county tax collector. He is a member of the New Tripoli Grand Council No. 204, Junior Order United American Mechanics which he has served as secretary in a faithful and satisfactory manner for the past thirteen years. He has passed through all the chairs and has represented the council at state conventions for eight years.

He was married, May 8, 1895, to Mary M. Miller, daughter of Joseph E. and Mary A. (Mosser) Miller, and they have one son, Harold J., who was born on the Miller homestead; was graduated from the township schools in 1910; and the Allentown Preparatory School in 1913; is now a student at Ursinus College.

He and the family are members of the Reformed congregation at New Tripoli, which he has served as a deacon for some years. Mr. Weiss has served as teacher, secretary, and superintendent for more than twenty-five years of the Ebenezer Union Sunday school.

Heinrich Weiss, the son of John, who settled in Lynn township, owned and cultivated a large farm in Weisenberg township. He was married to a Miss Werley, who died in 1847, aged about 74 years. He died about 1843. They are buried at the Weisenberg church, of which they were Reformed members. Their children were: Catharine, married to Peter Shumacher; Daniel; Heinrich, Jr.; Michael, who obtained the homestead; Peter, and Jacob. The sons were all farmers, except Peter, who was a shoemaker. They all lived in Weisenberg township. Daniel Weiss, son of Heinrich, married Margaret Hunsicker, and they had these children: Lucy, Lydia, Polly, Julia, and Sallie, twins.

Heinrich Weiss, son of Heinrich, was born Oct. 26, 1808, and died of apoplexy on Nov. 1, 1865. He was a prosperous farmer in Weisenberg. He married Maria Kerschner, and they were members of the Weisenberg church. Their children were: Daniel K.; Elias; Joseph; Catharine, married to Wallace Greenawalt; and Louisa, married to John Kline. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kline are deceased.

Michael Weiss, son of Heinrich, was married to Polly Sensinger and they had the following

children: Julia, Lafayette, David, and John S., who lives at New Tripoli, Pa.

Peter Weiss was married to Lydia Werley. They had no children.

Jacob Weiss was married to Sallie Frey, and they had two children: Levi; and Rev. Benjamin, born Aug. 27, 1849, was a faithful Christian minister of the Reformed Church and died on April 12, 1901 while living at Lenhartsville, Pa. He was married to Emma R. Merkel and they had: Carrie S., George J., and Nevin Z. The widow and all the children live in Reading, Pa.

Lafayette Weiss, son of Michael, was born in Weiss' Valley, near Seiberlingsville, Pa., Dec. 2, 1845, and died at Allentown, on Jan. 13, 1912, from a stroke of apoplexy. He was a farmer up to about three years before he died, at which time he came to Allentown with P. E. Hensinger and family. He was married to Emma Rabenold, who survives him with these children: Emma, wife of Fred Stump; and Lillie, wife of P. E. Hensinger.

Joseph Weiss, son of Heinrich, Jr., was born March 16, 1843. He was a tanner on the homestead of his father up to 1904, at which time he rented the farm to his son, Owen H. M., who bought the homestead several years later and continues to cultivate it. Mr. Weiss had followed the tanning business from 1856 until his retirement in 1904. In 1912 he located at Schnecksville, where his widowed daughter, Mrs. Harvey Werley also resides. He was married to Caroline Werley and they are members of the Reformed Church which Mr. Weiss served both as a deacon and elder.

#### ALVIN WEISS.

Charles Weiss, a native of Montgomery county, went to Northampton county and settled in the extreme upper end of the county on the "Mountain Road" and there three of his younger children were born. He was a stone-mason and lived to an advanced age. His wife was Eve Seider, and they had ten children: William, Jonas (lived at Ashland, Pa.), John (lived in Northampton county), Amos (was drowned), David, Daniel, Sallie and Rebecca. The last two were married to Nicholas Strohl, having married the second wife after the first had died; after the second died, he married Lena Andreas. By the three wives he had 31 children. The ninth child of Mr. Weiss was Mrs. John Andrew, and tenth Mrs. Henry Beidelman.

William Weiss was born in Montgomery county, Pa., June 15, 1817. At an early age he went to Slatedale. He became a trustee of the original Methodist Church there, but later he united with the Evangelical Church, in which he

was a most active and useful member, serving as class-leader and exhorter. He also was active in the Sunday school work. He was a stonemason by trade. His last years were spent at Walnutport with his daughter, Mrs. Martha Yehl, and there he died about 1900, aged 83 years. He was married to Salome Schleicher (born in Heidelberg township, Oct. 19, 1818, and died Feb. 4, 1883). They had ten children: Jonas, Eve (married F. Sowders), Amos (was drowned when young), William (died in the Civil War), Daniel, Henry, David, John, Lucy, and Martha (wife of Morris Davis).

Jonas Weiss, oldest son of William, was born in Washington township June 24, 1838, but he lived at Slatedale where he was a laborer. He married Sarah Dorward, a daughter of Phaon and Polly (Sensinger) Dorward, and they began housekeeping in the house where the Weisses had lived and where he died May 15, 1905, aged 67 years. His widow continues to occupy the homestead, being regarded as a sacred place to her and their children, who were born there. He and family were members of the Evangelical Church at Slatedale, which he served as trustee many years; also as class-leader and exhorter. He was a trustee in 1881 when the present church was built. They had seven children: Mary (married W. P. Yoxtheimer), Alvin, Ida (married Francis Paules), Aaron (of Slatedale), Wesley (of Slatedale), Ella E. (married David Hughes), and Clara M. (married George F. Schler, of Catasauqua).

Alvin Weiss, slate operator, and printer at Slatedale, was born there Jan. 25, 1868. At the age of 18 years he learned the printing trade with the *Slatington News* under the proprietorship of L. E. Schlauch, and later with Mohr & Schoenly. Then he filled a clerkship in the store of F. E. Shenton, at Slatedale for eleven years. After he learned the printing trade he established the first job office at Slatedale and he has carried on the printing business there to this time. While employed in the store he did his printing in the evening or during the night.

In April, 1902, Mr. Weiss and Henry H. Kern engaged in the slate business at Slatedale and they continued until Sept. of the same year when they admitted O. F. Kern into the partnership, and then they traded under the name of the Royal Blue Slate Co., which is a successful enterprise. Mr. Weiss is also a one-fourth owner of the Highland Slate Co. He was one of the organizers of the Royal Store Company in October, 1909. In 1909 he assisted in organizing the Slatedale Rural Telephone Co. and he has since served the company as its president. He

resides on Grant street in Slatedale, in a modern residence which he erected in 1910.

He was married on Thanksgiving Day, 1909, to Emma C. Walp, a daughter of Reuben and Louisa (Stem) Walp. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Slatedale and he serves the church in various offices. He has been superintendent of its Sunday school since 1890. Mr. Weiss is a moral force in Slatedale and its vicinity where he is respected and esteemed. His material success is considered of great consequence by those who know him best and honor him for his uprightness of character and for his liberality in the cause of Christianity.

#### WENNER FAMILY.

Jacob Wenner, the progenitor of the Wenner family in Lehigh county, emigrated from Alsace at the age of forty-three years, with his wife, Magdalena, two sons, Jacob and George, and two daughters, Eva and Magdalena, arriving at Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1773, and on the 28th of that month left for Northampton county, with his wife and two daughters. He settled in Whitehall township on property owned by Judge Rhoads, near what is now known as Kratzer's schoolhouse. His second wife, Elizabeth, widow of Nicholas Wolf, survived him at his death on Nov. 27, 1802.

Jacob, his elder son, and his wife, Anna Maria, were indentured to John Hall, of Maryland. After serving this indenture, they settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, where he died about 1792. His descendants moved to the western part of the state.

Eva, the elder daughter, was married to Andrew Hotz (Hoats), of Heidelberg township, and Magdalena to David Meyer, of the same township.

George Wenner, the younger son of Jacob, was born Dec. 21, 1756. He also was indentured, to Joshua Dudley, of Evesham township, Burlington county, West Jersey. He served until of age, when he left for his parental home in Northampton, where he enlisted in Captain Reitz's company of associators. After the revolution he purchased 126 acres of land in Whitehall township, now South Whitehall, at what is now Wenersville, where he died Sept. 12, 1833. His wife, Eva Kummel, was born Aug. 13, 1763, and died Feb. 28, 1833. They are buried in the Allentown cemetery. They had seven children: George, Catharine, William, John, Jacob, Salome and Jonathan.

George, the eldest son, was born April 23, 1787, and died Oct. 27, 1837. He removed from South Whitehall to Salisbury, where he carried on farming until his death. He married Anna



Shiffert, who was born Dec. 27, 1788, and died March 24, 1860. They had nine children: Mrs. Esther Butz; Mrs. Lucy A. Wickert; Saphan; George; Peter; Marietta, died young; Mrs. Clatissa Schmoyer; Lydia, married, first, Joseph Keiper, and second, William Thompson, and Sophia, married Richard Rickert.

Saphan Wenner had a son, George, who had a daughter, Bertha, now residing at Phillipsburg, N. J.

George Wenner was born April 1, 1817, and died Sept. 10, 1878. He married Mary Unangst and had four children: Rev. George, Lutheran minister in New York City, and now president of the New York Synod, who married a daughter of Peter Cooper; Uriah, a lawyer in Salt Lake City; William, and Ida.

Peter Wenner was born March 2, 1821, and educated in the schools of Salisbury township. He was reared on the farm, and remained there until after his father's decease, when he located at Allentown and entered the dry goods store of Joshua Schnurman. Afterward he engaged in the general store business for himself at Eighth and Hamilton streets, and later followed butchering with the Kramer family. He was one of the first members of the Allentown Cornet Band, and at the time of the great fire was an active fireman. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F. He married Maria, daughter of Charles and Julianna (Miller) Kramer. She was born Aug. 16, 1827, and died Oct. 19, 1910. They had seven children: Sarah, married Frank W. Weil and had children: George P., Carrie H., Lizzie, William, Robert and Mabel; Chas. K., who had children: Thomas C. and Florence; Parke B.; Robert T., who has one son, Robert; Edgar F., has children: Harry P., Marie E. and Ruth; Thomas P., and Harry C.

THOMAS P. WENNER, son of Peter, was born in Allentown, July 30, 1861. He was educated in the schools of the city and graduated from the high school in 1878. He followed the mercantile business for some years; was connected with the school board since 1892, and officiated as secretary from 1900. He is a member of Lehigh Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 83; Sons of the American Revolution, and Lehigh County Historical Society. He married Alice H., daughter of Capt. Abraham Shaffer and Sarah Hausman, his wife, of Reading. They have two children: Ralph S. and Margery S. They are members of St. John's Lutheran church.

William Wenner, second son of George, Sr., was born Feb. 19, 1792, and died Jan. 22, 1865. He settled on the old homestead and farmed a portion of the land. He married Elizabeth

Strauss, born June 26, 1796, died May 25, 1853, and they had ten children: Reuben; Judith, married John Huffort; Lydia, married Levi Guth; Sarah, married Gideon Guth; William; Edward; Solomon; Mrs. Owen Bortz; Eliza, married Manasses Butz, and Henry S. He married a second wife, Catharine Nonnemaker, born Dec. 9, 1791, died Oct. 24, 1884, by whom he had no children.

Reuben Wenner, the eldest son of William, was born June 11, 1815, and died Dec. 25, 1862. He was a farmer in South Whitehall, and married Rebecca, a daughter of George and Salome (Newhard) Yundt. She was born Feb. 1, 1815, and died Jan. 12, 1863. They had six children: Tilghman, Francis, Levi, Thomas, George and Eliza.

Tilghman Wenner, eldest son of Reuben, was born Jan. 24, 1838. He settled at Frankfort, Ind., married Eliza Bare, and had ten children: George A., Zenobia E., Sylvester F., Ida, William H., Annie M., Maggie B., Rebecca M., Paul E. and Pearl J. Frances and Levi, Tilghman's brothers, removed to Marshall county, Ind. George had two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Henninger and Mrs. Ellen Romig.

Thomas Wenner, son of Reuben, was born at Wenersville, July 3, 1840. He engaged in the farming implement business at Wenersville in 1870, where he had a large and lucrative trade for thirty years. He died Oct. 22, 1900, and the business was continued by his estate for three years. He was a member of the German Baptist Church, at Wenersville, where he is buried. He married Cecilia Guth, and had fifteen children: Elmer, of Wilkes-Barre; Clinton, Willis and Thomas, of Catasauqua; Allen, of Emaus; Mervin, of Allentown; Chester P.; Lizzie, married Wm. Newhard; Meda, married Llewellyn Newhard; Lena, married Geo. Keck; Rebecca, married Wm. Masters; Elda, married John L. Yeager; Sadie, married Herbert Schmoyer; Jerome and another, who both died young.

CHESTER P. WENNER, son of Thomas, a dealer in farming implements and a builder and repairer of machinery at Wenersville, was born in the village Aug. 7, 1880. He worked on the farm and assisted his father in the implement business from 1893 to 1900, and carried it on for three years for the benefit of his father's estate, when he purchased it and conducted it for himself. His trade extends throughout Lehigh and adjacent counties. In 1903 he sold a Foss gasoline engine, which was the first sold in Lehigh county, and he has since sold about 500. In 1904 he purchased Tilghman Sherer's property, containing two acres, and there in 1905 he

built a two-story machine shop, thirty by fifty feet, and in 1907 he purchased the old Baptist church property, which he converted into a warehouse, and in 1912 he purchased the property, where his father had conducted business for many years. He occupies a floor space covering altogether 8,000 square feet. He is connected with the South Whitehall Beneficial Society, and the Cedarville Lutheran congregation. He married Feb. 2, 1902, Katie A., daughter of John and Catharine (Miller) Miller, of Germany, and they have three children: John Thomas, Mary Ellen and Dorothy Pauline.

William Wenner, second son of William, was born Sept. 5, 1824, and died May 28, 1894, at Tiffin, O. He married Mary Stopp and had five children: Oscar, Edward, William, Ella and Aggie.

Edward Wenner, the third son of William, was born Feb. 6, 1826, and afterward moved to Tiffin, O. He married Susan Thompson, who was born Aug. 31, 1836, and died Jan. 20, 1902. They had three children: William E., born 1859, died 1867; Henry L., married Emma Huss, and Ralph J., born 1870, died 1900, married Della Hollinger.

Solomon Wenner, a twin brother of Edward, was born Feb. 6, 1826, and died Jan. 21, 1899. He lived in Lower Macungie. He had six children: Mrs. David Kocher, Mrs. Amanda Hinkel, Lewis F., Allen, Oscar and Victor W.

Henry S. Wenner, youngest son of William, was born June 10, 1832, and died April 10, 1889, at Tiffin, O. He married Sarah Kaull, and had six children: Lydia S., Ida M., Francis W., Alpheus, Fred L., and Charles L.

John Wenner, third son of George, Sr., was born Sept. 23, 1794, and died May 14, 1852. He resided on a farm he purchased from John Henninger near the homestead. He married Magdalena Marcks. She was born Feb. 3, 1797, and died Dec. 20, 1858. They had three sons: Charles, Peter and Ephraim.

Charles Wenner, son of John, was born Feb. 20, 1820, and died Dec. 27, 1879. He was married to Judith Gammer, and had seven children: Maria J., married Alfred J. Koch; Polly A., married Henry Kuhns; Arabella C., married Matthias Bortz; Melissa, married Wm. H. Reichard; Elemina, married Tilghman Stettler; John, born 1847, died 1871, and Charles E.

Charles E. Wenner, son of Charles, of South Whitehall, was born April 5, 1850. He was a miller for five years at the Bortz mill, owned by his father and in 1875 began farming a seventy-seven-acre tract. In 1873, he married Emma E., daughter of Wm. K. and Helena (Schmoyer) Levan, of Lower Macungie, and

had seven children: Charles, Jr., of Crackersport, a section foreman on the C. & F. R. R., and married to Ida Haas; John F., of Allentown; Anna, died at age of nineteen years; Howard, of Mechanicsville, who conducts a milk business, married Helen Albright and has children: Verna and Ida; Edna, married Harry Weidner; Lloyd, married Florence Baer, and Emma.

Ephraim Wenner, son of John, was born in 1822, and died in 1887. He married Levina, daughter of Isaac Haines, who was born in 1827, and died in 1908. They had eight children: Isabella V., married Silas S. Dubbs; John F.; Dr. Geo. V.; Rosa M., married Dr. Tilghman D. Koons; Dr. Alfred J.; Hiram S., of Chicago; Caroline E., married Geo. W. Carson, and A. H. Ellena. John F., son of Ephraim, was born Sept. 5, 1853. Since 1909 he has been cashier of the Allentown National Bank. Dr. George V. died at Milford, in New Jersey, July 19, 1904, aged thirty-six years.

Peter Wenner, the third son of John, was a carpenter and farmer in South Whitehall, where he owned two farms on one of which he lived, near Wenersville. He was a school director and township supervisor, and in the early fifties was one of the organizers of the South Whitehall Sons and Daughters of Temperance, No. 391, of Crackersport. He was a deacon, elder and trustee, of the Jordan Lutheran church, and died Aug. 22, 1885. He married Ellemina, daughter of Jeremiah Trexler, and had seven children: Amanda M., married Phaon Hammel; John Phaon, born 1847, died 1911, married Emma M. Stettler, and had four children: Edgar J.; Mamie R.; John J. and Elmer S.; George A., of Cetronia; Emmelina E., married Frank Faust; Rebecca C., married Chester Newhard; Peter J. F., and Clara M. married Levi Haas.

PETER J. F. WENNER, son of Peter, was born May 11, 1860, in South Whitehall. He was educated in the public school and Muhlenberg College, and at the age of twenty years began to teach school and taught in the South Whitehall and Knappenberger buildings. He began farming in 1890 on an eighteen-acre tract, formerly the Jonas Rauch homestead. He was county auditor for two terms from 1905 to 1911; also township assessor for eighteen continuous years, a larger period than any other of this township. He was prominently identified with Sunday school work, served as a teacher many years and officiated as superintendent of the Crackersport Union Sunday school from 1885 to 1900. He is a member of Guthsville Camp, No. 378, P. O. S. of A., and in politics is a Democrat.

In 1889, Mr. Wenner was married to Ida, daughter of Wilson and Mary (Stettler) Heil-

man. They have four children: Edna H., married Raymond Wright, and has a daughter, Hilda W.; Hattie H.; Lottie H., and Naomi H.

Jacob Wenner, fourth son of George, Sr., was born Dec. 4, 1797, and died April 20, 1880. His wife, Lydia Hiskey, was born Feb. 12, 1799, and died April 11, 1861. They had eight children: James, born 1819; Henrietta, born 1820, married Mr. Hunsberger; Edwin, born 1822; Margaret, born 1823, married Jonas Bastian; Jacob, born 1824; Lydia H., born 1831; Maria A., born 1832, and Angelina, born 1837, married John Reinhard.

Edwin was born Feb. 16, 1822, and died Jan. 19, 1881. He married Leah Weber and had four children: William, of Emaus, whose sons are V. C. and Howard; Ellen, Laura and Ellemina. Jacob was born Sept. 16, 1825, and died Jan. 12, 1863. He married Judith Danner, and had three children: Wilson, Leshner and Elizabeth, married J. S. Iobst, of Emaus. James was born July 20, 1819, and died Jan. 12, 1874. His wife, Marietta, was born June 15, 1824, and died Nov. 19, 1873, and they had eight children: Milton, Mrs. Maria Klotz, Allen, Mrs. Lydia Rabenold, Leshner, Mrs. Jeretta Hartman, Mrs. Kate Shankweiler and L. Theodore.

Jonathan Wenner, the fifth and youngest son of George, Sr., was born Aug. 21, 1807, and died Feb. 6, 1884. He married Judith Kuhns, who was born Sept. 2, 1810, and died Dec. 28, 1891. They had six children: Stephen, Jonas, William, Mrs. Angeline Jarrett, Mrs. Philip Reinhard and Mary.

Catharine Wenner, the second child and eldest daughter of George, Sr., was born April 12, 1790, and died Oct. 4, 1864. She married Henry Gackenbach, and had children: Charles and Reuben. She married a second husband, Jonathan Butz, and had children: Daniel and Levi.

Salome Wenner, the second daughter of George, Sr., was born Dec. 17, 1799, and died Aug. 4, 1847. She married Peter Romig, of North Whitehall.

#### WENTZ FAMILY.

William H. Wentz, proprietor of the Majestic Theatre, of Catasauqua, represents one of the old and honored families of eastern Pennsylvania. He traces his line of descent to Johann Jost Wentz, who was born in the town of Beerfelden, Hessen Darmstadt, German, on Dec. 13, 1749, and died at Berlinsville, Northampton county, Pa., on May 22, 1812, aged 62 years, 5 months and 9 days. His wife, Ann Elizabeth Horn Wentz, died at Berlinsville on Nov. 11, 1845, aged 96 years, 11 months and 18 days. They

had the following children: John Peter, born at Beerfelden on March 9, 1770; Barbara, born at Beerfelden in the year 1772, died during the summer of 1773; Jacob, born in Upper Milford township, Northampton county (now Lehigh county) Pa., on Aug. 2, 1777; John George, born in Upper Milford township on April 11, 1778; Magdeline, born in Upper Milford township on Nov. 21, 1781, was married to Peter Masters, in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Pa., in 1803, and died at Berlinsville, Northampton county, Pa., on April 30, 1873; John, born in Upper Milford township on July 19, 1784; Elizabeth, born in Upper Milford township on Dec. 25, 1788, was married to Ira Rood in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome county, New York, on Jan. 22, 1805, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on Aug. 31, 1874; William, born in Upper Milford township on Sept. 5, 1789.

Jacob Wentz, second son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in Upper Milford township, Northampton county (now Lehigh county), Pa., on Aug. 21, 1777, married Catherine Leibenguth in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Pa., May 6, 1800. One male child was the result of this marriage, which died with its mother at its birth in December, 1800.

Jacob Wentz married his second wife, Magdeline Kieffer, in Lehigh township, on April 12, 1801. Following are their children: Catherine, married Jonas Leibenguth on Oct. 6, 1822; Jacob; John; Sarah, married to Joseph Lessly in 1827; Elizabeth, married to John Young in 1825; Joseph; Polly, married to Jacob Easterday in 1831; Rebecca, married to Joseph Young in 1834; Joel; Lydia, married to Reuben Leibenguth in 1839; Levi; Monroe. Magdeline Kieffer Wentz, the mother of this family, died in Lehigh township on March 2, 1852.

Jacob Wentz married his third wife, Susan Heil, near Cherryville, Northampton county, Pa., on Nov. 29, 1857, he being then eighty years of age. His occupation was by trade a cooper, which he followed during his younger years, but the most of his time was given to farming. In 1834 he moved to Kuntz Ford, and took charge of three locks on the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's canal, and opened a grocery, feed and provision store for the accommodation of boatmen. His death occurred near Cherryville, Northampton county, on Jan. 15, 1868. His age was 90 years, 4 months and 24 days. Susan Heil Wentz died near Cherryville on Aug. 9, 1881.

Jacob Wentz, oldest son of Jacob Wentz, first, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton county, on Dec. 29, 1803. Married Catherine Berlin at Berlinsville, Northampton county, on Nov. 14, 1824. Following are their children:

William; Charles; Juliann; Thomas; Catherine, married to Solomon Hangen in 1857; Joel; Anna; Moses; Reuben; Isaac; Sarah, married to David Evans in 1864; Elizabeth, married to Harrison Evans in 1859; Jacob; Magdeline, married to Solomon B. Bryfogle in 1872; David. Catherine Berlin Wentz, the mother of this family, died in Lehigh township on May 2, 1853. Jacob Wentz married his second wife, Lucy Ann Easterday, in Lehigh township, on May 9, 1857. Following are their children: Robert; John; Levi; Rebecca; Henry; George; Anna. Jacob Wentz, head of this family, died at his father's old homestead, about one mile from Cherryville, toward Berlinsville, on April 1, 1881. His principal occupation was farming. Lucy Ann Wentz, widow of Jacob, 2d, lies buried at Cherryville, Pa.

Joel, fourth son of Jacob 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton county, Pa., on March 28, 1832, and died March 19, 1895. Married Rebecca Snyder at Weissport, Carbon county, Pa., on Dec. 8, 1860. He was a wheelwright by trade. Following are their children: Catherine Elizabeth, born at Weissport on Nov. 11, 1861; William Henry, born at Weissport, on August 8, 1863; Wesley Albright, born at Weissport on Mar. 4, 1865; George Albert, born at Weissport on April 13, 1867; Edward Lewis, born at Weissport on Jan. 14, 1869, died 1892; Ellen, born at Weissport on Dec. 14, 1870; Samuel Amandus, born at Weissport on April 22, 1873, died Feb. 27, 1889; John, born at Weissport on Oct. 15, 1876; Allart, born at Weissport on April 13, 1878; Emma Jane, born at Weissport on August 7, 1880; Mary Ann, born at Weissport on Dec. 15, 1884.

WILLIAM WENTZ, son of Joel, was born at Weissport, Pa., Aug. 8, 1863. He was educated in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he began to support himself; at the age of seventeen he learned the art of painting, which he followed for a period of seventeen years. In 1897 he was engaged as teamster in the baking business at Paryville and three years later became the proprietor of the bakery. In 1908 he came to Catasauqua and built the Majestic Theatre, which soon became the most popular form of amusement in that thriving borough. So large became the patronage that he was compelled to enlarge it three times within this short period. He also conducts the Bijou theatre. Both of these theatres are well patronized and are famed for their fine line of pictures. He takes a special interest in public improvements and has fitted out a place for the children and young folks to play baseball and basketball and during winter keeps a skating pond. Mr. Wentz takes an interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the borough and county and

at the recent election was a candidate for councilman on the Washington party ticket. The flattering vote which he received attests to his popularity. He had undertaken to raise one thousand dollars for the Old Home Week at Catasauqua in 1914, and he was successful in his efforts. He was married in 1886 to Annie L. Young, a daughter of George W. Young, to them are born the following children: Charles W.; Arthur L.; Melvin E.; Noel Y.; and Adrin. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz and family are faithful and devoted members of the Evangelical church of Catasauqua.

#### CHARLES O. WENTZ.

Charles O. Wentz, chief engineer of the Emaus Silk Company, was born at Berlinsville, Lehigh township, Northampton county, Oct. 8, 1878. His grandfather was Jacob Wentz, who resided at Cherryville, Northampton county, where he followed farming all his life. Isaac Wentz was born in Northampton county in 1841. Having been educated in the public schools of his native place he became a teacher in the public schools at an early age and followed this profession all his life in various places throughout his native county. He was a devoted member of the Evangelical Church. He died at Walnutport in 1895 and is buried at Berlinsville. He was married to Sarah, a daughter of John and Sarah (Rice) Heffelfinger. She died in 1907, aged 64 years and is buried at Berlinsville. They were the parents of the following children: William, a baker by trade, killed on the L. V. R. R., near Slatington; Ellen, married to Robert Roth, of Walnutport; Benjamin, wood carver, residing at Walnutport; Emma, died aged 17 years; John, of Slatington; and Charles O.

Charles O. Wentz was educated in the public schools of his native place and at the age of eleven years he started to work in the School Slate factory at Slatington. Later, for a period of three years he shaved slate for Samuel Caskin and also was his foreman for several years. He was foreman of the American Slate Works for two years, also rigger and repairer of machinery for a number of years, and at various times engineer, being employed by this company for twelve years. Moving to Allentown he was employed as steam-fitter by W. H. Taylor & Co., and as machinist on the Eighth street bridge. On April 18, 1893 he became the chief engineer for the Emaus Silk Company, which position he now fills. He resides in his own home at 219 North Fifth street, Allentown. He is a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church, in which he holds the office of trustee and class leader. In July, 1895, Mr. Wentz was married to Lizzie Yeahl, a daughter of Lewis and Martha (Weiss)

Yeahl. They are the parents of the following children: Albert L., bookkeeper with the Emaus Silk Company; Paul L., ribbon weaver; George T., broad silk weaver; Ellis, at school; Ruth, at school; Raymond W., died in infancy; and Randolph.

#### WERLEY FAMILY.

The Werley family is of French Huguenot descent and originally the name was spelled Werle. Sebastian Werley and his wife, Rosina Derr, accompanied by her brother, John Derr, emigrated to Pennsylvania before 1750 and settled on a farm in Allemangel, now Weisenberg township, where he built a house some distance from an Indian path which led to an Indian village, where the Holben mill dam is now situated in Lynn township, and when the Indians passed, his wife would favor them occasionally with a loaf of bread, a kindness which was reciprocated by them. He took up large tracts of land in that vicinity. He had six children: John Nicholas, generally called "Hannickle," who was the eldest, born on the ocean; Michael; Catharine, married to a Billman; Dewald, married to Miss Mumma; Valentine, generally called "Feldi," who married a Miss George; Maria, who married a Snyder; and Rosina, who married Bernhard Kressly.

Nicholas, the eldest son of Sebastian, owned the land which afterward came to be owned by John Werly, Levi Weida, and Henry German. He had nine children: Michael; Andreas; Sebastian, who married Lydia Bittner; Dewald, who married Molly Bittner; Catharine, who married Jacob Hans; Maria, who married John Nicholas Derr; Sarah, who married Jacob Bittner; Rosina, who married Peter George; and Leah, who married Andreas Kline, an emigrant from Germany.

Michael, the eldest son of Nicholas, was married to a Miss Hans and settled on a farm which afterward came to be property of William D. Bear. He was enlisted in the English War of 1812-15, and upon his return he contracted an illness from which he died. He had five children: Joseph, who married first Catharine Bittner and then Leah Grimm; Catharine, who married Peter Gildner; Jonathan, who married Maria or Polly Billman; Maria, married a Mr. Schaller and afterward a Mr. Kressly; and Daniel, who went to Wisconsin. Of these Joseph lived near the Lowhill Church, served as constable of Lowhill township and raised a large family of sons and daughters and Jonathan was a tailor, owned a farm near Claussville, and had eight children: John, Elias, Owen, Levi, Caro-

lina, the wife of William Bear; Kitty; Lydia, married Jefferson Haas; and Benjamin.

John Werley, the eldest son of Jonathan, the tailor, was a farmer of Lowhill, born in 1833, and died in 1907, and buried at Ziegel Church. He was married to Lucy Werley, a daughter of Henry, a son of Dewalt, of Sebastian; and they had five children: Edwin, married Sybilla Moyer; Calvin; Mary, married (first time) John Fries; (second) David Herman; Rosa, married Morris Xander; and she died in 1910; Margaret, married William Botz.

CALVIN P. WERLEY, the second son of John, is a farmer of Weisenberg. He was born in Lowhill, July 28, 1854, and was there educated and brought up on a farm till twelve years old when his father moved to a farm of 150 acres in Weisenberg, which he had bought and there the son continued until 1883 and moved to Lowhill on the 100-acre farm of Joseph Slough which he cultivated for twenty-two years. In 1905 he returned to the homestead in Weisenberg and has carried on the farm till now. He has affiliated with the Castle No. 486, K. G. E., and has served as an election officer. In 1878 he was married to Louisa Moyer, daughter of William, of Weisenberg, and they had eleven children: Richard, died, 7 years old; Emma, married Edwin Diehl; Stella, married William Kistler; George, married Angelina Reitz; Flossie, married Albert Smith; Frederick; Morris; Lloyd; Joyce; Hilda, and one died in infancy. William Moyer, the father of Mrs. Werley, was married to Sarah Rabenold, daughter of Isaac, a farmer of Weisenberg. He died, in 1896, aged 71 years. They had sixteen children: Eureline, married L. Leiby; Rufinas, married Emma Bittner; Levi, married Emma Kroninger, died when 25 years old; Sybilla, married Edwin Werley, second time, Peter A. Romig; Alfred, married Catharine Gehris; Frank, who went to Ohio; Louisa; Agnes, married Lloyd Huff; Benjamin, who went to Michigan; Albert, married Matilda Faust; Peter, married (1) to Alice Schmoyer; (2) to a Miss Knappenberger; Ambrose, married Racy Ramer; Anna, married Wilson Dietrich; Calvin, accidentally killed when fifteen years old; Morris; and one died young.

Daniel Moyer, the grand-father of Mrs. Werley, was a farmer of Weisenberg, who on Aug. 9, 1807, married Magdalena Acker. They had seven children: Charles and James, who went to New York; William; Aaron, married (1) Julia Gehringer, (2) Helena Fritz; Mary, married Daniel Semmel; Judith, married a Saeger; and Amos, married a Baer.

Isaac Rabenold, the grandfather of Mrs. Werley, a farmer of Weisenberg, was married

to Julia Walbert, and they had twelve children: Sarah; Kitty Ann, married Jonas Shoemaker; Amelia, married William Krause; Susanna, married Louis Adam; Levi; Moses; Samuel; Frank; Hettie, married Jonas Buchman; Clarissa, married (1) Samuel Oswald, (2) Jonas Ettinger; Eliza, married Solomon Seip; and Seniah.

Andreas, the second son of Nicholas, who was married to a Miss Haas, became possessed of the homestead, and he had eight children: Jacob, married Leah Weiss; Gideon, married Hettie Bachman; Elias; John, married Amelia Gordon; Jonas, married Lucy Clauss; Maria, married John George; Sarah, married John Peter; and Lydia, married Jonas Bachman. The eldest son Jacob's children, were: Levi; Penrose; Edwin; Mrs. Benneville Smith; and Mrs. Fritz; Gideon's were: Owen; Moses; Solomon, who went West; Annie, married John Hollenbach, and William; Elias' were: Francis; and others; John had one son, James; Jonas had Alvin; Wilson and Lucy among others.

Sebastian, the third son of Nicholas, was married to Lydia Bittner, and had seven children: Stephen; John, married a Miss Wagner; Elias; Phaon; Rebecca, married Daniel German; Polly, married Daniel Kistler; and Fianna, also married Daniel German, after the decease of Rebecca. He lived in Weisenberg township and carried on farming and distilling.

Dewald, the fourth son of Nicholas, was a farmer and hotel-keeper, and had nine children: John; Daniel, of Allentown; and Jacob, of Schuylkill-Haven; Mrs. Crouse; Lucy Rabenold; Maria Heilman; Sallie Rebecca Grimm; and Catharine, married Henry German.

Michael, the second son of Sebastian, settled near the Weisenberg church and he had six children: Maria, married Henry Weiss; Catharine, married Mr. John Harkman; Michael, married Miss Kerschner; Magdalena, married Mr. Kistler; Abraham, married Barbara Hunsicker, and Elizabeth, married Jacob Snyder.

Michael, the elder son of Michael, received a part of his father's farm and had two sons, Michael and Daniel, and lived to a great age but nearly blind toward the end. Michael, the elder son, married Catharine Mosser, died in the prime of life and had ten children: Levi; Joseph; William; Carolina, married Joseph Weiss; Mary, married Levi Weida; Sarah; Emeline; Kitty, married R. Hollenbach; Annie and Wilson, and Daniel, the younger son, married a widow named Hunsicker, but had no children.

Abraham, the younger son of Michael, lived to be very old on a part of the homestead, and

had nine children: Jacob, married Elizabeth Smith; Michael; Nathan; Jonas; Lydia, married Peter Weiss; Catharine, married Philip Kerschner; Hettie, married Abraham Frey; Molly, died single; and Lucy.

Dewald, the third son of Sebastian, owned the farm on which the Sieberling church was erected and he had eight children: Jacob; Abraham; Daniel; Henry; Nicholas; Magdalena, married a Muse; Sophia, married Thomas Grimm; and a son, who died in infancy. Abraham, married a Miss Boger, and had eight children: David, married Maria Everitt; Henry; William; Jackson; Aaron; Fannie; Jane, and Mary. Henry also married a Miss Boger, and had the following children, among others: John; Henry; Stephen; James; Lucy, married John Werley, son of Jonas; and Mrs. Kerschner. Nicholas married a Miss Buch and had eight children: Harrison; Joshua; Daniel; Melinda; Sarah; Eleanora, Carolina, and Clara.

Valentine "Feldi" the fourth son of Sebastian, had ten children: Christiana, married Andrew Bittner; Susanna, married John Shifferstein; Elizabeth, married Jacob Zimmerman; Maria; Polly Schleicher; Leah, married Jacob Walbert; Sarah, single; Rebecca, died single; Samuel; Daniel, and Charles.

Samuel Werley, son of Valentine, the fourth son of Sebastian, was a farmer in Weisenberg township, married to Miss Smith, and had three children: Jonas; Caroline, married Charles Gehringer; and Racey, married Jeremiah Derr.

Jonas Werley, son of Samuel, was born Feb. 15, 1829. He died Dec. 11, 1906, and was buried at Allentown. He was a contractor and builder by occupation, employed a large number of men and erected many dwellings at a time at Allentown. He served as a school director from the Eighth ward for one term. Before moving to Allentown in 1869 he was a member of Sieberlingsville Church and served on the vestry. He was married to Maria Brobst, born Aug. 10, 1830, and died Nov. 6, 1907. They had six children: Phaon, born Feb. 20, 1852; Jonas, born Aug. 19, 1853; Ellamanda, born Sept. 9, 1855; Hiram A., born March 10, 1858; Josiah M., born March 26, 1862; Elizabeth, born Aug. 26, 1865, died May 15, 1866.

Josiah M. Werley, son of Jonas, cigar manufacturer at Allentown, was born in Weisenberg township, March 26, 1862. When seven years old his parents moved to Allentown and he received his education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he became an apprentice to the trade of cigar maker and after finishing



his apprenticeship he followed the trade as a journeyman for a time until 1883 then engaged in the manufacture of cigars and also in the business of selling cigars at retail as well as wholesale at No. 939 Hamilton street, where he has continued until the present time. He is a member of Castle No. 55, K. G. E., at Allentown.

In 1882 Mr. Werley was married to Ida S. C. Roth, daughter of Hon. Jeremiah Roth, and Angelina, his wife, *nee* Mink, and they had a son, Harvey J. She died in 1886 and was buried in the West End cemetery.

In 1893 Mr. Werley married Emma R. Hill and they have two children: Arthur and Marguerite.

HARVEY J. WERLEY, engaged extensively in the real estate business at Allentown, was born in the city on Jan. 8, 1883. He was educated in the public schools and the Allentown Business College, and when his grandfather, the Hon. Jeremiah Roth, was serving this district as a member of the legislature, for three terms, he filled the position of page for him. He followed the business of a wholesale tobacco dealer from 1904 to 1908, then embarked in the business of buying and selling real estate which he has since carried on in a successful manner, his office being at No. 939 Hamilton street. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lehigh County Historical Society. In 1905 Mr. Werley was married to Florence M. Leidy, daughter of William and Mary (Frick) Leidy, and they have one child, Carleton H. They are members of the St. Michael's Lutheran church.

Dewald Werley, son of John Nicholas, was a farmer of Weisenberg township. He was married to Molly Bittner, and they were members of the Lutheran Church. They had twelve children: Rebecca, married Nathan Krum; Polly, married David Heilman, she died in 1911, aged 92 years; Daniel; Jacob; Kate, married Philip German; John; Julia, married Henry German; Sallie, married Reuben Krause; Lucy, married (1) Phaon Rabenold, and (2) David Hollenbach; Levi and Mary died single and a daughter died in infancy.

John Werley, third son of Dewald, residing at Friedensville in Washington township, was born Dec. 9, 1826, in Weisenberg township. He worked for his father a number of years on the homestead, and then for a time carried on farming at Claussville. He was married to Sarah Muthard, daughter of Abraham, of Lowhill. They had four children: Harrison; Rosa; Emma, and Alia. She died May 10, 1865. He married, as his second wife, Sallie Wehr, and they had two children: Lewis and Ida. In his

extreme age, in good health, he lives with his daughter.

Stephen Werley, eldest son of Sebastian, who was a son of John Nicholas, resided in Heidelberg township, on the farm which is now owned by his son, Edwin W. He was born at Werley's Corner. During his early active life he followed carpentering but afterward carried on farming on the Ebert homestead. He was married to Fietta Ebert, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Krum) Ebert, of the same township, and they had seven children: Lewis; Sarah, married Calvin Snyder; James; Ella, married Oliver Handwerk; and three Osville. Edwin W. and Tilghman, died small. They were Lutheran members of the Heidelberg church, and he served the congregation as deacon, elder, and trustee. In politics Mr. Werley was a Democrat. After his marriage he moved to the Ebert homestead and the two adjoining farms of his father-in-law near Pleasant Corner, became his properties.

Edwin W. Werley, son of Stephen, farmer near Pleasant Corner, in Heidelberg township, was born on the Ebert homestead, March 11, 1871. He was reared to farming and he followed this avocation with his father until he became of age. In 1894 he began farming there for himself and at his father's decease he purchased the farm of seventy-four acres and in 1910 he also secured the Ebert homestead adjoining it, containing sixty-eight acres. The buildings on each farm are good and substantial. In politics he is a Democrat, and besides filling township offices he has served four years as committeeman of the district.

In 1896 Mr. Werley was married to Alvesta Lauchnor, daughter of Aaron and Alice (Schleicher) Lauchnor, of Lehigh Furnace, and they had six children: Warren; Earl; Goldie; Dorothea; Stephen, and Alvesta (the last two having died young).

Abraham Werley, second son of Dewald, who was the third son of Sebastian, was a native of Weisenberg township and lived between Seiberlingsville and New Smithville, where he followed farming. He was born Oct. 28, 1794, died Nov. 28, 1888, aged 94 years and 25 days. He was married to Lovina Boger, born June 23, 1811 and died Feb. 20, 1901, in her 90th year. They had nine children: Jane, married Isaac Dietrich, of Allentown, now deceased.

William (1852-1881), and Anna Maria, (1836-1874), who died unmarried; Fannie, married Levi Everett; Sophia, married Jacob Eshelman; Helena, married Elias Weiss; Henry; David; Jackson; and Aaron A. They were

members of the Lutheran congregation of Seiberling's church, where he was buried.

AARON A. WERLEY, son of Abraham, proprietor of the Slatedale Hotel, was born in Weisenberg township on the homestead, Nov. 19, 1857, and reared on the farm. When he reached the age of fourteen years, he became a clerk in the store of his brother-in-law, Isaac Dietrich, at Sweitzer, and there Dietrich continued for nearly twenty years, until 1893, when he engaged in the hotel business at Deibert's for three years and in November, 1896, Mr. Werley purchased the Slatedale Hotel, and locating there, he has since carried it on in a successful manner. It is the principal public place in the town and contains eighteen rooms for the accommodation of its patrons. He is a Republican, and a member of the Camp P. O. S. of A., at Saegersville.

In 1885, Mr. Werley was married to Louisa Mohr, daughter of Samuel and Agnes (Rau) Mohr, of Lowhill township, and they have a son, Elmer A., married Carrie German, who have a son, named Clark, and he is assisting his father in conducting the hotel.

Elias Werley, the third son of Sebastian and Lydia, was born April 25, 1836, in Weisenberg township, reared on a farm and lived all of his life at Werley's Corner. He received his education in the public schools and assisted his father on the farm for a time and afterward conducted a store and hotel. He was an active Democrat in politics and served as a school director for a number of terms. In 1859 he was married by Rev. Jeremiah Schindel to Leanna, daughter of Nathan and Catharine (Krause) Peter, of Heidelberg township, and they had three children: Oscar P.; Eugene Milton, died in childhood; and Harvey E., died in 1909, aged 35 years, had married Sevilla Weiss, daughter of Jonathan and Caroline (Werley) Weiss. They were Lutheran members of the Weisenberg church, which he served as deacon and elder. In 1909 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Harvey E., who died shortly afterward.

OSCAR P. WERLEY, proprietor of Werley's Hotel, at Egypt, and former clerk of quarter sessions, son of Elias, who was the son of Sebastian, was born at Werley's Corner June 13, 1862, and educated in the local schools and Blackman's Business College. He then assisted as a clerk in his father's store until 1882 when he purchased the business and carried it on for himself twenty-two years. In 1904 he purchased the Long Hotel, the leading public stand at Egypt, with twenty-four rooms to accommodate the trade, and he has since carried on the business in a successful manner. In politics he has

been an active Democrat. He served the office of justice of the peace for ten years, clerk of the quarter sessions for three years, and director of the Berks and Lehigh Fire Insurance Co., for five years; and as a county delegate to the Democratic state conventions. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; I. O. O. F.; K. G. E.; and the Red Men.

In 1883, Mr. Werley was married to Permina A., a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Mosser) Clauss, and they had six children: Frederick, who died in childhood; Lillian, married John George; Mabel; Robert; Pearle; Richard.

Harvey E. Werley, was born in Weisenberg and educated in the local school and at Dorney's Business College. He assisted his brother, Oscar, in the store, and afterward conducted the hotel at Werley's Corner. In 1903 he purchased the hotel stand at East Greenville, in Montgomery county, and carried it on until he died in 1909. He served as organist at the Seiberling church, where he was a member and filled the position of superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A., and acted as secretary of the camp at Werley's Corner. He was married to a daughter of Joseph Weiss who now resides at Schnecksville.

Owen G. Werley, son of Gideon and grandson of Andreas, was born in Weisenberg township, April 30, 1840. He followed farming in connection with his trade as shoemaker in Weisenberg, where he lived until 1874, then removed to Lowhill, near Sweitzer, P. O., and there he has lived ever since. He has served as school director and supervisor of Lowhill for a number of years. He was married to Sarah A. Seibert, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hartman) Seibert. She was born Sept. 1, 1843, and they had the following children: Franklin Gideon; and Aaron Benjamin, twins. The latter is farming his father's homestead. He married Emma Ihrle and they have: Jennie, deceased; Clara, and Stella.

FRANK G. WERLEY, county commissioner of Lehigh county and merchant at Allentown, was born in Weisenberg township, near Lynnvillle, March 16, 1867, a son of Owen G. and Sarah A., (Seibert) Werley. He moved to Lowhill in 1874, with his parents, worked on the farm and attended public school at the Water Pond schoolhouse, near Pleasant Corner. On March 26, 1885, when eighteen years of age, he entered the employ of Penrose George, at Ashfield, Carbon county, as a clerk in a general store; a year afterward the store of John Heintzelman, at Jordan Valley, but later in Lyon Valley, in the

same line of business; and a year later the store of David A. Bittner & Co., at Pleasant Corner, where he had charge of the store and postoffice for six years. He was elected and served one term as auditor of Heidelberg township. He came to Allentown in 1891, and entered the store of H. A. Stillwagen & Co., Centre Square, as salesman, and this position he filled creditably for thirteen years.

He has served the office with marked ability and is a faithful public servant.

He is affiliated with the following organizations: Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.; Central Lodge, No. 636, I. O. O. F.; Unity Encampment, No. 12; Lady Lincoln Rebekah Lodge, No. 72; Past Grands Association of Lehigh county; Allentown Aerie, No. 110, F. O. E.; Allentown Herd, No. 6, L. O. O. B.; Bea-



FRANK G. WERLEY.

On Feb. 2, 1904 he bought the grocery store of Schuler Bros., corner Seventh and Gordon streets, and where he continued in business up to May 22, 1914, when he sold out to devote all his time to his office as county commissioner. In the fall of 1911 Mr. Werley was elected a county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

con Council, No. 422, R. A.; and John Hay Republican Association; member of Pioneer and Century Bands, both of Allentown. Mr. Werley has been a member of the Allentown Merchants' Association for a number of years.

On Feb. 2, 1889, he was married to Cora Bittner, daughter of Frank and Caroline (Deng-

ler) Bittner, and they had one child, Clayton O. F., married to Edna I. Bachman, a daughter of George and Maggie (Werley) Bachman. They have one daughter, Beatrice Bachman Werley. Mr. Werley is a music teacher and the organist of St. Luke's Lutheran church, Allentown, since 1913. Mrs. Werley died June 16, 1890, aged 20 years and 27 days, and was buried at the Weisenberg church. On Aug. 20, 1894 he married as his second wife, Minnie C. George, daughter of Alfred and Melissa (Bilheimer) George, and they have one child, Frederick H., a draughtsman at Allentown.

Mr. Werley, after coming to Allentown, became a member of the St. Michael's Lutheran church, which he served in the consistory for three years, but in 1902 he and family became members of St. Luke's Lutheran church, on North Seventh street, and this church he has served as a deacon continually since 1905.

WILLIAM F. WERLEY, son of Michael, is a farmer of Weisenberg township, was born Aug. 19, 1853, and brought up in the township on a farm. He was educated in the local school and also in the Palatinate College and Muhlenberg College, until he became seventeen years of age. He then passed the teachers' examination and upon receiving a certificate he began teaching public school, and taught for twenty-three years, (ten terms in Weisenberg, ten in Upper Macungie, and three in Lowhill). While teaching, he helped his father in the farming operations in the summer and fall until 1881 when he married. He was engaged in the store business at Ziegel's church for eighteen years until 1911, when he purchased the farm of twenty-five acres, where he now resides and this he has carried on till now.

Mr. Werley served the township as a school director for three terms, acting for several years as president and secretary of the board; and he also filled positions on the election board. He manifested much interest in the Sunday school for many years, officiating as superintendent for three years and as treasurer for four years at Ziegel Church and as superintendent at Weisenberg church for several years. He has also been a faithful member of the choir at the former church for upwards of twenty years. He is affiliated with the P. O. S. of A. Camp 467, Trexlertown.

In 1881, Mr. Werley was married to Mary Diana Gehringer, a daughter of Joseph, of Seiberlingsville, and they had seven children: Leon, married Alma Lichtenwalner; Alma, married William Bleiler, after having taught school for seven terms; Frances E., taught school five terms; Irene, who died in 1893, aged six years; Hallie; Stella; and Robert. Leon, the first

named, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1898 and taught public school for eight terms; he then attended Muhlenberg College and was graduated in 1909 with first honor, after which he resumed teaching for three terms.

#### ROBERT E. WERNER.

Robert E. Werner, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Trojan Powder Company, of Allentown, traces his family history to John Werner, his great-grandfather, who lived in Belfast, near Nazareth. John Werner was the father of the following children: Charles, Jesse, John, Jonas, George, Daniel and Polly.

Jonas Werner, son of John, followed farming in Moore township. He is buried at Moorestown church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was married to Sabina Marsh. Issue: Edwin and Jesse, who lived at Wind Gap; Levi, of Bethlehem; William, of Allentown; Amandes; Ellen, married to Augustus Ziegler; Catharine, married to Stephen Osterstock, and Mary, married to Jacob Heckman.

Amandes Werner, son of Jonas, was born in Moore township, May 9, 1847. He is a carpenter by trade, and lives at Cementon since 1878. He is a member of the Reformed congregation at Cementon, in which he filled the office of deacon and elder. On May 19, 1877, he was married to Ellen Shoneberger, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Solt) Shoneberger. They had seven children: Robert; Edwin H., died Nov. 5, 1900; George, of Moore township; Thomas F., of Allentown; Howard J., died Nov. 7, 1900; Gertrude and Annie.

Robert E. Werner, son of Amandes, was born at Cementon, April 8, 1878. At an early age he learned the carpenter and millwright trade and was employed by the Atlas Cement Co., as foreman for four years. In 1907 he became superintendent of the Penn Trojan Powder works, which are located at Iron Bridge. The company employs upwards of one hundred hands. The plant is located on the old Troxell homestead. Mr. Werner lives on the company's farm near the plant. He is a member of the Reformed congregation at Cementon, which he served as deacon. In 1900 he was married to Rosa Fenstermacher, daughter of William and Ellen (Bahl) Fenstermacher, and had four children: Fred A., Mabel E., Claude W., and Helen G.

#### WERT FAMILY.

The immigrant ancestor, "Konradt Wirdt," was a native of Switzerland. He came to America on the ship "Lydia," which landed at Philadelphia, September 30, 1743. The following year

his name appears on the list of the original members of the Heidelberg church, in what is now Heidelberg township, Lehigh county. The name has had various spellings, such Wirth, Werth, Wertz, Wirts, Wirt, and the present form is Wert. The ancestors name on the immigrants list is spelled as above written. He was a farmer in what is now Washington township. Among his children was a son Baltzer, whose name appears on the Heidelberg township tax list of 1781, also in the Federal census report of 1790, which records him as having three sons under sixteen years, and one daughter. Baltzer, we are told, had been a terror to the Indians, and tradition handed down through many generations tell us that he was a man of undaunted courage and possessed of great strength and endurance. He was married and had a number of children, one of whom was Christian, who was born December 17, 1776, at Slatedale; died April 17, 1851, aged 75 years and five months. He married Margaretha Rex, born September 7, 1777; died April 8, 1862, in her 86th year. Both are buried at the Heidelberg church. Unto them were born the following children: Christian, born March 15, 1797; J. George, born September 24, 1799; Jacob, born March 11, 1814; Conrad, born September 1, 1816; Stephen, born April 20, 1819; Elizabeth; Anna M., married J. George Kern; Maria, married William Kern.

Stephen Wert, son of Christian, was born near Slatedale, April 20, 1819, and died near Deiberts-ville, in Heidelberg township, on November 2, 1883, aged 64 years 6 months and 12 days. He was a tailor by trade and conducted a farm. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of the Heidelberg church, which he served officially and is buried in the cemetery adjoining the church.

He was married to Maria Hoffman, born July 21, 1819, died February 23, 1893. They had the following children: John; Wilson, died in infancy; Adeline, married to David Ebert; David; Amandas, who died in childhood; Sarah, married to William Smith; Willoughby F., born May 25, 1858, died December 9, 1900, and Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy.

John Wert, son of Stephen, was born July 17, 1849. He was a tailor until 1890, when he became connected with the slate industry and operated the Royal Diamond quarry. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and in recognition of his worth was elected Burgess of Slatington. He was an Odd Fellow and Patriotic Son of America. He died about 1909. He was married to Amelia C. Peter, who survived with the following children: Maggie; Lizzie, and James, who is the superintendent of a gas plant in New Jersey.

David Wert, son of Stephen, was born in Heidelberg township, June 6, 1853. He was reared upon the farm and has always pursued that occupation, removing to Lynn township in March, 1879, where he owns a 110-acre farm located near the Lynnvill church. He moved to Lynnvill in 1902, since which time he has been retired.

He has been active in the Reformed congregation of the St. Peter's Union church, at Lynnvill, which he served as a deacon for a number of years, then as an elder and is at present one of the trustees, and as such assisted in the remodeling of the church in 1913. He has also been active in Sunday school work and has been superintendent for a number of years.

Politically he has always been a staunch Democrat, having served as a member of the standing committee for a number of years.

He was married, in 1876, to Mary Ann Kern, daughter of Jacob and Julia (Krassley) Kern, of Heidelberg township. Unto them is born an only son, Wilson Alfred Wert, whose history follows:

WILSON A. WERT, ESQ., member of the Lehigh county bar, and the present deputy prothonotary of the county, was born in Heidelberg township, August 26, 1877.

He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools of Lynn township until the age of sixteen years, when he entered Muhlenberg College, as a freshman in the class of 1899. At the end of the sophomore year in the fall of 1897, he entered the junior class at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., from which institution he graduated in 1899 with the degree of A.B. In the fall of 1901 he entered the first year class in the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in the summer of 1903 with the degree of L.L.B. Whilst he was pursuing his course in the law school in the summer of 1902 he received the degree of M.A. from his Alma Mater. Immediately after his graduation he took an examination before the state board of law examiners which had just then been made for the admission to the practice of law before the courts of Pennsylvania. He was successful in his examination and in January, 1904, he was admitted to the practice of the law before the courts of Lehigh county. He was also registered with the Philadelphia bar. Early in his practice he tried the case of *Komp vs. Zimmerman*, the famous line fence case about which there had been litigation for over one hundred years; also the case of *Commonwealth vs. Vases Vasalick*, in which the defendant was charged with murder in the first degree. After a trial of several days the defendant was acquitted.

Attorney Wert is an uncompromising Democrat and has been upon the stump for the party

since his admission to the bar. He had never asked for an office for himself until in the winter of 1911 he was appointed to the office of deputy prothonotary under Maurice R. Schantz, which he is filling at the present time.

Mr. Wert has been most active in religious work since his youth. He has served his home Sunday school as superintendent for a number of years; represented his Sunday school in district and county conventions, and in the fall of 1909 he was honored with the election of president of the Lehigh County Sabbath School Association, in which capacity he served faithfully and efficiently until the spring of 1914, when he declined a re-election and was elected vice-president. During his incumbency the county was organized in its various districts and Sunday school work promoted in its different phases where there had hardly been any teacher training classes. At the beginning of his term as president he turned over the work of at least forty teachers training classes, a number of adult Bible classes, cradle roll and home departments. In 1912 the county was brought into front line rank, which position it also held in 1913.

He was married, April 23, 1903, to Clorinda H. DeFrehn, daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Gensemer) DeFrehn, of Lehigh, Pa. Unto them are born four children, as follows: Ilerda C.: Wilson Alfred, who died in infancy; Viola M., Alfred D., and Edward D.

#### WERTMAN FAMILY.

Philip Wertman, the pioneer of the family of this name in Lehigh county, took out two warrants for land in Lynn township; the first on December 15, 1749, for 197 acres, and the other on August 8, 1750, for 123 acres. In 1757 he joined other persons in a petition to the provincial government, praying for better protection against the marauding Indians; and in the return of confiscated land in Northampton county during the Revolution in 1781, there appears the following item in the *Pennsylvania Archives* of the 6th series, volume XII:

"Philip Wertman of Linn township, the one halfe of a plantation in s'd township, containing about 300 acres, a good frame house and barn thereon, about 100 (one hundred) acres thereof clear and under good fences and estimated at £2 per acre. The half interest, £300."

Among his sons were Jacob, Martin, and Michael, and their names appear in the tax list of Lynn township for the year 1781. The following Wertmans appear on the tax list of this district for the year 1812: Jacob Wertman, Philip Wertman, and Andrew Wertman.

Andreas Wertman was born October 10, 1784

and died December 25, 1822 on his farm in Lynn township, which is now the property of John A. Kuhns. His wife was Maria Elizabeth Brobst, born in 1787, and died in 1872, in her 85th year. Their children were: Elias (1815-1835), Daniel, Andreas, Maria (m. Philip Mosser), and Salome (m. Mr. Hinkel)..

Andreas Wertman, the son, lived near the homestead of his father, along the Blue Mountain. His wife was Polly Zellner and they had four children: Daniel, Lewis, David and Hettie.

Daniel Wertman, the second son of Andreas, became the owner of the homestead and carried on farming. He and his family were Lutheran members at the New Tripoli church where he served as a deacon. He was a Republican and filled the office of supervisor of the township. His wife was Hannah Mantz, and they had ten children: David, Nathan, Daniel, Aaron, James M., Uriah, Sarah (who died young), Catharine (m. Henry Zellner), Marietta (m. Eli. Moyer), and Sophia (m. Nathan Wagenman).

Daniel Wertman, son of Daniel, was a farmer and lived along the Blue mountain, and his farm (which comprised upwards of fifty acres), is now owned by Lewis F. Mosser. His wife was Mary Ann Gildner and they had four children: Ulysses, James (of Allentown), Emma (m. O. E. Kocher), and William J. He and the family were members of the Lutheran congregation at New Tripoli, and those of the family who died were buried there.

Uriah Wertman, son of Daniel, was born on his father's homestead in Lynn township in 1852 and began farming for himself when he was twenty-one years old. He was a tenant until 1896 and then bought a 50-acre tract along the base of the Blue mountain near Lynnport, where he has since lived and carried on farming.

He was married June 15, 1887, to Ellen Everett, daughter of Samuel and Fianna (Kressler) Everett, and they had five children: Clara A. (m. Irwin Correll), Victoria F. (m. Thomas Correll), Llewellyn P., Robert S., and James M. D.

William J. Wertman, son of Daniel, and grandson of Daniel, was born at Mosserville March 23, 1876, where he has followed farming. He was a tenant two years under Lewis F. Mosser; then in 1900 he bought for himself a farm of 49 acres situated in Lynn township. After carrying on this farm for six years he sold it to Alvin Brobst, and Brobst sold it to Wilmer Brobst, the present owner. Since 1907, Mr. Wertman has been living with his father-in-law, Franklin Bennighoff. He has affiliated himself with the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He and his family are members of the



Lutheran congregation at the Ebenezer church where he served as deacon.

Mr. Wertman was married May 16, 1896, to Angelina C. Bennighoff, daughter of Franklin and Leanna (Zellner) Bennighoff, and they have one child, a daughter, Norma M.

#### WESCOE FAMILY.

The ancestor of the Wescoe family was Jean Philip Vesqueau, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, who fled into Holland and from thence to Pennsylvania, and arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Phoenix, on Oct. 1, 1754, with his son, Francois. He settled in Upper Milford township, where he died Oct. 8, 1790, aged ninety years. The name became Germanized into Wesco, now Wescoe, and his son, Frantz Wescoe, was assessed in Macungie township in 1768 for 225 acres of land, eighty-five acres of which was cleared. Frantz Wesco was naturalized at Philadelphia, March 23, 1761. He died in 1809, aged about seventy-nine years. His will was probated at Easton on April 26, 1809. Frantz Wesco and his wife, Eva, had five children: Matthias, Elizabeth, Rosina, Susanna and Philip, who attained maturity. A son, John, who was baptized June 20, 1765, died in infancy.

Matthias, his eldest son, lived in Macungie township, where he was the owner, in 1788, of 179 acres of land, three horses and six cows. He and his wife, Susanna, had in 1790 three sons and three daughters. One son, John Henry, was born April 24, 1779, and baptized May 13th. His sponsors were Franciscus Wesgo and his wife, Eva. John Henry Wescoe married, Feb. 23, 1802, Margaret Andreas. Mathias Wesco subsequently moved west.

Susanna Wesco, daughter of Frantz, was born Sept. 3, 1753, and died July 6, 1834. She married Nicholas Hittel, who was born Jan. 22, 1748, and died May 10, 1825. They had eleven children:

1. Peter Hittel, baptized Aug. 1, 1772.
2. John Henry, born Aug. 28, 1775. His sponsors were Matthias Wesco and Anna Maria Lahr, both single.
3. Elizabeth, born Jan. 18, 1777, married George Good.
4. Susanna, born Feb. 14, 1779, married Philip Sourbier.
5. Philip, born Feb. 20, 1781.
6. John, born June 22, 1783.
7. Magdalena, born Oct. 6, 1785, married Christian Stahler.
8. George, born Feb. 6, 1788.
9. William, born March 17, 1790, baptized May 9. Sponsors, Frantz Wesco and wife, Eva.
10. Daniel born July 7, 1794.

11. Jacob, born June 25, 1797.

Philip Wesco, younger son of Franz, was born April 17, 1763, and died May 6, 1844. He married Anna Margaret Stahler, who was born Jan. 19, 1767, and died March 19, 1848. He was a farmer and shoemaker and owned a tract of seventy-five acres in Macungie township. He had eleven children:

1. Solomon, born March 12, 1787, died Dec. 16, 1850. He married a Miss Schaeffer.
2. Sarah, born Aug. 14, 1790, died Feb. 28, 1866. She married, first, Henry Walbert, and second, Henry Larish, born Oct. 12, 1785, died April 2, 1871.
3. Christina, who married John Gaumer.
4. Joseph, born 1794, died 1856. He married Judith Haines, born 1793, died Nov. 3, 1857.
5. Israel, born Dec. 28, 1798, died Nov. 29, 1858. He married Catharine Boyer, born Nov. 7, 1812, died March 2, 1844.
6. Lea, born Dec. 16, 1800, died Aug. 18, 1869.
7. Catharine, married Peter Jacoby.
8. John, married Maria Hoffman.
9. Ann, married Dr. Jenkin Evans.
10. Jonas, born Sept. 8, 1807, died May 26, 1863. He married, first, Delia Breinig, born Sept. 9, 1815, died Dec. 24, 1837, and second, Sarah Meitzler (Mohr).
11. Theresa, born Oct. 6, 1809, died Jan. 16, 1891, married John Backenstoe.

#### OLIVER FRANKLIN WHITE.

George White was a laborer at the iron furnaces in Allentown and Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, and being a man of more than ordinary education for those days he became boss about the works. He was born at Ruxburg, Marion county, N. J. His grandfather was one of four brothers, who came from England. When a young man he taught English to some of the children of some of the better families around Siegersville, Pa., as private tutor. He married Hettie, a daughter of Solomon Brown, who was the owner of a farm near Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania. Joel, a son of Solomon Brown, and brother of Mrs. White, was a shoemaker and small farmer in Mechanicsville, and later removed to Mulberry, Indiana. William, a son of Solomon Brown, was a commissioner of Lehigh county, prominent in Allentown and the surrounding country, and died while in the discharge of his official duties.

Oliver Franklin, son of George and Hettie (Brown) White, was born in North Whitehall, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1842. He received his education in the public schools of

Lehigh county and in New Jersey, and his earliest labors were connected with the iron industry. He obtained employment at the Allentown Mills and was occupied there for a number of years. He engaged in commercial business in 1869, when he opened a general store and in the seventies he sold his store and engaged in the butcher business, and was successfully connected with this enterprise until his retirement from active business responsibilities March 20, 1912, having in 1880, added general merchandise. The cause of education has always made a strong appeal to Mr. White, and he served several years as a member of the sectional school board of the First ward, and was president of the board of control. On this latter board—made up of two members from each section—on this board is where Mr. White did his most effective work and of which body he was president three terms between 1880 and 1886. For one year he served as president and vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was the only predecessor in that office of Judge Trexler. His religious connection is with the Emanuel Evangelical church of the First ward, in which he has served in all the various offices faithfully and for many years superintendent of the Sabbath school, also class leader, and he is a member of Camp No. 406, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

During the Civil War Mr. White demonstrated his patriotism in a practical manner, and suffered such hardships in the course of this struggle that he has never entirely recovered from their effects. In 1862 he went from Warren county, Pennsylvania, to Washington, District of Columbia, was there enrolled as a teamster, and sent to the headquarters of General McClellan, and served there during the Peninsula Campaign. He was then transferred to the United States Signal and Telegraphic Corps, for which he had charge of the teams. While in the discharge of these duties at Savage Station, and while suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, he had a narrow escape from death by exposure. With five others he was captured, and taken in a cart to Libby Prison, in Richmond, Virginia, two of his companions dying on the way there. This capture was effected, June 30, 1862, and Mr. White was paroled Sept. 16, 1862. He returned to service as a teamster, feeling that his country had need of his services, but his health had been so greatly impaired by illness and imprisonment, that he was unable to perform the duties of this position, and he was assigned to those of a watchman at the government saddler shop at Washington, District of Columbia. While on his way to Washington, skirmishes between the two

armies frequently interrupted the journey. They were obliged to seek shelter wherever there appeared to be a favorable point, and were obliged to make use of all sorts of ruses to deceive the enemy. On one occasion they propped the body of a dead soldier against the door of the cabin in which they had sought shelter, to give the impression to the enemy that the place was well guarded.

Mr. White married, in 1866, Elizabeth K. Wicand, a daughter of the Rev. Daniel Wicand. Mr. and Mrs. White have had children: Rev. John Franklin White, a minister of the Evangelical Association; Emma Rosetta, married John Buchmiller, a grocer in Allentown.

Rev. John F. White, now stationed at Zion's church, Allentown, married Annie Oswald, of Allentown. Their children are: John, Paul, and Ernest.

#### WICKERT FAMILY.

The progenitor of this family was Jacob Wickert, who with his parents and one brother, emigrated from Alsace, near the French boundary line. His brother's line has died out. Jacob was twice married. The first time to Susanna Schlosser, and the second time to Catherine Rice. Upon his second marriage he removed from Upper Milford to Lower Macungie township, where he died in 1838. At the time of his death he owned three farms.

The children of his first wife were:

Jacob, he was born Cir. 1775 and was married to Margaretha Schaffer. She was born April 16, 1773, and died at Kutztown, Oct. 10, 1850. They had one son, Charles, who accidentally shot himself at Reading, and was buried in the potters field. Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Wickert was married to John Levan.

John died prior to his father's death. He left three minor children: William, Levi, and Catherine.

Susanna was born April 4, 1785, and died April 4, 1855. She was married to Daniel Wetzel, and removed to Lycoming county. They had issue: Charles, Anna, Rebecca, Aaron, Daniel, Lydia, and Joseph.

Jacob Wickert was married a second time to Christina Rice and removed to Lower Macungie township. This union was blessed with eight children.

Solomon (February 19, 1786-March 15, 1841), was married to Elisabeth Diehl. They had no issue.

Henry (Jan. 22, 1789-May 22, 1862), was married to Lydia Eisenhard, a daughter of Anthony Eisenhard. She was born Jan. 27, 1792,

and died June 27, 1875. Both lie buried at the Reformed Church, at Zionsville. They resided on the old homestead in Upper Milford township. They had issue: Henry, Reuben, Tilghman, Annie, Sophia, Elisabeth, Mary, and Sarah.

Peter was born Jan. 3, 1792, and died May 13, 1873. He was married three times. The first time to Susanna Schwartz, to them was born one son, Reuben. No descendants are now living. The second time he was married to Magdalena Wieder. She was born Sept. 11, 1788, and died March 7, 1847. This union was blessed with three children: Peter, Charles, and Julian. The third time he was married to Miss Danner. She lies buried at the Salisbury church.

Anna Maria was born Dec. 22, 1797, and died Oct. 5, 1864, aged 66 years, 9 months, and 13 days.

Lydia was born Jan. 27, 1795, and died Aug. 22, 1866, aged 71 years, 7 months, and 13 days.

Christian was born Aug. 3, 1800, and died June 5, 1893, aged 92 years, 9 months, and 2 days.

Charles, was born in 1803, and died June 22, 1877. He was married to Christina Knause and removed to Republic, Ohio. She was born April 18, 1809, and died July 12, 1892. They had issue: Solomon, William, Edward, Paul, Rebecca, Maria, and Emma.

Thomas was born Dec. 22, 1808, and died in 1886. In 1832 he was married to Lucy Ann Wenner, of Salisbury township. They removed to Fremont, Ohio. They had issue: Franklin, James, Harry, Mary, Emma, Thomas, and Lucy.

To Henry, son of Jacob and Christina Rice Wickert, and his good wife, Lydia Eisenhard, were born eight children.

Henry succeeded his father on the old homestead; he was married to Susanna Metzler. He was born Oct. 20, 1819, and died Sept. 12, 1885. His remains lie buried at Macungie. They had issue: Willoughby, Oliver, James, Martha, and Ellen.

Reuben, was born June 14, 1818, and died July 22, 1825.

Tilghman (see below).

Annie, was born March 25, 1825, and died May 31, 1837.

Sophia, was born April 19, 1821, and was married to Edward Harlacher. They were farmers and resided at Vera Cruz. They had issue: Charles and Elimina.

Mary Wickert was married to Jonas Wenner. They resided on a farm near Macungie. Their daughter, Celesta, is married to James Biery.

Elisabeth, was married to Tilghman Schmoyer. She died in her forty-seventh year. They resided at Allentown. They had issue: Alwood, William, Harvey, Flora, Ida, and Alvesta.

Sarah.

Tilghman Wickert, son of Henry and Lydia, was born in Lower Macungie. He was educated in the public schools. He was a successful farmer and landlord; in his later years he lost most of the fruits of his toil through business reverses and by endorsing friends. He was married to Angelina Kline, a daughter of Jonas and Margarite Kline, of Kline's Corner, Berks county. She was born Jan. 22, 1834, and died of typhoid fever, Aug. 9, 1876.

Her ashes lie buried on the Moravian cemetery. This union was blessed with nine children: Harvey, M.D. (see below); Jacob, a cigar-maker, resides at Quakertown, and is married to Ellen Ritter, a daughter of Tilghman Ritter, of Dillingersville. They have two daughters, Alma and Aeda. Henry, M.D., is practicing medicine at Milford Square, Bucks county, Pa. He is married to Mary Swope. They have two sons, Clifford and Howard. Victor, M.D., is married to Jennie Evans, and is practicing medicine at Reading. Victoria, is married to Tilghman Augney. They reside at Perkasio, where Mr. Augney conducts a large general store. They have one daughter, Annie.

Annie is married to George Brown, of Birdsboro, where he conducts a large coal and feed business. They have nine children: George, Annie, Lewis, Flora, Lillie, Bertha, Minnie, William, and Harvey.

Laura is married to Elmer Moyer, a prosperous coal and lumber merchant at Perkasio. They have issue: Earnest, Grace, and Harold.

Minerva is married to Luther Sheeleigh, a son of Rev. Sheeleigh, of North Wales, Pa. They reside at Jersey City, where her husband is in the employment of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. They have one son, Mathias.

Lillian died in infancy.

Mr. Wickert was married, a second time, to Amanda Cope, who survives him. This second marriage was blessed with one daughter, Martha, a graduate of the Keystone Normal School. He died at Emaus, Feb. 8, 1913, and was buried on the family plot on the Moravian

cemetery. At the time of his death he was one of Emaus' oldest residents.

**HARVEY T. WICKERT**, physician and surgeon, ex-councilman and burgess, is one of Emaus' most prominent citizens. He was born in Lower Macungie township, April 21, 1855. He received his early training in the public schools and later was taught by a private governess for several years, after which he pursued a course in the Carlisle high school. In 1873 he began to read medicine under the direction of Dr. J. R. Diller, of Emaus, and in 1874 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania from which he was graduated with first honors March 21, 1876. On April 15, 1876 he opened an office for general practice in Milford Square, where he continued until April 1, 1896, when he removed to Emaus. On June 3, 1880, he was united in wedlock with Ida Hillegas, a daughter of Joel and Catherine (Brey) Hillegas, of Gerysville, Bucks county. This union was blessed with four children, one of whom a boy, was still born. Lillian is married to Robert Stoneback, one of the promising young men of Emaus. Florence is married to Roland L. Miller, the cashier of the Emaus National Bank, and Viola at home. These three daughters are popular and accomplished young ladies, and possess many of the noble qualities of womanhood of their devoted mother, who died Feb. 7, 1908. Florence and Viola are graduates of the Allentown College for Women.

Dr. Wickert was married (second) to Ellen S. Hausman, the daughter of Joshua and Susan (Huff) Hausman. They reside in the beautiful residence which he erected at the southeast corner of Third and Main streets in 1898. Besides attending to a large and lucrative practice, he is actively engaged in various business affairs and possesses considerable real estate. He is the president of the Emaus Telephone Company, and of the board of trade, which he was instrumental in organizing, and which has been successful in locating six industries in the borough in the last five years. In politics he is a Democrat. He served as councilman from 1901-1904, and as burgess from 1906 to 1910. During his administration he inaugurated the movement for good sidewalks. As chairman of the finance committee he labored unceasingly in behalf of the Golden Jubilee, which celebrated in 1909 the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Emaus, and much of the success is due to untiring efforts in securing the finances for the celebration. Fraternally he enjoys membership in the local Jr. O. U. A. M. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran congrega-

tion, in which he has served as elder for a number of years.

**MARCUS E. WICKERT**, of the firm Buchman & Wickert, dealing in carriages, harness, etc., is a son of Willoughby Wickert, and a grandson of Henry and Susanna Wickert. His father, Willoughby, resides on the original Wickert homestead in Lower Macungie township. He was married to Catherine Meitzler, and raised a family of eleven children. They are: Mary, William, Allen, Marcus S., Florence, Warren, Taveila, Williard, Carrie, Charles, and Leroy.

Mr. Wickert was born in Lower Macungie township, April 25, 1878, and was educated in the public schools of the township and the Emaus high school. In 1897 he began teaching in his native township, after teaching three very successful terms he engaged in farming, tilling the soil of his father-in-law, Charles Miller for a period of two years, after which he cultivated the farm of Dr. Lichtenwalner, near Fogelsville, one year and then removed to East Macungie, where he taught select school for two years.

In the spring of 1906 he came to Allentown and with George A. Buchman as partner conducted the Union Transfer Company, which after a period of a year they sold and engaged in their present business at the Center Square. They carry the largest and most varied stock of any similar concern in the Lehigh Valley. In politics Mr. Wickert is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Reformed faith. He was superintendent of the Reigel's Sunday school in his native township for a period of five years and for a number of years a teacher in the Reformed Sunday school at Macungie. On Christmas, 1897, he was united in holy wedlock with Minnie M. Miller. This union is blessed with one son, Henry A.

#### WIDMAN FAMILY.

Jacob Widman of the firm of Widman & Co., Bethlehem, Pa., was born in March, 1848, in Heidenheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, and is a son of Casper Widman. When fourteen years of age he learned the brewing trade in the Fatherland and when twenty years old, in 1868, he came to Pennsylvania, locating at Allentown, there he was employed by Joseph Lieberman, the brewer; and one year later he accepted a position with Schilling, at Bethlehem. He then returned to his former employer at Allentown in whose employ he was all told for fifteen years, as brewmeister. In the year 1874 he engaged in the hotel business on North Seventh street, in Allentown, and continued there until 1877. Mr. Widman, in 1889, bought out the brewing

interests of Carl Eckert at Bethlehem, Pa. There he lived with his family for a period of twenty-two years. In the fall of 1911 he purchased the George Reese Mansion at Hill Top, between Bethlehem and Rittersville; and there the family now reside.

The large and substantial brewery building in Bethlehem, Mr. Widman built in 1902; and in it and in the successful conduct of his business he employs a large force of men.

He was married in 1872 to Anna Kreitzburg, of Saxon, Germany. The family are all members of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Widman have these children: Annie, the wife of Joseph Brey, of Allentown; Harry, who is his father's bookkeeper; Amy, married to Jeremiah Jerome; Charles J.; Mamie; Lillie, and Helen.

Charles J. Widman, the proprietor of the Manhattan Hotel, at Rittersville, was born at Allentown, March 2, 1880. He was educated in the public schools at Allentown and in Bethlehem; also in Dorney's Business College, at Allentown and in a business college at Bethlehem. He assisted in 1897, to start the Northampton brewery, and in the same year became an assistant to his father at Bethlehem and continued there in that position until 1902, then became the manager of the bottling establishment connected with his father's brewery, and in February, 1904, took charge of a saloon at Bethlehem which he conducted until April 1, 1906, when he took charge of the Manhattan Hotel, which has twenty large rooms. He is a member of these fraternal bodies; B. P. O. E., F. O. E., Moose, Buffaloes, and Improved Order of Red Men. He was married, Feb. 22, 1906, to Ida Uhler, a daughter of David Uhler.

#### WIEAND FAMILY.

The register of the Reformed Church at Freinsheim having been destroyed during the invasion of the Palatinate by the French, the earlier records of the Wiegandt family are lost.

All the Wieands of Lehigh county are descendants of Jacob Wiegandt and wife, Anna Katharina, of Freinsheim, in the Palatinate (Rhein-Pfalz), Germany.

They had six children, five sons and one daughter, of these two sons, Johann Wendel and Johann Jost, emigrated to America.

Johann Wendel was born July 14, 1709. He landed at Philadelphia, August 19, 1729. He married Joanna Margaretha Fisher and settled in New Goshenhoppen, near what is now the borough of East Greenville, Montgomery county.

Of the six children born to these parents, three were sons and three were daughters, the youngest,

Jost, born September 29, 1747, married Anna Barbara Roeder. He died December 9, 1815.

Daniel, the youngest of their nine children, born October 29, 1793, married Debora Deysher and they had the following children:

1. Daniel, born January 1, 1816; married (1) Judith Kriebel, (2) Matilda Gilbert.

2. Charles, born October 1, 1817; married Mary Bittner; no further record.

3. Joel, born January 4, 1819; married Rebecca Ruth.

4. Catharine, born October 4, 1820; married Jacob Yeakel.

5. William, \*born October 29, 1822; married Sarah Huffort. \*Date may be November 15, 1823.

6. Sarah, born May 8, 1825; married Isaac Kriebel.

7. Jonathan, born May 15, 1827; married Elizabeth Ernst.

8. Judith Elizabeth, born May 18, 1832; married J. Tilghman Bachman.

The children of Rev. Daniel Wieand, oldest son of Daniel Wieand, follow:

Elizabeth, born October 3, 1843; married Frank White.

Rev. William K., born October 28, 1845; married Caroline Hains.

Mary A., born November 19, 1853; no further record.

The children of Charles Wieand, the second son of Daniel, follow:

Harrison; no further record.

Jacob,

James, 835 Maple street, Allentown.

Eliza, married to George Wasser.

Sarah, married to Mathias Strauss.

The children of Joel Wieand, the third son of Daniel, follow:

John Lewis, born March 9, 1844; died unmarried.

Edwin Franklin, born September 18, 1846; married Louisa Scherer.

George W. born December 9, 1849; no further record.

Joseph R., born August 30, 1851; married (1) Hannah Billheimer. (2) Alice.

Hiram Q., born March 9, 1853; died unmarried.

Anna Matilda, born March 18, 1855; died in infancy.

Ellen Rebecca, born June 6, 1858; married Preston Kern.

The children of Jonathan Wieand, the seventh child of Daniel, follow:

Henry A., born December 31, 1852; died October 6, 1870.

William Arthur, born December 2, 1867.

The children of Jonathan Wieand follow:  
Tilghman L., born February 28, 1854, married Rebecca Egge.

Mary Jane, born October 15, 1856; married Clement Eberhart.

Harvey J., born June 28, 1860; married Sallie M. Meissner.

John A., born May 13, 1863; died March 8, 1865.

Emma E., born July 26, 1866; Irwin J. Freeman.

Flora R., born April 10, 1871.

Carrie L., born January 31, 1873.

This is the extent of our record of the male descendants (including some of the female descendants) of Johann Wendel Wiegandt, the elder of the two brothers who came to America.

#### DESCENDANTS OF THE YOUNGER BROTHER, JOHANN JOST WIEGANDT.

Johann Jost Wiegandt was born October 24, 1717. He landed at Philadelphia, November 3, 1750. His wife, Anna Barbara, and two children probably came with him from Freinsheim. They settled in New Goshenhoppen, near his brother, who had preceded him to America many years before.

Of their four or five children born in America, two sons, Jost and Wendel, eventually settled in Lehigh county (or Northampton county as it was then called).

JOST WIEAND, son of Johann Jost Wiegandt, was born June 21, 1754. He married Anna Margaretha Lang and settled, so tradition has it, near the Little Lehigh, in Salisbury township. Their children follow:

1. Elias, born December 19, 1790; married Elizabeth Walter.

2. Maria Margaretha, born April 24, 1783; died unmarried July 30, 1858.

3. Jacob, born July 5, 1785; married Margaret Kehm.

4. Jost, born April 19, 1787; married Lydia Miller.

5. Henry, born February 15, 1789; married Elizabeth Leibensperger.

6. Magdalene, born May 22, 1797; married Jacob Keck.

7. David, born October 20, 1795; married a Mrs. Lang.

8. Catharine, married a Rupp.

9. Eunice, married a Wieand.

10. Peter, lived in Bradford, Pa.

11. John, lived in Maryland.

Of the above sons of Jost Wieand, Elias, Jacob, Jost, Henry and David lived in Lehigh county, where most of their descendants are still living in Salisbury township, in Emaus and in Allentown.

The children of Elias Wieand follow:

Thomas, born March 22, 1815; died in infancy.

Moses, born October 22, 1816; married and lived in Emaus.

Margaret, born March 14, 1820; married Jacob Dech.

Maria, born October 16, 1828; married Reuben Romig.

The children of Jacob Wieand follow:

Margaret, born November 4, 1816; died January 5, 1839.

Charles, born June 7, 1809; married Christina Schuler, Lower Milford.

Christina, married Christian Ortt.

Hannah (or Rebecca), married a Mechling or Meckley.

Elizabeth, married a Mechling or Meckley.

The children of Jost Wieand follow:

James, born August 4, 1817; married Mary Roeder.

Five daughters, Hetty, Mary, Pollic, Julia and Sarah married, respectively, to Wieder, Fry, Fegely, Gerhart and Gerhart. No further record of daughters.

The children of Henry Wieand follow:

David, born September 27, 1814; married Judith Danner.

Jonas, born January 25, 1818; married Susan Danner.

Judith, married Reuben Kline.

Moses Wieand, son of Elias, had only one son, Uriah H., now living at Emaus, where he was postmaster.

Charles Wieand, son of Jacob, had five sons, two of whom died unmarried. The other three are as follows:

William H., married and now living at Dillinger Station, on the Perkiomen R. R.

Jacob Harrison, born August 25, 1838; married Susan Schubert; lives in Reading.

Lewis H., living near Zionsville.

James Wieand, son of Jost, had only one child, a daughter, Amanda C.; married to John A. Beck, of Allentown.

David Wieand, son of Henry, had the following sons:

Henry, born January 27, 1840; married Elizabeth Hess.

Edwin, born December 20, 1844; married Isabella Gehris.

Franklin D., born February 28, 1847; married (1) Alice Baer, (2) Sarah Slough.



David D., born June 5, 1849; married Emma Miller.

Susie, married Hiram Sterner.

Caroline, married Jonas Mink.

Jonas Wieand, son of Henry, had Ellavissa; and Victor H., born September 28, 1854; married Carrie Young, Allentown.

This is the extent of our record of the descendants of Jost Wieand, son of Johann Jost Wieandt.

Wendel Wieand, son of Johann Jost Wieandt, was born June 21, 1757. He married Christina Herzog and settled at what is now Old Zionsville, Lehigh county. Their children were: John, date of birth not known. Settled in Montgomery county.

David, born November 21, 1781; married Susanna Walter; lived in Upper Milford.

Magdalene, date of birth not known; married Samuel Freas.

Maria, date of birth not known; married Jacob Edelman, Allentown.

Elizabeth, date of birth not known; died unmarried.

David Wieand, son of Wendel, had three children, one son and two daughters:

Charles W., born March 13, 1809; married Susan Krauss.

Elizabeth, born April 24, 1814; married Conrad Meyer.

Maria, born January 5, 1817; married Charles Yerger.

Charles W. Wieand, son of David, was born at what is now Old Zionsville, Upper Milford township, and lived there until 1872, when he moved to East Greenville, Montgomery county. He had six children.

Maria, born March 27, 1834; married Dr. Isaac B. Yeakel.

David Andrew, born October 6, 1842; died in infancy.

Sarah, born December 30, 1844; married Lewis F. Shetler.

Charles Samuel, born February 28, 1848; married Leonora M. Sell.

Susan, born August 7, 1851; married Wilson S. Krauss.

Laura Elizabeth, born February 17, 1857; died in infancy.

(Charles W. Wieand died in Pottstown, Pa., August 17, 1890.)

CHARLES SAMUEL WIEAND, son of Charles W., was born at Old Zionsville, Lehigh county; moved to Montgomery county in 1872; founded Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, 1875, and moved to Pottstown, 1884; was pastor of Zion's Reformed church, Pottstown, 1883 to 1907. Of

the eight children of Charles S. and Leonora M. Wieand (three sons and five daughters) six died in infancy. Two daughters survive:

Irma Clarissa, born April 20, 1877.

Emma Helen, born April 16, 1885.

VICTOR H. WIEAND, the president of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, and a veterinary surgeon of Allentown, is a grandson of Heinrich Wieand, of Salisbury township. The latter was a native of Maxatawny township. He was born February 15, 1789, and died January 13, 1877. He and his wife, Elizabeth, *nee* Leibensperger, who was born May 4, 1794, and died August 19, 1869, were faithful members of the Reformed congregation of Western Salisbury, where their ashes repose. They were farmers and possessed two farms in Salisbury township, now owned by Daniel F. Finck and Oliver E. Schneck, respectively. To them were born three children: David, Jonas, and Judith, married to Reuben Kline. David owned and operated the farm now owned by Mr. Schneck. He was a great horseman and died still a young man while on a western trip buying horses. His remains were buried at Dayton, Ohio. His wife, Judith Danner, was born November 6, 1816, and died July 3, 1899. They had issue: David, Jr., Henry, Frank, Edwin, Susan and Carolina.

Jonas Wieand, son of Heinrich, was born January 25, 1818, and died September 16, 1890, aged 72 years, 7 months and 21 days. He was a veterinary surgeon, horse-dealer and farmer. He owned the farm now the property of Daniel Finck. He was an exceptional horseman and for many years the leading horse-dealer in the county. He had two large stables in Allentown. During the Civil War he bought horses for the Federal government, shipping two carloads monthly. He was widely known and highly respected, and for many years the Republican leader of the county. His wife, Susanna Danner, was a sister to Judith, the wife of his brother David. They were daughters of David Danner, whose wife died in her 99th year. To Jonas and Susanna Wieand were born two children, Ella, who died, 1865, aged 16 years, and Victor H.

Victor H. Wieand, of 411 North Seventh street, Allentown, was born in Salisbury township, September 28, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of the township, principally in Wieand's school house named in honor of his father; Gregory's Academy, Allentown, and Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in 1874. His veterinary training was obtained in the American Veterinary College, N. Y. In 1876 he began the practice of his profession in Allentown and has continued ever since and is one of the most noted of his

profession in the city and county. Dr. Wieand has for many years occupied a prominent position in the political life of the county. In 1895 he was the unsuccessful nominee of the Republican party for the mayoralty of Allentown. In 1907 he was elected by a majority of over 1,200 to the office of high sheriff of Lehigh county, which office he filled with credit and honor. He is widely known, popular and progressive. In 1914 he was elected by the stockholders as president of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society. He and his family are members of St. John's Reformed congregation. In 1887 he was married to Carrie Young, a daughter of John and Anna (Miller) Young. To them were born five children, of whom three died in childhood. Those living are Harry J. F., of Pittsburgh, married to Mary Petch, and Annie at home.

JAMES B. WIEAND, farmer and fruit-grower of Guth's Station, is a grandson of David Wieand, Sr., who was one of Lower Macungie's substantial citizens during the middle period of the last century. His wife, *nee Schmoyer*, was married a second time to Henry Eisenhard. He was buried at Western Salisbury church.

David Wieand, Jr., was a life-long farmer; he owned a small farm near Centerville. He was twice married. The first time to a Miss Hartzell; she died during confinement. The second wife was Elizabeth Baumer, a daughter of Daniel Baumer. To them were born four children: James; Alavesta, married John Laub; George W., and Sevillea, married John Roedler. Mr. Wieand was a deacon at the Trexlertown Lutheran congregation, where his remains repose.

James B. Wieand was born in Allentown in 1852. As a young man he learned the art of printing and worked as a journeyman for six years. After which he engaged in ore mining for the Thomas Iron Co., at Mertztown, Farmington and Trexlertown. He was a sub-contractor and at times employed as many as fifty men. He discontinued mining in 1889. In 1894 he came into possession of the Benjamin Kocher homestead, which he has greatly improved. In 1902 he planted a fruit orchard, planting 2,000 trees, consisting of peaches, pears and plums. His berry patch of three acres yields abundantly. He finds a ready market for his fruit at Allentown. In politics Mr. Wieand is a Democrat in religion he adheres to the Lutheran faith and takes an active interest in the Guthsville Union Sunday school, of which he is treasurer since 1910. In November, 1873, he was married to Catharine E. Andreas, a daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Schantz) Andreas, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Mohr) Andreas. Her brother, William J., was for many years the pastor of the Lutheran church

at Bath, where he died. This union was blessed with seven children: Clement J., of Cementon; Mamie, married Henry Hoffman; Charles N., died in 1907, aged 25 years; Richard H., of Guth Station; Henry D.; Preston P., married Stella Buchman, and Carrie, who died in her third year.

Daniel Wieand was born October 29, 1793, in Upper Milford township, where he operated a farm and mill. He was at one time a school director. He subsequently conducted a feed store in Allentown. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. He died, August 6, 1871, and was buried in Union cemetery.

He married Debora Deisher. Issue: Rev. Daniel; Charles; Joel; William; Jonathan D.; Catharine, born October 4, 1820; married to Jacob Yeakel; Sallie, married to Isaac Kriebel; and Judith E., married J. T. Bachman.

Jonathan D. Wieand, son of Daniel and Debora (Deisher) Wieand, was born May 15, 1827, in Upper Milford township. He was a weaver by trade and had the first contract for carpet weaving in the Lehigh county prison, at Allentown, which business he followed there for many years. He subsequently conducted a carpet store in Allentown. From about 1873 to 1878 Mr. Wieand and his son, T. L. Wieand, conducted a carpet weaving business in the jail at Easton, Pa. Jonathan D. Wieand removed from Upper Milford to Allentown about 1849. He was a very active member of the Evangelical Church and for many years a class leader and also a trustee. He married Elizabeth Ernst, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Gable) Ernst. He died December 5, 1884, and Mrs. Wieand died at the age of seventy-four years. Issue: Rev. Tilghman L.; Mary, married to Clement Eberhart; Harvey J.; John; Emma, married to Irwin J. Freeman; Flora; and Carrie, married to Peter Kirnan.

REV. TILGHMAN L. WIEAND, son of Jonathan D. and Elizabeth (Ernst) Wieand, was born in Allentown, February 28, 1854. At an early age he began to assist his father in his carpet business. Subsequently, from 1873 to 1878, he conducted a broom business, also a carpet store at 535 Hamilton street, continuing the latter business until 1908. He then devoted his entire time to gospel work, having been converted young in life and sanctified at the age of twenty-one. He served the Evangelical Church in every office open to laymen, and especially as Sunday school teacher and as Sunday school superintendent. He subsequently left the Evangelical Church and joined the Ebenezer Holiness Church, which was finally merged as the Ebenezer Pentecostal Church of North America, and later merged with the Pentecostal Nazarine Church. He built Ebenezer Pentecostal church

in 1900. He devoted much time to camp-meetings and evangelistic services, also preached throughout New England in Holiness and Methodist churches. He founded Beulah Park, at Rittersville, and is prominent in holiness work generally.



REV. J. L. WIEAND.

In 1870 he married Rebecca Ege, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Deibert) Ege. Their union is blessed with the following children: Annie, wife of Rev. A. C. Graff; Oliver H.; Ralph, and Ida, wife of Lewis Shellhammer, of Allentown.

HARVEY JACOB WIEAND, warden of the Lehigh county jail, was born in Allentown, Pa., June 28, 1860. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Rebecca (Deisher) Wieand, whose son Jonathan D. Wieand, married Elizabeth Ernst, a daughter of Jacob Ernst. To them these children were born: Tilghman Lewis, intermarried with Rebecca Ege, to whom four children were born; Annie, intermarried with Rev. E. C. Krapf, to whom two children were born; Wesley and Ruth; Oliver H., intermarried with Maggie Lowden; Ralph, intermarried with Phoebe Boyer, and Ida. Mary is intermarried with Clement A. Everhart; Harvey J., the subject of this sketch; Alfred, who died in infancy; Emma Elizabeth, intermarried with Irving Freeman, to whom four children were born, Elmer, Harvey,

Mabel and Helen; Florence and Carrie are employees of Hess Bros., Allentown, Pa., and reside in that city.

Harvey Jacob Wieand, the third child born to his parents, acquired his early education in the public schools, after leaving which he became associated in business with his father, who was interested in a contract involving prison labor in the Lehigh county prison. His father was awarded the contract on June 4, 1870, for the manufacture of brooms and rag carpets and continued this work until 1885. In 1876, being joined by his two sons, he was awarded the contract for the manufacture of brooms and rag carpets to be made in the Northampton county prison for a period of two years. Upon the expiration of this contract, in 1878, he returned to Allentown and associated with him in business the subject of this sketch, Harvey Jacob Wieand, under the name of J. D. Wieand & Son, and this business relation continued until the death of J. D. Wieand, in 1885. Upon the expiration of the contracts awarded to J. D. Wieand & Son, in 1885, by reason of his practical experience Harvey Jacob Wieand was employed as superintendent and instructor in the manufacturing department of the Lehigh county prison and continued to work in that capacity until April 1, 1903, when he was elected warden and served both as superintendent and instructor in the manufacturing department of the jail, as well as warden, continuously since his election.

Harvey Jacob Wieand was married, in 1878, to Sallie M. Meissner, their union having been blessed with one child, Beulah, intermarried with William W. Matlack, of Malvern, Pa., where he is associated with Bishop & Co., platinum manufacturers. They have one child, a son, Harvey W. Matlack.

Mrs. Wieand, the wife of the subject of this sketch, is a daughter of Dr. Otto and Maria (Haines) Meissner, in which family there were three children: James W., intermarried with Carrie Heckman, to whom four children were born—Hattie, Edna, Isabel and Walter; Annie, intermarried with John Anderson, and Mrs. Wieand. After the death of Mrs. Wieand's father, Dr. Meissner, his widow married Levi Gehring, to whom one child was born, Mary E., wife of Thomas E. Ritter. This union was blessed with three children: Lloyd, Wilmer and Jennie.

Mr. Wieand has unquestionably made the most efficient and progressive warden of the Lehigh county prison the county has ever had. His administration of the affairs of the jail has resulted in turning into the treasury of the county approximately \$60,000.00 during his incumbency and there remains a stock on hand in the prison



*Harvey J. Wiand*



for manufacturing purposes worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. He has reduced the cost of maintenance of the prisoners per capita under particularly adverse conditions of recent years, owing to the high cost of the necessities of life, to the lowest amount of any county jail in the state. During his term of office but one prisoner has escaped from jail, but was recaptured. His record among the prisoners is one to which he can well point with pride, for to all those who have been unfortunate enough to have been an inmate of the jail during Warden Wieand's term of office, he is known as a warm-hearted, cheerful, helpful human being who did many things for the prisoners that tendered to soften and sweeten the asperities of life.

Mr. Wieand is a hale fellow and always has a hearty grip of the hand for his friends, who are legion. Although a Republican of the stalwart type, Mr. Wieand has held the position as warden during the terms of judge of the courts of Lehigh county, Hon. Edwin Albright, Hon. Frank M. Trexler and Hon. Clinton A. Groman, who were a Democrat, Republican and Democrat respectively. In 1908 the addition to the present jail was built, which now ranks it as one of the best equipped and most modern in its appointments of the jails of the state. This much-desired and most necessary improvement is largely due to the campaign instituted and carried on by Mr. Wieand, which resulted in its erection as a monument to his untiring energy.

OLIVER H. WIEAND, son of Rev. Tilghman L., was born at Easton, Pa., December 30, 1874; was educated in the public schools in Allentown and graduated from the American Commercial School in 1894. Afterward he became a clerk in his father's carpet store, and on September 1, 1907, Mr. Wieand and his brother Ralph were admitted by their father as partners in the business under the name of T. L. Wieand & Sons. One year later, September 15, 1908, Oliver H. Wieand became the sole owner of the business, then located at No. 105 North Eighth street, and in April, 1912, he also purchased the property in which he carried on the business in a most successful manner ever since. The property he remodeled into an apartment house in which three families reside. The entire first floor and basement are used as a store and storage room. Mr. Wieand also owns the property No. 111 North Eighth street, which he converted into three fine apartments. He also had erected during 1913-1914 two private dwelling houses on the rear of 111 North Eighth street.

He was married, June 18, 1901, to Miss Margaret Lowdon, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bittner) Lowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wieand are actively identified in the work of the Ebenezer Evangelical church. He is an official of the church since he is of age; is president of the Men's Bible class since 1910; is president of the board of stewards and secretary of the board of trustees.

Rev. Daniel Wieand was born January 1, 1816, died the death of the righteous, at Reading, February 21, 1889. He was converted at the age of fourteen years; was granted a license to preach in 1845 and was received into the itinerary of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church. He was active about 23 years, in which time he traveled 52,363 miles and preached 3,752 sermons. In 1868 he took a superannuation relation because of throat troubles. He was an earnest and fearless preacher and a successful revivalist. He was twice married, first, to Judith Kriebel. They had the following children: Elizabeth; Rev. William K., and Mary A., who now resides at Reading. Rev. Wieand married, second, Matilda Gilbert, widow of Josiah Renninger. She died in 1907 at 225 North Eighth street, the family residence for many years, and now occupied by the daughter, Mary.

Rev. William K. Wieand was born October 28, 1845; was received into the Evangelical ministry in 1866, and served a number of appointments in the East Pennsylvania Conference. He died in 1902. He was married to Carolina Haines. Their children were: Henry A., 1852-1870, and William A., whose history follows:

WILLIAM ARTHUR WIEAND, grocer at Eighth and Liberty streets, Allentown, since 1892, was born in Allentown, December 2, 1867. After his education in the public schools he learned the tinsmith trade, which, however, he followed only a short time. He has an established trade in the grocery business in which he has been successful. He was married October 27, 1890, to Annie J. Kranzle, a daughter of Louis and Barbara (Steiger) Kranzle. They have an only son, Arthur T., who is a machinist in Allentown. Mr. Wieand and family are members of the Zion's church of the Evangelical Association on Liberty street. Socially he has membership in the I. O. O. F., the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

#### WIEDER FAMILY.

The Wieder family derives its name from the German word *widder*, meaning a ram, and the coat-of-arms granted to Rudolph and Andreas Wider, at Vienna, on August 23, 1583, was a ram with large horns, standing upon three mountains. The crest was a ram's head between two horns. John Adam Wieder, the ancestor of the



family in Lehigh county, was born in Germany, October 31, 1721. He emigrated to America in the ship *St. Mark*, which arrived at Philadelphia, from Rotterdam, Holland, on September 26, 1741. He settled in Salisbury township, where he was assessed £10 in 1762. He lived near what is now Waldheim Park, between Mountainville and Emaus, and in a survey of the road laid out in 1760 from Emaus to Bethlehem, his name appears as a land owner on the south side of the road. He cultivated his land until his death, July 16, 1798, aged 76 years, after which his sons Adam and Valentine, executors of his estate, sold the tract of 171 acres and 38 perches on April 10, 1799, to Martin Ritter for twelve hundred pounds. He was in all probability buried in the old Allentown cemetery. He and his wife, Anna Margaret, had ten children: John Adams, born October 13, 1750; Margaret, married Henry Kern; Mary Elizabeth, married Dorias Eck; Eve, married Christian Heyberger; John; Elizabeth, married John Topper; Michael, born April 7, 1763; Valentine, born March 23, 1765; John Caspar, born March 29, 1767, and Ludwig, born March 1, 1770.

John Adam Wieder, second, the eldest son of John Adam Wieder, first, was born October 13, 1750, and died July 20, 1825. He was a farmer and the owner of 197 acres in Upper Milford and five acres in Upper Saucon townships. As early as 1781 he had removed from Salisbury to Upper Milford. He married Christina Dut, who was born April 10, 1757, and died September 13, 1836. They are buried at Western Salisbury church. Their children were ten in number, six sons and four daughters: Adam, John, Leonard, Magdalena, Henry, Solomon, Susanna, Leah and Sarah. John Adam Wieder served as a private in the Revolutionary War.

John Wieder the second son of John Adam, first, lived in Salisbury township. He and his wife Margaret had a son, John, born November 16, 1790.

Michael Wieder, the third son, was born April 7, 1763. He and his wife Eva had among other children, Mary Magdalena, born November 4, 1783, died August 30, 1850, who married Henry Guth, in 1802, and had eleven children, and a son John Wieder, born February 27, 1785.

Valentine Wieder, the fourth son of John Adam, first, was born March 23, 1765, and died July 27, 1848. He married Susanna Knauss, daughter of Sebastian Henry Knauss. She was born November 27, 1768, and died March 15, 1840. They resided in Upper Milford and among their children were Valentine, Jr., born July 30, 1788; David and Thomas.

John Casper Wieder, the fifth son, was born

March 29, 1767, and died March 23, 1844. He married Catharine Egner, born March 29, 1760, died November 28, 1855. He removed to Upper Milford from Salisbury and is buried at Zionsville. Among his children were Susanna, born 1799; Lydia, born 1802, and John, born March 28, 1806.

Adam Wider, eldest son of John Adam, second, married Christina Strassburger. She was born December 11, 1785, and died January 4, 1823. Their children were: Caroline, Saul, Eliza, Mary, and Hannah, who married Thomas Egner.

John Wieder, second son of John Adam, second, was born January 6, 1784, and died July 1, 1846. He lived in Upper Milford, where he was a farmer. His wife, Susanna Smith, was born November 1, 1785, and died July 31, 1846.

Leonard Wieder, third son of John Adam, second, was born February 27, 1786, and died October 20, 1828. He lived in Upper Milford on a farm now owned by Joseph Backenstoe. His wife, Susanna Steininger, was born July 2, 1794, and died February 25, 1829. Their children were: Andrew; John A., born June 23, 1823, and Mary, wife of Aaron Erdman, of Macungie.

Magdalena Wieder, daughter of John Adam, second, born September 11, 1788, married Peter Wickert and had a son, Peter, born February 16, 1826. Other children of John Adam Wieder, second, were: Henry, born April 14, 1794; Solomon; Susanna, wife of Cornelius Reinbold; Leah, wife of Michael Hildebeitel, and Sarah, wife of a Mr. Greber.

LEVI A. WIEDER, son of John A. Wieder and his wife, Eva Esterly, was born August 16, 1851, in Upper Milford township. His father, John Adam Wieder, was born January 19, 1822, and died April 16, 1854. He is buried at the Evangelical church, near Zionsville. He was the son of John Wieder (1784-1846), a farmer of Upper Milford, and his wife, Susannah Smith.

John A. Wieder was a school teacher in his native township for a few years and later engaged in the cigar business on North Second street, in Philadelphia. His health failing, he returned to Upper Milford, where he died. His son, Levi A. Wieder, was educated in the schools of Zionsville, and at the age of 16 years went to Quakertown, where he learned the trade of bricklaying with John Groman. Remaining there two years he came to Emaus, where he spent a year and in 1871 removed to Allentown. Here he worked at bricklaying and in 1884 went into business as a bricklaying contractor. He is now the oldest contractor in that line in the city, having been in the business for twenty-eight years. Mr. Wieder is a member of Trinity Evangelical church, and of Camp 63, P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Wieder married, on August 16, 1879, Miss Rebecca Swoyer, daughter of Joseph and Fianna (Schmidt) Swoyer, of Alburtis. They had twelve children: Harry A., a bricklayer, married Annie Esterly; their children are Mildred, Paul, Charles, Ralph and Winifred; Robert J., a bricklayer, married Estella Dreher; Arthur A., a bricklayer, and Miles C., also a bricklayer, are single; Effie F., married Clarence Gutekunst; their children are Marguerite, Robert and Thomas; Ada M., married Daniel O'Neill; their children are Walter and Helen; Howard P., a laborer, is single; Fred H., married Mabel Yorke; Florence R., Blanche D., Helen A., Nathalie I.

JOHN ADAM WIEDER, son of John A. and Eva (Esterly) Wieder, was born in September, 1856, in Upper Milford township. He was educated in the public schools and at an early age learned the trade of shoemaker, following this vocation as a journeyman for some time. He then established, in Allentown, a shop for manufacturing shoes, employing several men, where he continued for some years. He then removed to Zionsville, in Lower Milford township, and opened a shoe store and conducted it for six years, then sold out and returned to Allentown, where he established a real estate business, building and selling many houses, including several on North Seventh street, one of which is now occupied by his family. He was a progressive, enterprising and successful man, who took a deep interest in the welfare and advancement of the city. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion was a member of Ebenezer Evangelical church. He was a member of the Golden Eagles, P. O. S. of A. and I. O. O. F. He also served as a city councilman. He died June 6, 1900, and was interred in the West End cemetery.

John Adam Wieder married, on Christmas day 1873, Lavina Roth, daughter of George and Mary (Saeger) Roth. She is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Their children are: Charles F., John George, Harry W., Mamie (1883-1885), William and Mabel L. Wieder.

Charles F., born November 16, 1874, married Laura Shunk and has children: Earl J. F. and Margaret. John George, born February 20, 1877, married Catherine Conrad. Their children are: Herman F., Paul and Rowland.

Harry W., born July 29, 1879, married Clara Shoemaker, and has children: Ralph V., Helen M. and Hilda I.

William born September 15, 1884, married Nellie Magee, and has one child, Dorothy.

Mabel L., born November 25, 1889, married Raymond Schmidt.

John A. Wieder, son of Leonard and Susanna

(Steininger) Wieder, was born June 23, 1823, in Upper Milford township. His parents died when he was about five years old and he was reared by his guardian, Peter Schwartz, near Emaus. After his education was completed he learned cabinet making with Christian Stauffer, near Vera Cruz. He followed this vocation for some years. He succeeded to his father's homestead and cultivated it until about 1850, then sold it to Adam Fink. He then purchased a 50-acre farm near Shimersville, where he continued until his decease in May, 1898. He was interred at Zionsville.

John A. Wieder married, first, Catherine Miller, daughter of George and Catherine (Schantz) Miller, born June 28, 1824, died in May, 1855. Issue: Mary (Mrs. Milton Mayer), William A., Sarah (Mrs. Albert Morey).

John A. Wieder married, second, Mary Steininger. Issue: an only son, Irwin J., who resides on the homestead.

WILLIAM A. WIEDER, son of John A. and Catherine (Miller) Wieder, was born October 19, 1852, in Upper Milford township. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. In 1876 he went to Kansas, returning in 1877. He then located at Palm Station, Pa., and operated a mill for two years. In 1883 he removed to Laury's Station, Pa., and was for five years with J. R. Sholl, a miller. In the spring of 1897 he became proprietor of Seipel's Station Hotel, in South Whitehall township, where he remained three years. In 1900 he became proprietor of the Valley House, at Cementon, and has since continued there. He is a member of the K. of P. of Emaus, and a member of the Reformed Church.

William A. Wieder married, in 1887, Annie L. Kline, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Ross) Kline, of Bucks county. Issue: William J., married Lillian Bredbenner; issue: Marcus and Raymond; Catherine (Mrs. Peter Berg); Lizzie (Mrs. C. C. Miller); Mary; Harry, and Susan Wieder.

Valentine Wieder, Jr., married Susan Leibert, and had twelve children: Henry; Thomas, Edward, Joseph; Ephraim; Tilghman; Lydia, married James Leibert; Lettie, married Isaac McHose; Lucetta A., married Enos Shoemaker; Lucinda, married William Meckley; Sally, married Jesse Wasser; and Mary, married William Rice.

Henry Wieder, the eldest son of Valentine, Jr., and Susan (Leibert) Wieder, was born Sept. 10, 1810. He was educated in the schools of the day, and was reared upon the farm. Upon reaching manhood he cultivated the homestead during his lifetime and his son, Edwin H., succeeded to its ownership. He died Dec. 31, 1899, and

was interred at Salisbury Reformed church, of which he was a member, deacon and elder. He married Maria M. Kline, daughter of Peter Kline. She died in 1893, in her 83d year. Issue: John P.; Edwin H.; and Wilmer F.

Thomas Wieder, son of Valentine, Jr., and Susan (Leibert) Wieder, was born in Upper Milford township, and was reared upon the farm and became a life-long farmer at Sinking Springs, Berks county, where he was buried. He had four children: William, James, Mary, and Ella Wieder.

Joseph Wieder, son of Valentine Wieder, Jr., was a carpenter and located in New York State. He had one son.

Ephraim Wieder, son of Valentine Wieder, Jr., lived on his father's old homestead up to the time of his decease. He left an only child, Mary Wieder.

Tilghman Wieder, son of Valentine Wieder, Jr., was born about 1835, and now resides at Emaus with his daughter, Emma Stansfield.

Edward Wieder, the third son of Valentine Wieder, Jr., and Susan Wieder, was born Oct. 28, 1818, in Upper Milford township. He was reared upon the farm and became a fur and silk hat manufacturer at Emaus, Hellertown, and later at Allentown, in 1851. Here he carried on his trade until his decease, Sept. 18, 1860. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Allentown. He and family were members of Zion's Reformed Church, which he served as deacon.

Edward Wieder married Sophia Laubach, daughter of George Laubach, born in 1822, died in 1909. Issue: Wilson J.; Susan (Mrs. Jacob Blumer); Emma (Mrs. James Ruhe); George, at Allentown.

WILSON J. WIEDER, eldest son of Edward and Sophia (Laubach) Wieder, and proprietor of the Wieder Granite & Monumental Works, was born Jan. 12, 1842. He was educated in the public schools and the old Allentown Academy. At the age of fifteen years he began learning the stone-cutting trade. In 1864, he engaged in this business for himself at Allentown, and up to the present time he has erected thousands of tombstones in eastern Pennsylvania. He employs five men, and his shop is equipped with modern pneumatic machinery. Some of his artistic and principal monuments are the following. In Fairview cemetery: the John W. Eckert, the Gerner, the Mark S. Young, and Horlacher's; in West End and Union cemeteries: the Henry Roth, Shankweiler, Lehr, Nathan Drescher, Walter Huber, and the Hon. Jeremiah Roth monuments. In the Allentown cemetery: the Col. T. H. Good; and in the German Catholic cemetery, the Joseph Lieberman monuments.

Mr. Wieder is an independent voter. During the nineties he represented the Second ward, in the common branch of the city council. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and resides at 633 Walnut street.

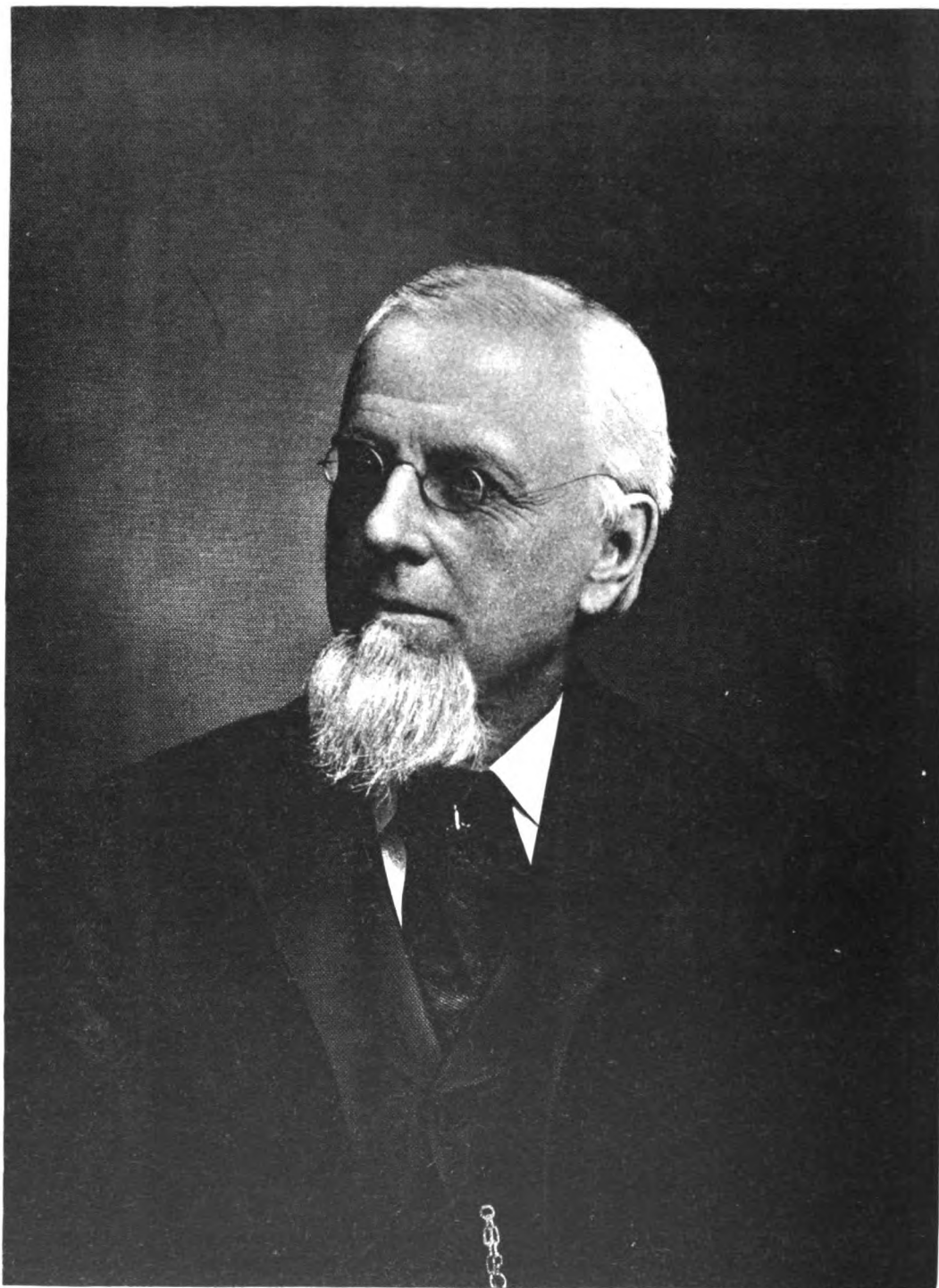
Wilson J. Wieder married, in 1867, Emma V. Matz, daughter of William Matz, of Pottsville, Pa., who died in 1882 aged 40 years. Issue: John, a tombstone cutter; Marion, married Rev. William G. Ginder, a Reformed minister at Weissport, Pa.

#### WILHELM FAMILY.

The Wilhelm family is one of the pioneer families of Old Northampton. Ludwig Wilhelm and his wife, Sophia, resided in Dryland, near Hecktown, many years prior to the Revolutionary War. One of their sons, Johannes, married Charlotte Lawall and also resided near Hecktown. Johannes died quite young, leaving a widow and five small children. They were: John, Simon, Christian, Daniel and Michael. The children were "put out" among the friends and neighbors. The widow was married again to a Mr. Bauman, and lived at Paradise, Pa. Daniel was born Jan. 11, 1805, and died in 1861. He was married to Anna Maria Beck and resided at Nazareth. John, Simon and Christian went to Ohio, John locating near Worcester, Simon at Findley and Christian at Medina. Michael was born at Nazareth, Aug. 2, 1807, and died at Allentown Sept. 19, 1865, aged 58 years, 1 month and 17 days. He received a part of his early training at Nazareth Hall. As a young man he learned the trade of shoemaking. He came to Allentown in about 1853, opened a shop and continued making shoes until he retired. He is said to have invented the first boot lathe. He was a class leader in the Evangelical church. His wife, Susan, was a daughter of Peter Keichlein. She was born Aug. 29, 1818, and died Sept. 5, 1856, aged 36 years. To them were born three children: Charles (1849-1852); Calvin (1851-1854); and Thomas M., whose history follows.

THOMAS M. WILHELM, a substantial businessman, was born at Allentown, March 16, 1857. He attended the public schools of Allentown, and as a young man learned the trade of blacksmithing. In 1885 he engaged in the baking business, locating at 136 N. 9th street. In 1889 he removed to his present location, 346 N. 8th street. He employs six men and has three teams delivering the product of his bakery. He was married in 1885 to Emma C. Stevens, a daughter of David Stevens. They had one daughter, Mabel, who died February 14,





Oliver Williams

1907, in her twentieth year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm are members of Trinity United Evangelical church, in which he has served in the capacity of steward since the year 1890. Fraternally Mr. Wilhelm holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A.

EDWARD WILLIAM, Station Agent and Operator at Walbert, Lehigh county, was born in Greenwich township, Berks county, upon the homestead of his grandfather Kohler, July 13th, 1888. He was educated in the public schools of Fleetwood, and was newsboy for the town for two and one-half years. After passing through the schools he was employed by the York Silk Mill of that town for about two and one-half years as broad silk weaver and later as general utility man. On July 20th, 1906, he accepted the position as assistant agent at the P. & R. Station at Fleetwood, and at the same time he studied the art of telegraphy. Completing the course in about nineteen months in connection with other work, he accepted the position as night operator at Fleetwood, but then on account of the business being very dull he found himself out of the position after having worked about three weeks. About two weeks later which was on April 11th, 1908, he was sent to Kutztown as assistant agent and operator which position he held exactly seven months. On November 12th, 1908, he was again given the position of night operator at the Fleetwood station, which he held until March 1st, 1909 at which time he accepted the position as agent-operator for the C. & F. R. Co., under the jurisdiction of the Reading system, and also agent for the United States Express Company, which position he serves to this time. He is a member of the K. of P., No. 142, of Fleetwood; Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 1004, Kutztown; Camp No. 378, P. O. S. of A., Guthsville, and a member of the Independent Order of Railway Employees; also, a member of the P. & R. Relief Association, and of the Lutheran Church. He was married to Cora Missouri, daughter of Samuel S. and Emma M. (Becker) Billig, of Lyons, Berks county. They are blessed with two children, viz.: Jacob Lewis, born April 2d, 1910, and Emma Anna born June 5th, 1912. His wife Cora M. was born, in Evansville, Maidencreek township, Berks county, April 13th, 1887.

#### OLIVER WILLIAMS.

David Williams, a native of South Wales, England, acquired a national reputation by his letters from Mexico and the United States, published in 1829. In 1833 the family emigrated to this country, settling at Schenectady, N. Y.,

where they remained until 1840, when they removed to Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. Here Mr. Williams held an important position with the then newly-organized Lehigh Crane Iron Works. He died early in 1845, leaving a son, Oliver Williams.

Oliver Williams was born in South Wales, April 23, 1831, and was brought to America by his parents in 1833. He received such education as was afforded by the country schools, and for one year he attended the Allentown Academy, and for the same period of time he attended the Moravian school at Bethlehem, Pa. He learned the trade of moulder in the foundry connected with the Crane furnaces at Catasauqua, following the trade until 1849, when he went to Philadelphia, entering the optical establishment of McAllister & Co., where he remained until 1853, when he joined James Queen, forming the firm of Queen & Co.

In 1855, Mr. Williams took Horace Greeley's advice to go West, settling in Milwaukee, where for a period of three months he and Chester A. Arthur, then a young lawyer, who had also gone West, roomed together. Mr. Arthur's metropolitan tastes did not take kindly to the West, and he returned to New York City, where Mr. Williams visited him at the old Bancroft House. While there he met Peter F. L. Hardenburg with whom he formed a partnership in the leather business, locating in Chicago in 1858. Mr. Williams remained in Chicago until 1867, when he removed to Catasauqua, to become the general manager of the newly organized Catasauqua Manufacturing Company. Mr. Williams was with the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company as general manager from 1867 to 1879, and from 1879 to 1892 as its president. He saw it begin in a small way and grow to be one of the best known and largest merchant mills in Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1892 he resigned from the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, giving all his attention to the Bryden Horse Shoe Company, which was organized in 1882.

Mr. Williams took an active part in having the works established in Catasauqua. He was connected with it from the beginning, and served it as treasurer and general manager until 1899 and as president and treasurer from then until his death. He had devoted himself to its successful establishment as one of the largest horse-shoe manufacturing concerns in the country. At the time of his death, Mr. Williams, was the president of the Cement National Bank, at Siegfried, Pa., vice-president of the Whitehall Portland Cement Company, Cementon, Pa., and a director of the E. P. Wilbur Trust Company, South Bethlehem, Pa.



For three years Mr. Williams was the president of the National Iron Association and for fifteen years president of the Eastern Iron Association. He had a wide acquaintance among iron manufacturers throughout the country, and his genial disposition and ready wit made him hosts of friends. He was a Republican in politics, being his party's candidate for congress in 1896, in a district normally good for 10,000 Democratic majority but was defeated by about 1,700.

It was during this campaign that the publisher of the *Reading Eagle* wrote to Mr. Williams, requesting his picture for publication. In sending the picture, Mr. Williams wrote:

"I mail in response to your wish a recent photograph. If Job lived in these days, he would not need to wish, 'Oh that mine adversary would write a book.' A surer plan to down him would be to have his photo in the daily papers. I fear this will lose me votes. Truly yours, Oliver Williams."

He was formerly a Presbyterian, but at Catsauqua he took a deep interest in the Lutheran Church, being thrice sent as a delegate to the General Council, where he proved himself a warm friend of the mission cause. He was an active church worker for many years, being connected with the Trinity Lutheran church, of Catsauqua, of whose Sunday school he was superintendent for many years.

Surely, in this centenary history of Lehigh county, which narrates the story of its remarkable development, Mr. Oliver Williams deserves special recognition, who directly and indirectly contributed so much to its life and development. But his influence extended far beyond the confines of the county in which he lived. No one in the great commercial Lehigh valley enjoyed a larger acquaintance with public men and shared their confidence than the subject of our sketch. Again and again was he called to Washington, the nation's capitol, to appear before the finance committee of the house, when questions concerning iron industry were under consideration and the experience of practical men was desired. Mr. Williams was a fluent speaker, full of ready wit and quick in repartee which together with extensive travel and vividness of description made him the happy center of many a social hour. His versatility of mind is shown in the wide range of his literary efforts which range from a learned critique on music to a comprehensive article on pig iron, as well from being the superintendent of a Sunday school, a teacher of a Bible class to directing vast business enterprises. Though sleeping, having passed beyond the great divide, his influences are still with us in the church he

served, the industries he directed, and his descendants who share in their father's genial disposition and charm of personality and business acumen.

Mr. Williams was married in October, 1857, in Germantown, Pa., to Miss Anna Heilig. They had two sons and four daughters, as follows: Mrs. David L. Emanuel; Mrs. R. O. Kohler; and Mrs. George E. Holton, all of Catsauqua, Pa. The two sons died in infancy, and a daughter died at the age of twelve years.

He died in his fine home at Catsauqua, on Sept. 17, 1904.

#### JOHN WILLIAMS.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Landore, Wales, and was born November 20, 1824. When but a little over eight years of age he was brought to America by his parents and located at Schenectady, N. Y. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of John Fullagar of that city, as a clerk. In 1845 he followed the rest of the family, who were then living at Catsauqua, and at once entered the office of the Crane Iron Company. His first duty was to weigh the ore and limestone that was hauled hither by team, to feed three furnaces. Those were busy days, for team was followed by team all day long. In 1849 he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier; and, after the death of Owen Rice, he was promoted in 1856 to the office of cashier. He performed the duties of this office with signal fidelity throughout the remainder of his life.

Mr. Williams was actively connected with many local enterprises. He participated in the organization of the Catsauqua Manufacturing Company in which he held office until his decease. He served as passenger agent for the C. & F. R. R. Company for many years, and was director and later president of the Catsauqua Gas Company. He was a director and at the time of his death vice-president of the National Bank of Catsauqua. He was also a director in the Lehigh Valley Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Allentown, and president of the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Upper and Lower Saucon townships, and president of the Fairview Cemetery Association. Since man's acts are more eloquent than his words, it is but necessary to point to the many associations in which his counsel and encouragements were sought to show the shrewd and pleasing character of the man, and his earnest endeavor to promote the welfare of his fellow townsmen.

She, whom he led to the bridal altar, September 14, 1852, was Emma Caroline Heilig, daughter of Rev. George Heilig, a Lutheran clergy-

man. Her mother's maiden name was Susannah Hook. They began housekeeping on Church street in one of the company homes. Mrs. Williams repeatedly declared the happiest period of her life was the season of her housekeeping on Church street. For a while the family lived in Fuller's Block. After David Thomas left the "Mansion" on Front street, John Williams and family occupied it. During 1870 he erected the beautiful home on Bridge street which he occupied until his death, May 24, 1892, and his widow after him, until her death, September 29, 1913. The hospitality of the Williams home was



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as genuine as its surroundings, which being adorned with palms, ferns and many rare plants, were beautiful and inviting. The fruits of this union were eight children, four of whom survive: Lizzie S., Mrs. Frank M. Horn, Annie, Mrs. Edward D. Boyer, and Messrs. John T. and George H. Williams.

In 1852 Mr. and Mrs. Williams took up their membership in the First Presbyterian church, in which he was elected an elder in 1872, and he served his people as superintendent of the Sunday school for many years—until his death. With an intermission of one year he served the borough as burgess from 1861 to 1873.

EDWARD H. WILLIAMS.

Edward Hall Williams, the superintendent of the Hokendauqua Furnace of the Thomas Iron Company, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1871. He received his early training in the public schools of Marquette, Mich., Manual Training Department of Washington Uni-

versity, St. Louis, Mo., and the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1892 he received the degree of B. S. in mining engineering. After graduation he accepted the position of chemist with the Brown & Bonnell Iron Co., of Youngstown, Ohio, and was made superintendent of their furnaces in 1894, in which capacity he continued until in 1899, when he became the manager of the blast furnaces owned by Ricklands, Mather & Co., located near Sharon, Pa., and at Toledo, Ohio. In 1906 he organized the Perry Iron Co., and built and put into operation their blast furnace at Erie, Pa., and continued with the company until in Aug. 15, 1910, when he accepted his present position. He resides in the beautiful Thomas residence at Hokendauqua. In 1895 he was married to Effie Reel, a daughter of David and Emma (McKee) Reel of Youngstown, Ohio, and is the father of two sons, Edward Reel and David Rayson. Mr. Williams is a member of several college fraternities, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the National Geographic Society, Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Lehigh Country Club.

Edward Payon Williams, the father of William Hall, was born in 1838, and came from the Williams family of Connecticut, one of the oldest families of New England. He was early employed by the Erie R. R. Co., as assistant to his uncle, who was the first station agent for the company at Elmira, New York, when the station was the terminus of the road. Later he went with his brother, James N. Williams, to Savannah, Georgia, where they engaged in the express and telegraph business. At the outbreak of the Civil War he came to New York as a "stowaway" on one of the last vessels to leave Charlestown, S. C., after the firing of Fort Sumpter. After landing at New York he immediately proceeded to Philadelphia and enlisted in the famous 15th Penna. Cavalry, under the late General Wm. H. Palmer, and served through the entire war. His brother, James N. Williams, cast his lot with the South, entered the army, served with distinction throughout the war and at its close was mustered out as a Colonel.

After the war Mr. Williams engaged in the iron business at Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1870 went to the Lake Superior regions and engaged there in mining with the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden and Peter White, the pioneer of the Superior Lake iron mining. Subsequently he has been engaged in the iron business in the middle west. He is at present officer, manager and auditor for Rickands, Mather & Co., at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Williams is a member of

several prominent military and social organizations of his state. He is married to Caroline Hall, a daughter of James R. and Mary (Lloyd) Hall, of Painesville, Ohio. This union was blessed with two children, Edward H. and Agnes, the wife of Marion L. Mozier, of Erie, Pa.

#### JOHN J. WILLIAMS.

John J. Williams, agent and dispatcher for the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railroad, was born at Catasauqua, July 10, 1865. He is a son of David R. Williams, a native of Wales. Both he and his wife, Elisabeth, *nee* James, were born in Glamorganshire, Wales, he May 24, 1843, and she May 12, 1846. She died Oct. 5, 1900, and lies buried in Fairview Cemetery, Catasauqua. David R. Williams came to Catasauqua from Wales in 1860 when the great Civil War was brewing, and when the call came for volunteers he immediately offered his services to his newly adopted country and enlisted under Captain Hunt for three months service. After serving the period of his enlistment he was honorably discharged and returned to Catasauqua. He was first employed at the Crane Iron Works, but subsequently entered into the employ of the Catasauqua and Fogelsville Railway, and continued with them for a period of 35 years. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church Catasauqua. In politics he is a Republican.

John J. Williams, son of David R., received his education in the schools of Whitehall township and the Catasauqua High School. He learned the art of telegraphy with the L. V. R. R., after which he was employed as clerk by the Catasauqua Manufacturing Co. After a period of three years he returned to the L. V. R. R., but soon left them again and went over to the P. & R. Railway, which controlled the C. & F. road, and has been in their employ continuously since Sept. 1894. In politics, like his father, he is a Republican. In the fall of 1911 he was elected as one of the seven school controllers of Catasauqua, and upon their organization was elected its secretary. Mr. Williams has been actively interested in the various building and loan associations since 1888 and has consistently recommended them as a means of encouraging thrift and at the same time building up the community. For a number of years he has served as a director in the Home Building Association, but was also likewise interested in two other associations, all three of which are very successful. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and also of Lodge No. 284, F. & A. M.

In 1909 he was married to Mary Williams, a daughter of Lewis and Elisabeth Williams.

She was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, the native town of both her parents. Her father was born Feb. 15, 1827, and died Feb. 21, 1901, and her mother was born June 9, 1829, and died June 22, 1897. Both lie buried in Fairview Cemetery, Catasauqua.

#### WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS.

William B. Williams, an aged resident of Emerald, Lehigh county, was born on the Isle of Anglesey, in North Wales, October 28, 1835. At a suitable age he learned the stone cutting trade and this he followed until he came to the United States. On the way he was shipwrecked along the Atlantic coast on December 19, 1856, and the following day he was brought to shore by a life-boat near Atlantic City, N. J. Through the shipwreck he lost all his valuables, except a few pounds of English money, which he had in his pocket. On December 21 he and his companion, John L. Jones (who was saved with him) travelled along the shore northward until weary and hungry, they finally reached the town of Freeland, N. J. These were trying times in the lives of these forebears. From the latter place they were taken by train to South Amboy, and by steamboat thence to New York City, arriving a few hours before Christmas Day. In February, 1857, he went to Slatington and here he has lived until now.

In August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, 176th Regt. Pa. Vol. Infantry and served ten months. In 1868 he built the "Franklin House" at Emerald, and this hotel he conducted for forty years. He is now the oldest resident at Emerald, formerly known as Franklin.

He is a member of Samuel Kress Post, No. 284, G. A. R., of Slatington, which he served as chaplain for some years, and in 1910 he was a delegate to the State Encampment which met at Harrisburg.

Mr. Williams followed the stone cutting trade and the monument business for a number of years in connection with the hotel business, giving employment to five men.

He married Mary Ann Jones, who was born at the Lehigh Furnace, Lehigh county, July 9, 1847. She speaks both the Pennsylvania German and the Welsh languages fluently and correctly. They are members of the Welsh Episcopal church. They have ten children: Robert, Margaret R., Mary Jane (married John M. Pritchard, and died aged forty years, survived by eight children), Ellen, Frank (of Slatington, who has two children, Daniel and Florence), Emma (married Robert H. Parry and had seven children), Jemima, Roger (of Slat-

ington), Ellen and Annie, all of whom are deceased excepting Frank and Roger.

The father of Mrs. William B. Williams, was Griffith Jones, of Caernarvonshire, in North Wales, who emigrated to the United States in 1845, and he was the first man to make slate at Slatington, Pa., where he was a pioneer in that occupation. He went alone but a year later his wife and four children followed him, accompanied by a number of their fellow countrymen, all settled at Slatington. Amongst them were: Morris Williams and wife; Owen Jones, wife and children; John Jones, single; Griffith Jones, wife and ten children (Ellis, Evan, Mary, John, Mary, Ellis, Evan, Griffith, Margaret and Michael). Five of these children died.

Robert Williams, the father of William B., was a shoemaker. His wife was Ruth Broadhead, a daughter of Francis Broadhead, an Englishman. She died about 1849 and he about 1852. They had seven children: Jemima, William B., Robert, Hugh, Joseph, Thomas and John. Hugh had emigrated to America about 1860, but four years later returned to his native country owing to ill-health.

#### WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

Henry Williams, a pioneer in the slate business at Slatington, was born in Wales on Dec. 21, 1818. When twenty years old he emigrated to the United States and first settled in Massachusetts, where he remained seven weeks but not favorably impressed with that section of the country he went to Slateport, in Lehigh County where he secured an interest in a slate quarry several miles from Slatington on property now known as the Williamstown and Franklin quarries. Subsequently he was associated with David Williams (a fellow countryman, but no relative), in the slate business for many years, and they accomplished a great deal towards the development of the slate industry in the upper section of Lehigh county, which has come to give employment to upwards of five thousand people, and the slate workers in appreciation of their enterprise in the business named a settlement in Washington township after them, which is known as Williamstown.

He also carried on a store business at that place.

By his education and religious training Mr. Williams was always inclined to encourage the moral welfare of that community and he accordingly made liberal contributions toward the establishment of the Baptist congregation and the erection of its church.

Mr. Williams was married in Wales, to Laura Evans (born in 1816, died in 1871), and

they had six children: Two of them died in infancy before their emigration, and the other four were named William H.; Catharine (married William T. Owens); Mary W. (married John W. Jones); and Ellen J. (married Evan J. Williams); all of them having died excepting Mary W. He died March 28, 1878.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, only son of Henry, was born Nov. 2, 1846, at Slateport, and there became a slate-worker in his father's operations in the vicinity of Williamstown, and he afterward engaged in the mercantile business until he died. During his active business career he gave employment to a large number of working people and contributed a great deal towards the public welfare. His untimely death was mourned as a great public loss, for he had led an exemplary life and was esteemed as a useful citizen in various ways. In 1887 he erected a fine home on a large lot at Slatington not far from the river. There his widow has continued to reside. He was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Friendship, and the Order of Red Men.

In 1884, Mr. Williams was married to Sarah A. Houseman, a daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Kern) Houseman and they had ten children: Laura, Irwin and Robert (who have died); John; Henry; Emma (married Robert Lynn); Lizzie (married James Hogan, at Baltimore); Annie (married Jacob Dorsheimer); and two died in infancy. He and his family were members of the Baptist Church. He died Sept. 10, 1898.

#### EDWARD O. WILLIAMS.

Owen J. Williams, a native of Caernarvonshire, in North Wales, was born Jan. 10, 1847. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1889 and located in the vicinity of Slatington, where he was employed in slate quarries until he died Sept. 29, 1905. He was married to Jane O. Jones, a native of the same place, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Jones) Jones, and they had seven children: John; Owen O.; Edward O.; Elizabeth, married Blanny Noll, of Palmerton; Martha, married Alfred Kreiss, of Philadelphia; Jane, married Wm. Davis, of Slatington, and Annie.

Owen O., the second son, was born in North Wales, June 1, 1875, emigrated with his parents, and was employed in slate quarries until 1896, when he engaged in the business of selling coffee. After following it two years he embarked in the general store business and has carried it on since. In 1903 he was married to Ruth Lloyd and they have two children: Lloyd Ivor and Adele.

Edward O. Williams, the third son of Owen

J., was also born in North Wales, May 17, 1877, and accompanied his parents to Slatington. He also worked in slate quarries from an early age until 1898, then acted as a salesman in a general store at Slatington for seven years. In 1906 he became a traveling salesman for the Carbon Slate Company in the eastern part of the United States and served this position until Feb. 1, 1911, when he became identified with the Griffith Bros. Slate Company, as a partner and has continued a partner until now, acting as the traveling salesman. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and a special correspondent of the *Welsh Mirror*, a weekly publication, issued at Utica, N. Y. He served on the board of health for five years.

On Aug. 29, 1906, Mr. Williams married Emma Long, daughter of George and Abbie (William) Long, and they have one child, a son, named Vincent G. They are members of the Welsh Presbyterian church, which he has served as deacon for the past five years, and also as secretary of the vestry. He has acted as a teacher and superintendent of its Sunday school for many years.

#### EVAN M. WILLIAMS.

Evan M. Williams, the oldest male resident of Slatington, was born in North Wales, Dec. 25, 1825. He there learned the slate industry and upon emigrating to Pennsylvania in 1847, he followed the same employment at Slatington until he retired, altogether a period of seventy-five years. He worked for the Lehigh Slate Company for a number of years as a slate-splitter, then filled the position of its superintendent for twelve years; afterward foreman of the Blue Mt. quarry. From a small beginning with only several hands he saw the great industry develop until many slate operations came to be carried on at the same time, employing many thousand hands. He has been a Republican in politics, and served in the town council for two terms.

In 1853, Mr. Williams was married to Elizabeth Long, of Stroudsburg, Pa., a daughter of Anthony Long. She was born in 1835, and died in 1891. They had two children: Miriam and Effie, both of whom died. They were members of the Welsh Presbyterian church, which he served as an elder for many years. He assisted in the erection of the building and acted as the leader of the church choir for fifteen years.

#### JESSE WILLIAMS.

Jesse Williams, engineer at Allentown since 1901, was born June 20, 1851, at Tannersville, in Monroe county, Pa., and received his education in the public schools until he became fifteen

years of age; then he entered the tannery of Stephen A. Kistler and continued there four years. Afterward he followed engineering at different tanneries in Monroe county until 1901. He then removed to Allentown, and here he continued in the same employment with the Allentown Flint Bottle Works, Hess Bros. and Wm. A. Hausman Brick Works until 1913, when he became the chief engineer of the establishment of T. J. Dunn & Co. and this position he has since filled in a satisfactory manner. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a member of Lehigh Council, No. 15, American Order of Steam Engineers.

In 1873, Mr. Williams was married to Sussanna Chambers, daughter of John and Sallie (Dietrick) Chambers, and they have eight children: Cora, married Israel Eichline; Cyrus, married Bertha Steel; Louis; Martin; Hattie, married William Sherman; Theodore; Floyd, and Elsie, married Charles Shaffer.

His father, Charles Williams, was a shoemaker by occupation in Monroe county; born 1816, died 1861. He was married to Anna Bush, and they had seven children: Jeremiah; Rachel Jane, married H. Ruff; William; Enoch; Jesse; Franklin, and Alice, married Joseph Carr. His grandfather, also named Charles, was a native of Wales, Great Britain, and emigrated to America, when a young man. He settled in Hamilton township, Monroe county, Pa., and there followed farming.

#### WINT FAMILY.

Andreas Wint, born 1714, in Daeuineim, in Amt Lingenheim, came to this country about 1750-55, and settled near Friedensville, where he died in 1779. He was the son of Johan Heinrich Wint and Anna Sovia Landgroff. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1716 and died in 1809. They had three sons: Johannes, Johan Heinrich, and Johan Philip, and two daughters: Margaret, who married Balthaser Buchecker; the other, "name unknown," married a Mr. Hoffman and removed to Montgomery county. Johannes left the township in his youth and was the ancestor of the Wints residing in the neighborhood of Bath. Johan Heinrich is known to have had at least two sons and two daughters. The names of the latter are unknown; those of the former were Henry and Andrew. Henry was the father of the late Joseph Wint, of Upper Saucon, and grandfather of Addison R. and William Wint, late of Allentown. The other children Henry is known to have had are: Aaron, long deceased; Nathan, late of Scranton; and two daughters, one married to Joseph Morgan, and the other to John Fogelman. Andrew

was the ancestor of the Wints, lately residing in the neighborhood of Centre Valley. John Philip had six children, viz.: John, Philip, Andrew, Catharine, Elizabeth, and Susanna. Of these, John removed to Lancaster and died there, leaving four sons and one daughter. Philip died a bachelor. Andrew had five children—Abner H., late of Allentown; William H., of Philadelphia; Mary Ann, first married to John Ritter, and after his death to John Shimer; Salome, married to the late Charles E. Christ of Allentown; and Lucinda, married to Reuben B. Sell, late of Coopersburg.

Of John Philip's daughters, Catharine married George Christ and was the mother of John Christ, late of Upper Saucon, and of Charles E. Christ, late of Allentown, and grandmother to Mrs. Charles W. Schaffer, of Limeport. Mrs. George Rinker, of Emaus, and Mrs. Harvey Woodring, of Saucon; Susanna, married Charles Weaver and was the mother of the late Andrew Weaver, of Bethlehem; the late Ephraim Weaver, of Upper and the late Mrs. Peter Egner, of Emaus, and grandmother of Charles E. Weaver, of Upper Saucon and Asa Weaver, of New Jersey; Elizabeth died unmarried.

III. John Heinrich or Henry, son of Johan Andreas and Elizabeth Wint, was born March 27, 1743, died Nov. 28, 1818, married, and had: Henry, of further mention; Andrew, who became the ancestor of the Center Valley Wints; and two daughters.

Henry, son of Johan Heinrich or Henry Wint, was a farmer in Seidersville, died at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried at Friedensville, in Saucon township. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of John Adam and Elizabeth Barbara (Newhard) Romig, and was born in 1781, died in 1861. Children: Joseph, of further mention; Hannah, married Henry Fogelman; Lydia, married Matthias Weaver; Theresa, married Joseph Morgan; Eliza, married Mr. Fackenthal; Nathan, of Delaware; Aaron, of Philadelphia; William, a miller, who died at Scranton; Solomon, died on his farm in Indiana; Jonathan, a miller, died at Scranton. He was the father of General Wint, whose history follows.

Joseph, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Romig) Wint, was born in Upper Saucon township in 1806, died in 1871, and is buried in the Moravian cemetery at Emaus. He was the owner of a small farm at Center Valley which he cultivated. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob Reichard. She was born in 1808 and died in 1892. Children:

Eliza, born 1830, died 1906, unmarried.

Fietta, born 1832, married Samuel Hohe.

Matilda, born 1833, died 1902, unmarried.

Addison, born 1835, died 1899, married Catharine Kern.

Franklin, born 1837, died 1904, married An-tonetta Von Steuben.

William H., born 1839, died 1913, married Maria C. Reinsmith.

Alfred, born 1841, died 1866, unmarried.

Sarah, born 1847, died 1858.

J. Morgan, born 1852, married Elizabeth Good and they reside at Philadelphia.

William H., son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reichard) Wint, was born in Upper Saucon township, March 6, 1839, and was reared upon the homestead farm. After conducting a farm in Upper Saucon township for several years, he removed to Allentown in 1868, and had resided there until his death in 1913. In partnership with Daniel Weber and his brother Addison, he was engaged in the coal and ice business for seven years under the firm name of Weber & Wint. Later he conducted the ice business alone for three years, and for nine years he drove a team. His eyesight having become impaired, he was compelled to abandon this form of activity, and in 1888, having almost completely lost his sight, he was obliged to retire from business life. He was a Lutheran. Mr. Wint married, in 1866, Maria C. Reinsmith, born in 1840, died Dec. 27, 1912. Both are buried in the West End cemetery. Children: Charles, married Nora Kemmerer, and resides in Philadelphia; Mary, married Daniel Buckley, and lives in Allentown; and Robert W., of further mention.

Robert W., son of William H. and Maria C. (Reinsmith) Wint, was born in Allentown, Le-high county, Aug. 13, 1871. He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen years engaged in the photographic business, serving his apprenticeship in Allentown, and then finding employment at Akron, Ohio; Potts-town and York, Pennsylvania. He now conducts the Wint Studio at Nos. 627-629 Hamilton street having established this in 1895. He married (first) in York, Pennsylvania, Oct. 21, 1891, Agnes J. Frankenfeld, born in 1868, died June 6, 1902, and is buried in Highland cemetery, Allentown. In 1903 Mr. Wint removed with his family to Allentown, where he married (second) Feb. 21, 1905, Linda Maxwell, of Allentown. By the first marriage he had: A child which died in infancy, and Myrtle A.

Brigadier-General Theodore T. Wint, son of Jonathan Wint, was born in Allentown. His parents moved to Scranton, Pa., when he was about two months old, and there he was educated in the common schools of Scranton. At the



breaking out of the Civil War in 1861, then a boy of sixteen, he enlisted in Philadelphia, Pa., Cavalry, known as "The Rush Lancers." The general's experience between 1861 and 1865 is a history of the Civil War. From the battles around the Potomac to the holidays of Sheridan's raid, he was continually in the saddle and battle. He served in Antietam, Fredericksburg, regular cavalry brigade of 1862, Stoneman's Raid, Beverly Ford, 1863, Reserve Cavalry Brigade, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, Todd's Tavern, Sheridan's Raid, Cold Harbor, Trevillian Station, and Smithville.

After the Civil War the general enlisted again in the army as first lieutenant and was assigned to twenty years of Indian warfare of the West. Generals Pope, Miles and Lawton were the young lieutenant's superiors and he grew steadily in strength and skill without the advantage of West Point training. His promotions were granted only on sheer merit, never for favor. In 1872 the lieutenant received his captain's straps. But his next wait was a long one. During the Spanish-American War declared in 1898, the captain was promoted to major and assigned to the Tenth Cavalry and ordered to Cuba. In Cuba the major's fighting was a repetition of his success in the Civil War. As President Roosevelt said of the distinguished soldier in Cuba, he went through a pond instead of going around it, referring to the major's charge up San Juan Hill. He was severely wounded. President McKinley recognized the bravery of the major and in April, 1898, promoted him to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and assigned him to the Sixth Cavalry. At the close of the war he was detailed as Inspection General of the department in Dakota, and later commanded the Sixth Cavalry in the absence of Colonel Sumner. His post was Fort Riley, Kansas.

Fortune attended the officer and a war resulted in whatever land or sea he happened to be. In 1900 he was assigned to a post in the Philippines. His command had just reached San Francisco, when the Boxer disturbance of China caused a change of orders. He was then assigned to General Chaffee's command at Tientsin, China. He had charge of the Allied Cavalry and to the consternation of military men, and while the forces were planning a careful advance on the walls, the colonel marshalled his band of horsemen and charged the walls. The remainder of his career in China was as interesting, but not so exciting.

The Boxer outbreak was slow with General Chaffee. The lieutenant-colonel went to the Philippines and began an active campaign against the natives. He was promoted to the rank of

colonel in 1901, by President Roosevelt, and after a year of hard and successful fighting the promotion of brigadier general followed in 1902. He was assigned to a tour of the army posts of India, where he was to investigate the disease of horses known as *surra*. Many horses had died in the Philippines from the disease and the British had become experts in treating such cases. After his report to the department he was again detailed to commands in the Philippines, where he relieved General Lee. As the head of the department he rendered valuable service on the island until the department decided to give him a well earned rest as commander of the Department of Missouri in 1905. He was stationed at Omaha.

When the Secretary of War wanted a man for Cuba he chose General Wint for the command of all the forces in that island, which was the last active service rendered by the able soldier. In February, 1907, the general was relieved on account of sickness and he then came to Philadelphia, Pa., to gain back his health, but after lingering for about six weeks, he was called for last taps, and is buried at Arlington cemetery, Va. To his memory and his faithful service of 46 years in active duty to his country, the state of Pennsylvania erected one of the finest monuments in Arlington cemetery.

Rufus M. Wint, vice-president of the Lehigh National Bank, son of Ferdinand Wint, was born in Catasauqua, July 27, 1856. He was educated in the public schools of his native borough and as a young man worked as laborer in the lumber yard of what is now the F. W. Wint Lumber Company. In 1882 he became a member of the firm and has continued ever since. To him and his good wife Hortense, a daughter of George Kopp, of Catasauqua, were born two sons Rufus W. G., and Charles J. In 1899 Mr. Wint was elected burgess and served a period of three years. His father, F. W. Wint, served the same office in 1877.

Rufus W. G. Wint, member of the town council of Catasauqua, was born June 3, 1884. He attended the local schools, graduating from the High School in 1900 and from Franklin and Marshall Academy in 1901 and from the Franklin and Marshall College in 1905, and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1908. At college Mr. Wint was popular and took a prominent part in many of the college activities. He was president of his class during his junior year, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and of the Diognothian Literary Society. During his entire college career he was a member of the varsity base ball team and was captain of the same during his senior year. He is connected

with the F. W. Wint Lumber Company. The business capacity and public spiritedness of Mr. Wint have been recognized by his native borough in that they have elected him a member of the town council.

Charles J. Wint was educated in the public school of his native borough, Mercersberg Academy, and Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. He resides at home and is associated with the F. W. Wint Lumber Company.

#### FRANK WIRTH.

Frank Wirth, proprietor of the Union Hotel at Sixth and Union streets, Allentown, represents the newer immigration. He was born in Dotersdorf, Austria Hungary, May 27, 1876. His parents were John Wirth and his wife Julia Dalkner, both deceased. They were farmers. Mr. Wirth was educated in the schools of his native village and worked on the farm. In 1893 he came to America, landing at New York City and came directly to Allentown where he found employment at Swoyer's brick yard. Later he was employed as boiler tender by the American Steel and Wire Company and for a period of twelve years worked in the boiler houses of the Bethlehem Steel Company. In 1908 he entered the employ of the Lieberman Brewing Company as chief engineer and continued in their employ until April 1, 1914, when he purchased the Union Hotel. He made extensive improvements and enjoys an extended patronage.

In 1898 he was married to Julia Nurth a daughter of Frank Nurth, of Allentown. This union is blessed with four children: Eugene, William, Walter, and Dorothy. Mr. Wirth is a member of the Catholic Church.

#### WISSER FAMILIES.

Peter Wisser, of Prussia, in Germany, came to these United States, settling at Guth's Station, in Lehigh county. He was an experienced ore-miner, and was accidentally killed by a cave-in when his son, Boniface, was 12 years old. The progenitor is buried at the Bally Catholic church, in Berks county.

He had previously settled in Mexico, and there followed contract work in the silver mines until a Revolution broke out, and on account of it, he returned to his native country. He had intended to return to Mexico, when his two oldest children were born, but upon learning that the difficulties had not yet quieted down, he came to this country.

He married Mary Wickel, who died about 1892, aged 82 years. She is buried in the Catholic cemetery, at Allentown. Their children follow: (1) Pauline, married to Abraham

Kuhns of Catasauqua. (2) Boniface. (3) Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Sacks. (4) Sarah was the wife of John Miller.

Boniface Wisser, son of Peter, was born in Mexico. He was a stationary engineer at Allentown, where he was employed for more than a quarter of a century at the Allentown Rolling Mill.

He was a Democrat in politics, and in his religious faith a Catholic. His widow, Geneva Latzer, now 73 years of age, resides in the First Ward, Allentown.

He died in Allentown a number of years ago. Their issue follow: Edwin; William H.; Charles, deceased; Joseph; Leo; and Frank.

WILLIAM H. WISSER, a retail coal dealer of Allentown, was born in that city, Nov. 17, 1866. He attended the parochial school of the Sacred Heart church, and began working in the rolling mill in early youth, afterward, for some years, he labored about Allentown.

In 1908 he engaged in the retail coal business, which he has followed up to the present. In politics a Democrat, and he had a local office in the Sixth Ward. He is a member of the St. Aloysius and St. Joseph Societies and of the Sacred Heart church.

In September, 1899, he married Sophia Miller, a daughter of Mathias Miller, a native of Philadelphia. Their children follow: Andrew A.; Annie M.; Charles J.; Josephine H.; Emma J.; Elizabeth S.; and Louise D.

The Wisser family of Lehigh county trace their family genealogy to Daniel Wisser who came from Greenwich township, Berks county. Among his children were Jonas, who lived at Allentown; Daniel, mentioned later; Elizabeth, married to Jonathan Reinhard; Jacob, mentioned later, and a daughter married to Mr. Aldendorfer.

Daniel Wisser came with his father from Berks county. He was born Dec. 21, 1803, and died at the advanced age of 91 years, 1 month and 22 days. For a number of years he was a stone mason, later on he followed an agricultural pursuit. His farm was located where Highland cemetery of Allentown is now located. He was married to Lydia Miller, born Dec. 28, 1807, died Jan. 6, 1865. Among their children were the following: Samuel, (1844-1869), Paul, Lydia, Daniel, David and Jesse.

David Wisser, a son of Daniel, was born January 9, 1830, died March 23, 1902. He was the owner of a farm near Mickleys church, now owned by the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Lutheran

congregation of Mickleys church which he served as an elder. He was married to Eliza Roth, born March 17, 1832, died Jan. 29, 1858. Issue: Frank. He was married the second time to Susanna Wright, born November 2, 1838, died March 19, 1898. Issue: Ida E., wife of Daniel I. Schreiber and Annie, married to Charles Hefflefinger.

Jacob Wisser, a son of Daniel Wisser, was a stone mason employing from eight to ten men. The greater part of his life he lived at Crackersport. The latter part of his life he lived with his son Lewis at Fullerton, where he died aged ninety-one years. He was married to Annie Davidheiser. To them the following children were born: Solomon, Deborah, married to Benjamin Seiders; Jesse, Abraham, Emma, wife of Lewis Acker, Sarah, wife of Peter Hoy; Hezekiah, Emanuel, William and Lewis.

Hezekiah Wisser, a son of Jacob Wisser, was born at Crackersport. In his earlier years he clerked in a store for a few years. During the civil war he gave his services in defence of his country. For a number of years he has followed agricultural pursuits. He was married to Miss Knerr with whom he had two children, Emma and Annie. He was married the second time to Elizabeth Deisher, a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Miller) Deisher. They are the parents of the following children: Irwin, Allen N., Estella, Ida, Edwin, Beulah, William and Herbert.

ALLEN N. WISSER, a teacher in the public schools of Whitehall township, was born in Fullerton, December 14, 1882. He was reared on the farm, and received his education in the public schools, later graduated from the K. S. N. S., class 1905. For two terms he taught in Lower Macungie. He also taught in Hanover township. In 1909 he was employed by the P. and R. R. R., at Catasauqua. The following year he taught at North Coplay. He is a member of the Lutheran church and the P. O. S. of A. In 1907 he was married to Esther E. Kercher, a daughter of Milton and Emma (Fegley) Kercher, of Kutztown. Issue: Arline E., and Mabel E.

Emanuel Wisser, a son of Jacob Wisser, was born May 7, 1843. He was a stone and brick mason for forty-five years. He resided nearly all his life in South Whitehall township and for forty years at Walberts. For ten years he conducted a coal yard at Walberts. In 1907 he retired from business and in 1912 he moved to Guthsville. He is a member of the Lutheran church, which he served as deacon. He filled the office of school director of South Whitehall township very acceptedly. He was married to

Mary Krause, a daughter of Benjamin Krause. She died November 17, 1911. This union was blessed with the following children: Montana, married to Lewis Steffy; Annie, married to Harvey Stauffer; Ella, married to Milton Buchman; Oliver T., mentioned below; Oscar, mentioned below; and Jennie, married to Edwin Reichard.

OLIVER F. WISSER, of South Whitehall township, was born in that township, March 2, 1872. He has followed farming all his life. In 1900 he began farming where he now lives. His farm consists of 115 acres and was formerly known as the Henninger homestead. In 1912 he purchased the Phaon Hummel farm of 65 acres, located near Crackersport. It is now cultivated by Edwin Wisser. The house upon this tract was built in 1800. That he is a man of prominence in his community is evident from the fact that he has filled the following offices in his township: School director, being president of the board for two years; tax collector and road commissioner. He filled the office of deacon for six years in the Jordan Lutheran church. In 1891 he was married to Amanda Hommel, daughter of James and Lucy (Gangewere) Hommel. Issue: Edwin J., Sevilla L., Mary K., Robert E., James J., George W., and Beulah M.

OSCAR E. WISSER, teacher in South Whitehall township, was born in that district Dec. 25, 1876. He received his education in the public schools and the Millersville S. N. S. He began teaching in 1897; the greater part of his teaching was done in South Whitehall. In 1907 he succeeded his father in the coal business at Walberts, where he has since resided. He owns the farm and house which was formerly owned by his father. He is a member of the Jordan Lutheran congregation which he served as deacon. He is a member of Allen Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F., and Guthsville Camp 378, P. O. S. of A., which he served as chaplain. In 1902 he was married to Maria S. Hunsicker, a daughter of Lewis Hunsicker. They had the following children: Sadie M., Herbert L. E., Morris E., Elmer O., and Pauline S.

#### WITTMAN FAMILY.

Frederick Wittman, farmer, near Trumbauersville, (Lanark P. O.) in Upper Saucon township, was born Oct. 29, 1778. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died Dec. 30, 1844, and is buried on an old private cemetery near Friedens' Church. His wife, Magdalena Kneppley, was born July 22, 1780, and died Sept. 20, 1863, aged 83 years. They had seven children—four sons and three daughters—as follows: Joseph; Esther, who married Isaac Freeman and later Christian Long; Andrew;

Charles; Hannah, who died at an early age; Mary Magdalena, who died unmarried; and Peter.

Joseph Wittman was born June 7, 1808, at Lanark P. O. in the stone house near the trolley line. He was a merchant and farmer and some years prior to his marriage settled near Limeport, which he founded. There he established a store during about 1830, which he conducted for nearly half a century, and later he operated a large limestone quarry, from which the name of the town originated. He owned a large farm and hauled stones for the Blue Church during its erection in 1833, and this church he served officially for many years. He was one of the organizers of the Allentown and Coopersburg Turnpike Company.

On Oct. 7, 1839, Mr. Wittman was married to Lovina Kern, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Guth) Kern. She was born May 4, 1818, and died with her daughter, Mary Jane, May 20, 1890, aged 80 years. The parents are buried at the Blue Church. They had eleven children, as follows: Mary Jane, mentioned later; Sarah E., married to Hiram Shimen; Agnes, married to Jacob Farr; Amanda, married to David Bentley, and resides in Philadelphia; Thomas, deceased; Joseph A., of Chicago; Lena, who died at the age of nine years; and Fannie, married to Dr. Frank Erdman, now deceased.

Mary Jane Wittman resides at 435 Hamilton street and possesses the homestead of her father, Joseph Wittman, originally the property of the Kern estate. A stone house built in 1839 by her uncle, Edward Kern, during the 70 years of its erection has sheltered five generations of the Kern family.

Andrew Wittman was married to Ann Jenetta Muschlitz and during his early years lived at Coopersburg, where he officiated as justice of the peace for a number of years.

Later he went to Allentown and served as alderman there for some years. In early life he was active in public matters and was prominently known throughout the county. He and his wife are buried on the Union cemetery at Allentown. They had children: Mrs. David Stetzel; Mrs. Jonathan Stetzel; Lizzie; and one daughter whose name is not recalled.

Charles Wittman, born in 1805, at Lanark, was a merchant for many years and operated a farm. He died in 1890, aged 85 years and is buried at the Blue Church. His wife was Victorine Baner, a daughter of Archibald Baner, of Montgomery county, who is still living at Lanark. They had three children: Byron, of

Douglasville; Charles, who died at an early age, and Frederick, an attorney of Allentown.

Peter Wittman was born in 1821, and lived at Lanark, where he died in 1901. He was an agriculturalist and possessed the homestead. His wife was Louisa Mohr, who died in 1891, aged sixty-three years. They had three children: Sylvanus, Henry, and John F.

FREDERICK WITTMAN, an attorney of Allentown, and son of Charles Wittman, was born in Upper Saucon township, May 24, 1873. He was educated in the Moravian School at Bethlehem and Lehigh University, at South Bethlehem, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He read law with Hon. Edward Harvey and in 1898 was admitted to the Lehigh county bar; and later he was admitted to practice before the state supreme court. Mr. Wittman is a student of and an authority upon the standard works of literature.

Sylvanus Wittman, son of Peter, was born Feb. 4, 1850. He worked upon the farm until in 1882, then came to Allentown and lived there six years; then he went to Manassas, Virginia, and after living there until 1899, he returned to Allentown, where he now makes his home. He served as postmaster at Lanark, and is a Republican in politics. He was married and has two children: Charles H. and Mary, married to Warren Yheulon.

CHARLES H. WITTMAN, the proprietor of the East Allentown Bottling Works, was born at Lanark, June 1, 1875, and followed the paper hanging trade at Allentown for over fourteen years. In 1905 he engaged in the present business and employs seven men. He and family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he has served the Sunday school as librarian for some years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket, as an auditor of Hanover township. Socially he holds membership in the Independent Order of America; the Owls, and the F. O. E. In 1901 he was married to Annie L. Schade, a daughter of George and Annie C. (Boas) Schade. Their children are: Winifred, Henry, Francis, and Louisa.

#### ANTON WOLST.

Anton Wolst, real estate agent and notary, was born at Baud, in Hungary, on Feb. 20, 1876. He attended the public school and afterward the Merchants' school, until he became sixteen years old; then he went to Budapest and afterward to Kronstat, where he acted as a clerk in a shoe store until 1897, when he enlisted in the army and served for three years and two months, but half of the time officiating as a captain in the 19th regiment of infantry. Upon his

discharge he worked for nearly two years in the designing department of the Raub Steel Works, after which he carried on a shoe store for himself at Raub for three years. In 1905, he emigrated to America and proceeded to South Bethlehem, but remained there working only several months when he removed to Allentown, opened a shoe repairing shop and carried it on four years. In 1910 he engaged in the real estate and insurance business. During this time until 1914 he also conducted a cigar and confectionery business at No. 223 Hamilton street, when he sold out and removed his office to No. 537 Gordon street, and here he has been devoting his time altogether to real estate and insurance. Since Feb. 26, 1913 he has also acted as a notary public. He is a member of the First Hungarian Society of South Bethlehem, and of the Catholic Church (Fourth street), of Allentown.

In 1901 Mr. Wolst was married to Christina Csoka, of Komarom, in Hungary, and they had six children: Lillian Maria, and five died in infancy.

Adam Wolst, his father, is also a native of Baud, in Hungary, born in 1850. He carried on farming there until 1911, when he emigrated to America and located at Bethlehem. He has since been employed at the power house of the Steel Company's plant. He was married to Maria Staub, also a native of the same place. They had ten children: Elizabeth, m. Michael Hock; Anto; Theresa, m. Anton Trexler; and seven died young.

#### WOODRING FAMILY.

The Wotring family settled and promoted that part of territory in North Whitehall township known as the Wotring's Mill and surroundings. The parentage and date of birth of Samuel Wotring, Sr., has not been established, some claiming that he was a brother, others a son of Abraham Wotring, who was born in 1700 and came to this country in 1733.

The earliest mention that we have found as yet of Samuel Wotring, Senior, is in a warrant for 66 acres and 98 perches of land, dated July 4, 1754, which Samuel Wotring sold on December 9, 1760, to Peter Troxell.

In the Egypt Reformed Church records occurs the name of Samuel Wotring and wife as sponsors to a daughter of Peter and Eva Elisabetha Frantz on August 15, 1756.

In his notes, David Schultze, a noted surveyor, records that on October 21 and 22, he surveyed land for Adam Schneck, Samuel Woodringer and John Berrit, all residents of Whitehall township.

In the tax lists of Whitehall township, Northampton county, in 1761, Samuel Wotring is

taxed four pounds: 1762, 10 pounds; in 1763, 4 pounds; in 1764, Samuel Wotring is taxed three pounds for 75 acres, and among the names of the single men occurs the name Samuel Wotring, with a line drawn through it, which may perhaps indicate that the son, Samuel, had married.

From old documents recently discovered we find that Samuel Wotring, Sr., died between August 25, 1766, and June 19, 1767.

In the tax list for 1768, Samuel Wotring (the son), is taxed two pounds, eight shillings, for 100 acres of land, of which 13 acres were cultivated and 87 acres uncultivated land, and also for two horses and two cows, making a total of four pounds and eight shillings tax.

Samuel Wotring, Junior, and his wife, Mary Barbara, *nee* Hoffman, had eleven children, whose baptism is recorded in the records of the Reformed Church at Unionville, or "Schlosser's Church," as it was formerly called. Their names are as follows:

Eva Voitrin, baptized March 3, 1771, at the age of about four weeks. Sponsors, Melchoir Behr, the wife of Peter Behr, and Anna Elisabetha Wolf.

Mary Elisabetha Voiturin, born Aug. 27, baptized Sept. 19, 1773. Sponsors, Stephen Balliet and Mary Elisabetha Hoffman.

Samuel Wotring, Junior's, wife was a daughter of Michael Hoffman. Michael Hoffman arrived at Philadelphia, October 17, 1732. He died in 1786, and with his wife, Eva Catharina, had the following children: John, Michael, Maria Magdalena, wife of Theobald Kennel, Catherina Elisabetha, wife of Peter Bear, of Heidelberg township, Juliana, wife of Henry Smith, and Maria Barbara, wife of Samuel Wotring, Jr.

Theobald Kennel was born January 11, 1737, and died September 26, 1808. He married, first, Maria Magdalena Hoffman, who died between 1775 and 1782, and second, Elizabeth Erdman.

Mary Barbara Voiturin, born March 5, baptized March 19, 1775. Sponsors, Theobald Kennel and wife, Magdalena, John Baer and Susanna Balliet.

Mary Margareth Voiturin, born April 1, baptized April 10, 1777. Sponsors, Jacob Baer and Mary Margareth Wolf.

John Michael Voiturin, born May 31, baptized June 13, 1779, by Rev. Abraham Blumer. Sponsors, Michael Hoffman and Elisabetha, wife of Jacob Wolff. John Michael Wotring was married August 13, 1805, to Sara Kennel, daughter of Theobald and Elizabeth Kennel, *nee* Erdman, and had six sons and two daughters: Daniel, Abraham, Michael, Jacob, David, Elias, Mrs. Polly Ringer, and Mrs. Leh. He died June 16,

1862. His wife, Sara, was born Oct. 7, 1782, and died Nov. 19, 1862. They are buried in the old cemetery at Unionville Church. Fifty grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survived them.

Samuel Voiturin, born December 27, 1780, baptized Jan. 7, 1781. Sponsors, Peter Baer and Magdalena Balliet.

Juliana Catharina Wotering, born Sept. 24, baptized Oct. 13, 1782. Sponsors, John Hoffman and wife.

John Wotring, born Sept. 24, baptized Oct. 17, 1874. Sponsors, John Wolf and Catharina Hoffman.

Mary Susanna Wotering, born Aug. 18, baptized Sept. 17, 1786. Sponsors, Nicholas Wotring and wife, Margareth. She was married April 30, 1809, to John Jacob Baer. They had nine children: Michael, Jacob, Elias, Catharina, Jonathan, Juliana, Susanna, Lucianna, and Salome. She died March 9, 1860. John Jacob Baer was born Nov. 8, 1786, and died Feb. 24, 1860.

Appollonia Wotring, born Sept. 3, baptized Sept. 28, 1788. Sponsors, Michael Hoffman and wife, Appollonia.

John Nicholas Wotring, born Aug. 5, baptized Aug. 9, 1790. Sponsors, Nicolaus Wotring and wife, Margreth.

Samuel Wotring died in the early part of the year 1805. His will, dated July 24, 1801, was probated April 16, 1805. In it he gives his occupation as a miller, of Whitehall township, and states that his wife, Maria Barbara, is to have the new house beyond the race for her home, and that his son, Michael, is to build for her a stable with a feed entry (Futtergang). He also bequeaths his wife a bed and bedding, with all that pertains thereto, a thick quilt, her chest, with all that it contains, a table, two chairs and two benches, the house-clock, the bookcase, the wall-cupboard, the pipe stove with the pipe, her spinningwheel and reel and copper and iron utensils, two iron pots, one saucepan, and one lard pan, one skimming and one pot ladle, one meat fork, waffle irons, buckwheat griddle, three pewter dishes, one pewter platter, one-half dozen pewter dishes, one dozen pewter spoons, one pewter pot, one watering pot, one pepper mill and pepper box, one bottle, one bucking-tub (Bauchzuber), with the small bucket (Schoepfkuebelchen), two buckets, butterchurn, baking trough, scraper (milder scharra), and eight baking baskets, the hatchel (Flachshachsel), the wheelbarrows, an axe, a hatchet, a spade, a dung fork and dung hook, a fire shovel and tongs, five five good sacks, two baskets, a water-bench, two vinegar casks, two barrels, one rum cask, with

iron hoops, her saddle and bridle, the large Bible and Zollickofers Prayer and Hymn Book.

His wife is to be supplied by his son Michael with wheat, corn, buckwheat, etc., and every year with one-half bushel salt, one pair shoes, ten pounds in money, three pounds of coffee, six pounds of sugar, one-half lb. of tea, one-half pound of pepper, one-half pound of allspice, one-half of the honey in the hives, every spring a milch cow, etc., and to have the interest of one hundred pounds yearly, as long as she lives.

He bequeaths to his son Samuel as his whole share, three hundred pounds, Pennsylvania currency, he having received from him during his lifetime, one hundred and sixty-two pounds.

He bequeaths to his son, John, in addition to a piece of land of 218 acres, which he had deeded to him in his lifetime, sixty-three pounds in money, and to his son Nicholas, to whom he had deeded a tract of 244 acres, he bequeaths thirty-seven pounds in money.

He directs that his sons, Samuel, John, and Nicholas are to share equally with his daughters in the patent right of a tract of land in Northumberland and Luzerne, and that if his youngest daughters, Juliana and Susanna, have not received their dowry (Austeur) in his lifetime they are to receive from his executors the same amount as the other daughters received. He also directs that as long as any of the children are single, they are to receive lodging in the home, and requests that his youngest sons learn trades. If his wife marries again, his son Michael is to pay her sixty pounds, Pennsylvania currency, in three installments. The son Michael is to have the large Bible after his wife's death.

He appoints his friends and cousins, Paul Balliet and Samuel Wotring, as his only executors. The will was signed, July 24, 1801, Samuel Wotring, his (x) mark and witnessed by Jacob Strein and Michael Kennel. It was dated April 16, 1805. Receipts at hand show that Mary Barbara, widow of Samuel, Jr., was still living in 1815.

Recently discovered documents throw much light on the early history of the Wotring family.

The earliest document found is a deed dated June 2, 1762, in which John Troxell, of Whitehall township, yeoman, for £150, deeded a tract of land granted by a proprietary warrant dated Aug. 10, 1748, to John Troxel, containing 50 acres, adjoining land of Nicholas Saeger and Peter Kocher, described in the warrant as being "on the little Lehigh near Trucker run," in Bucks county. In this deed the tract is described, however, as containing 100 acres. The deed was witnessed by Paul Balliet, Jacob Wolf and Henry Geiger, and contains this endorsement:



"We, Samuel Woodring, Senior, and my wife Barbara, do hereby sign over all our rights, title and interest whatsoever is maintained in the agreement to Samuel Woodring, Jr., for him to have and to hold from the day of the date hereof forever to him his heirs and assigns. Witness our hands and seals this twenty-fifth day of August, 1766. Signed, Samuel Wotring, his (x) mark, Barbara Wotring, her (x) mark. Witnesses, Peter Kohler and Jacob Wirth."

There is also an agreement dated Dec. 30, 1763, between Jacob Wolf and Samuel Wuttring, which states that Jacob Wolf has granted to Samuel Wuttring a piece of land along his line to dig out the under race, and has given liberty to let the back water run through to the old creek, without hindrance. Samuel Wuttring promises Jacob to allow the water to run unhindered from his land upon Jacob Wolf's land and to open the Sluice Gates when he has nothing to grind, and both parties agree to make a bridge over the under race to drive over, and Jacob Wolf promises to give the lumber. This agreement was acknowledged before George Taylor, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Accompanying this is a poor translation of the above agreement translated, no doubt, for recording. An officer of the courts wrote on this paper as follows: "This translation can not be recorded unless the translator can swear to the true translation thereof from the original, the above being defective." On the back of the paper are written the following words, "A true copy of a Dutch agreement between Jacob Wolf and Samuel Wuttring." This, undoubtedly, was the satirical expression of some English court officer.

On August 25, 1766, Samuel Woodring, Sr., executed a deed to Samuel Woodring, Jr., for 20 acres of land, which is stated he possessed by virtue of a warrant dated Oct. 27, 1748, for 25 acres adjoining his other land. The consideration is 250 pounds.

On the same day, Aug. 25, 1766, Samuel Woodring, Sr., conveys to Samuel, Jr., the tract of land which he purchased from John Troxell for 250 pounds paid by Samuel Woodring, Jr., with all the buildings, improvements and grist mills thereon.

These papers prove that as early as 1766 there was a grist mill erected by Samuel Wotring, Sr. He had started to dig the race in 1763. Second mill built by Samuel, Jr., 1773, third on the Coplay creek.

Samuel, Jr., also built the first saw mill on the Coplay creek.

Michael Wotring owned the Wotring mill property in North Whitehall and carried on both

the grist mill and farm for a number of years. He was born Jan. 31, 1812 and died Dec. 30, 1873, and was the son of Michael and Sara (Kennel) Wotring. He was married to Esther Hausman, born Aug. 14, 1815 died Dec. 18, 1895, daughter of John Hausman, and they had eleven children: William; Amanda, married Elias Henninger; John; Jane, married Peter Knecht; Willoughby; Sarah A., who died young; Catharine, married Daniel Brobst; Lewis; Mary, married Albert Newhard; Joseph, and Amelia; married Charles Gackenbach. They were members of the Reformed church at Unionville.

David Wotring, son of Michael, Sr., was born on the mill property April 5, 1850. He was educated in the local school and reared on the farm. He learned the trade of sawyer in the saw-mill attached to the grist-mill and followed it five years; then he went to Indiana and worked as a sawyer for twelve years. Upon his return to Pennsylvania he secured employment in the car shop at Fullerton. He was married to Rosa Kemmerer Wotring and they have eight children: James N., Josiah E., Lewis A., Thomas I., Charles M., Emma, Harry and Robert.

David Wotring, son of Michael, Sr., was born Sept. 19, 1821, in North Whitehall township. After attending the local school, he entered the general store at Unionville as a clerk in 1839, and he filled this position in a satisfactory manner for thirty years. With this long experience he was qualified to engage in business for himself; so he purchased the building including the stock of the store and hotel, and carried on the business jointly until 1893, when he was succeeded by his son, Milton. The building was erected in 1810, and is still occupied in a good state of preservation. He was the collector of county taxes in the township during the Civil War. He also served as a county auditor and school director. He was married to Susanna Heilman, and they had five children: Alphina, married Wm. Ritter; Jennie, single, who owns the property; Oscar A., superintendent of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company farms; Os-ville P., and Milton D.

MILTON D. WOTRING, merchant at North Catasauqua, was born May 4, 1862, and was reared at Unionville. He there assisted his father in the store and hotel business at Unionville until 1893, when he purchased the business and carried it on until 1901, when he sold the hotel stock and removed the store stock to Ormrod, where he had put up a store building, and he conducted the store business there for six years. He then sold the building and stock and removed to Allentown, where he carried on business for five years; first, wholesale wood and willow-

ware, and afterward, wholesale notions. In 1912 he removed to North Catasauqua and opened a notion and hosiery store at No. 1021-23 North Fourth street, which he has conducted until now. When twenty-one years old, he was elected township auditor on the Democratic ticket by a large majority, and he served this office for a term. He has also officiated as treasurer of the Reformed church at Unionville.

In 1892, Mr. Wotring was married to Cora Riedy, daughter of Owen G. and Leanna (Lobach) Riedy, of Heidelberg township, and they have three children: Nellie G., Russell J. and Harold E.

Elias Wotring, son of Michael, Sr., was born in 1824, in North Whitehall, where he was brought up on a farm and educated. When a young man he engaged in the butcher business with his brother, Jacob, and continued a partner for eight years. In 1850 he embarked in the lumber business and carried it quite extensively until his decease in 1896, having had his son, Amandus, as a partner since 1870. In 1850 he purchased a farm of 79 acres and afterward carried it on in connection with lumbering. He died in 1896, aged 72 years, 9 months and 2 days. He was married to Matilda Hartman, daughter of Jacob, farmer and huckster, of Lowhill township, and they had ten children: Francis (m. 1st, Amanda Helfrich, 2d, Mary Leibenguth); Messina (m. Peter Kohler), Amandus (above); Ellen (m. George Peifley); Richard (m. Alice Krause); Emma (m. John Peter); Alice (m. Owen Handwerk); Wallace (m. Delia Trumbauer); Wesley (m. Alice Ritter), and Harvey (m. Eda Clauss).

AMANDUS W. WOTRING, son of Elias, retired lumber dealer at Schnecksville, was born at the Wotring Grist Mill in North Whitehall township, on Dec. 8, 1849. He attended the Sand Spring public school and was reared on the farm until he became of age, when he began farming, and also associated with his father and brother, Francis, in the sawing and selling lumber, which they carried on as Elias Wotring & Sons, and continued until 1897. He then directed his attention to farming his plantation, situated near the Wotring Mill, and conducted operations there until 1909. During this time he was also engaged in the sale of fertilizer. He then retired from farming, removing to his fine home at Schnecksville, which he had erected in 1908, and his son, Herbert, taking possession of the farm. He continues the sale of large quantities of fertilizer in that section of the country, having started in 1887.

In 1867, Mr. Wotring was married to Marietta M. Kennel, daughter of Hilarius and

Judith (Hausman) Kennel, and they have eight children: Celeste, married Richard Scheirer; Orville A.; Rosa, married Harvey Ritter, now deceased; Minnie M., married Wilson Semmel; Herbert M.; George F.; Homer E., and Erma. They are members of the Reformed church at Unionville, which he has served as deacon and elder.

ORVILLE A. WOTRING, farmer near Bittner's Corner in Lowhill, was born Oct. 20, 1871, at Schnecksville in Upper Whitehall and there he was brought up and educated till he became twenty years of age. Then he married and located upon the 62-acre farm of his father-in-law, and this farm he has carried on in a successful manner until the present time. He served as a school director for ten years, and as deacon of the Lowhill church—also as treasurer of the Sunday school there since 1899, in which he and his family have taken great interest by their personal attendance for many years.

In 1891, Mr. Wotring was married to Cora George, only child of Peter J. George, and they have two children: Pearl C. (m. Oliver Shuler), and Clayton W. The daughter graduated from the township schools in 1905, and was a teacher in the Claussville school building two terms. The son graduated in 1906, when only eleven years old, but he continued a post graduate course for five years when he secured a teacher's certificate and taught one term in the Morgenland school. He then took a preparatory course at Muhlenberg College, and also at the Lancaster Academy. In 1912 he entered the Franklin and Marshall College, and since then has taken the regular course of collegiate education.

RICHARD D. WOTRING, son of Elias, dealer in real estate, at Allentown, was born Jan. 18, 1860, at the "Wotring Grist Mill" in North Whitehall. He was reared on a farm and attended the township school at the Sand Spring. He became qualified as a teacher at the age of sixteen years, and he taught public schools in Heidelberg and Washington townships for a continuous period of twenty-seven years. He was licensed to teach by Prof. J. O. Knauss, and Prof. Alvin Rupp granted him a permanent certificate. In 1881 he purchased the Frederick Knauss homestead of seventy acres, near the village of Newside, and he conducted the farming operations there until 1909, when he located at Allentown and engaged in the sale of real estate, which he has continued in a successful manner until now. During his occupancy of the plantation, he made fine improvements by the erection of new buildings. The old two-story log dwelling-house had been erected during the Revolution. He is a member of Camp 391, P.

O. S. of A., at Saegersville.

In 1879 Mr. Wotring was married to Alice M., daughter of Tilghman and Polly (Miller) Krause, and they had six children; Cenda, married George C. Fullagar; Stella P., married Geo. M. Hoffman; Mamie M., married Warren Weber and died in 1912, aged twenty-five years; Mattie M., who died in infancy; Retta M., and Linda. They are members of the Reformed Church, which he has served as deacon and elder.

WESLEY J. WOTRING, son of Elias, farmer and lumberman of North Whitehall at the Sand Spring, was born Oct. 9, 1866, at the Wotring Mill. He attended the township school and was reared on the farm. During this time he also assisted his father in the lumber business. In 1895 he purchased the farm of Hilarius Kennel, containing seventy-eight acres, which adjoins the Sand Spring; and afterward also became the owner of the tract which includes the spring, and other lands in that vicinity, which together embrace 156 acres. He maintains improvements at the spring and every summer, during the season, picnics, campmeetings and family reunions are held there, which are largely attended.

In 1886 he married Alice J., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Rabert) Ritter, and they have fourteen children: Sydney, married Ella Snyder; Mabel; Welcome; Anna, married Albert George; Minnie; Helen; Ernest; Frederick; Vincent; Lawrence; John; Lena; Warren, and Arline.

Daniel Wotring, a son of Michael and Sarah (Kennel) Wotring, was born July 17, 1806, in Whitehall township. His wife was Elizabeth Beyer, daughter of Johannes and Elizabeth (Reber) Beyer. She was born March 28, 1811, in Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Wotring were married on June 14, 1829. Their children are: Sarah, wife of Willo. Koch; Frank; M. Henry, and Charles.

M. Henry Wotring was born Dec. 5, 1835, and died Sept. 12, 1873, aged thirty-seven years, nine months and seven days. His wife was Mary Ann (Kern) Wotring and was born Jan. 21, 1842, and died Oct. 18, 1875, aged thirty-three years, eight months and twenty-seven days. He was a merchant and conducted a hotel at Rockdale for several years. Later he located on the farm now occupied by Uriah Rebert. He was a member of the Reformed church at Unionville, where he is buried. To Mr. and Mrs. Wotring were born these children: Anna M. P., born Sept. 29, 1864; Elizabeth T., born Sept. 21, 1866; Mary Ann S., born April 9, 1868, and Robert Franklin, born March 16, 1870.

ROBERT F. WOTRING, a blacksmith of North

Whitehall township, was born in that district, March 16, 1870. He learned the trade of a blacksmith at the age of twenty years and has followed it ever since. He was associated with Lewis Frantz and on Dec. 11, 1898, erected his present shop, which is situated on the main road from Neffs to Ballietsville and where he is located for twenty-two years. He resides near Neffs. He is a Democrat in politics and served as constable for nine years. He is a member of the Reformed church at Unionville, where he holds the office of deacon and since 1912 holds the office of treasurer. He is also a member of I. O. O. F. and Jordan Lodge No. 192, and passed through all the chairs.

In October, 1894, he was married to Ida T. Bittner, daughter of Aaron and Louisa (Friebolin) Bittner. They had a daughter, Florence G., who died in her twelfth year.

Moses C. Woodring, son of Cain Woodring, was a carpenter by trade and also carried on the business of an undertaker at Mechanicsville until 1861, when he removed to Egypt and there continued his employments until he died. He was married to Sarah Kohler, daughter of Daniel Kohler, and they had four children: Mary, married James Peifley; Joseph L.; Sylvester D., and Francis W. They were members of the Reformed church at Egypt, where he was buried. He served the church as deacon, elder and trustee.

Sylvester D. Woodring, the second son of Moses, was born at Mechanicsville on June 30, 1856. He attended the public schools at Egypt and then learned the trade of carpenter. He was engaged for a time in supplying stones to the Kleckner limekilns, and afterward worked in the car shops at Stemton. In 1884, he moved to Ballietsville and conducted the hotel there for eight years; then he sold the stand and purchased the Frank Brown property, where he has since resided. Since 1904 he has filled the position of carpenter in the employ of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, at Ormrod. He has served as a poor director, supervisor and auditor of the township, and director of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Trexler-town.

He was married to Mary Ann Kleckner, daughter of John and Lydia (Troxell) Kleckner, and they have five children: Daisy A., married Wm. Handwerk; Jennie M.; Sadie L.; George M., and Stanley J. They are members of the Reformed church at Egypt, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee.

SADIE L. WOODRING, daughter of Sylvester, was born at Ballietsville on May 5, 1894. She attended the public schools of the township and

was graduated from the high school in 1910. Having qualified herself for the profession of teacher, she was given a certificate in 1911, and has since followed teaching. She is a member of the Reformed church at Egypt, and takes great interest in the Sunday school at Balliettsville.

Abraham Wotring was born July 11, 1700, in Lorraine, and emigrated to America, arriving Sept. 28, 1733, with his wife, Anna Margaret and four children. He settled in 1738, on a 200-acre tract in Whitehall, north of Egypt. He was naturalized in 1742 and in 1747 represented Egypt in the Reformed Church Coetus at Philadelphia. He died Nov. 28, 1752. His estate amounted to £255. He had eight children: 1. John Peter Wotring, born 1724, settled in Heidelberg township, and in 1770 lived in Towamensing township. With his wife Margaret, he had a son, Abraham, born Oct. 1, 1749, died in 1828, who on May 21, 1777, was commissioned an ensign in Northampton County Militia. He removed to Maryland and married Catharine Schnebley in 1786. His son, Abraham, born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1804, died in Washington county, Pa., in 1874. 2. Anna Margaret, born in 1726, married John Schneider, and both were killed by Indians, Oct. 8, 1763. 3. Mary Magdalena, born 1727, died 1802, married Paul Balliet. 4. Anna Elizabeth, born 1731, married Martin Andreas. 5. Anna Barbara, born 1739, married Adam Ox. 6. William, settled in Heidelberg. 7. Abraham, a shoemaker, of Whitehall. 8. Eve, married David Hahn.

#### WOODRING FAMILY.

Nicholas Woodring (Wuttring) lived in Upper Nazareth township, Northampton county, where he followed the occupation of a stone mason. He was a member of the Reformed church and is buried at Bath. He was married to a Miss Meixell with whom he had the following children: Nicholas; Philip; William; Jacob; John; Abraham; a daughter married to Mr. Moyer, and another daughter married to Unangst.

Abraham Woodring, son of Nicholas, was born in Upper Nazareth township, Northampton county. He obtained his education in the Moravian school at Bethlehem, Pa. When quite young he began teaching school and continued in the profession for about forty years. He taught in Bethlehem and Upper and Lower Nazareth townships. He was one of the active and influential men of the Democratic party of Northampton county in his time. He was the assessor of Upper Nazareth township in which he lived for almost a quarter of a century. He was county commissioner and served under the old

state constitution, which was changed in 1874. He was a fine penman and frequently his services were in demand in clerical capacity in the court house at Easton, Pa. He and family were members of the Reformed church at Dryland, which he served in various capacities, having been the superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years. He was married to Lewenia George, a daughter of John George, after whose family the town of Georgetown in Northampton county was named. The following children were born to this family: Elemira, married to Henry Koehler; Mary E., the widow of William Schultz; William H.; Richard A.; Alfred A.; Benjamin F.; Emaline, the wife of Dr. Edward Schnabel; Joseph G.; Lewenia, married to Jonas Remaly, and Cora M., the wife of George Tenner.

William H. Woodring, son of Abraham, was born in Northampton county, December 7, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and Eastman's Business college. For a short time he was engaged in a mercantile business. He was a student in Lafayette College from 1878 to 1881, after which he read law with George W. Geiser, at Easton, Pa., and was admitted to the bar, June 8, 1885. He followed his profession until 1893, when owing to ill health he engaged in more outdoor work. In 1888 he became the proprietor of the Ore View Stud Farm, located near Hecktown, Pa. He was one of the first men to bring standard bred registered stock into Eastern Pennsylvania. He was a member of Easton Grays, Company F, Fourth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, for five years.

Politically he was affiliated with the Democratic party. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1893 and 1895. In 1897 he moved to Allentown and engaged in the general brokerage and real estate business. In 1911 he admitted his son, George B., as partner, under the firm of William H. Woodring and Son, with office in the Ainey Building, Fifth and Hamilton Streets. On June 26, 1882, he was married to Mary E. Beck, only child of William G. and Catharine (Boyer) Beck. They are the parents of four children.

ROY B. WOODRING was born at Hecktown, Pa., Jan. 19, 1886. He graduated from the Allentown High School, in 1903; Lehigh University in 1907, in the A.B. course; and in the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1911. He was admitted to the Lehigh county bar, Oct. 23, 1911. He has started favorably and the indications are that in a short time he will be able to build up a good practice. His office is in the Ainey building at the corner of Fifth and Hamilton streets, Allentown.

William G. B. Woodring graduated in the Allentown High school, 1904, and in the mechanical engineering department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1913.

George B. Woodring was born August 9, 1889. He was educated in the Allentown High School and in 1911 he became a partner with his father in the brokerage and real estate business. In 1909 he was married to Beulah B. Berkey.

Miriam M. Woodring graduated in the Allentown High School in 1912.

William Wotring (Woodring) was a miller in Williams township, Northampton county, Pa. In 1810 he built what is known as the "Woodring" mill, located two miles south of Easton, in Williams township. This mill remained in possession of the Woodring family until 1908, at which time Wilson Woodring, a grandson of William Woodring, sold the mill and moved to Easton. William Wotring had nine children: Jacob, who had one son, Enoch, and three daughters, Mrs. Peiffer, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Odenweller. Enoch was born in 1819, and died in 1860. He had two sons, Wilson who resided at the mill until 1908, and since then is living in Easton; and Amandus (1843-1878). William, resided in Springtown. Charles. Peter. Susan (Mrs. Bond).

Charles, Peter and Mrs. Bond moved to Illinois in 1859, locating near Cedarville, north of Freeport.

A daughter of Charles, Mrs. Rote, is still living at Orangeville, Illinois. Peter had a son, who was also named Peter, who became a minister in the United Brethren church, adhering to the radical wing. Later he located and engaged in the real estate business in Oelwein, Iowa. He had two sons and four daughters.

Samuel, who lived at Martin's Hill.

Catharine, married to John Kuhnsman. Lived near Hellertown.

Rosanna, (Mrs. Bauder) who also lived near Hellertown.

John William.

John William Woodring was born at Woodring's mill, Williams township, Northampton county, Pa., March 11, 1797, and died in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, on Dec. 11, 1872.

He is buried in the Evangelical cemetery at East Texas.

He was a blacksmith and had the reputation of being an exceedingly strong man. Many stories are still being told of the remarkable feats performed as a test of his great strength. He became a member of the Evangelical church, to which all of his descendants have since adhered.

He had three sons, namely:

(1) David, who died in a soldier's home in Ohio. He had one son, Eugene (deceased) and one daughter, Keturah.

(2) John Joseph, who was born September 23, 1827, in Williams township, Northampton county, Pa., and died in Allentown, April 19th, 1909. He was married to Mary Ann Acker, of Weisenberg township.

On October 31, 1907, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and at the time of his death, they had been married 59 years.

Seven children were born to them as follows:

(1) Wilson J., living at 1228 Walnut street, Allentown. He is a travelling salesman for the Arbogast Bastian Company.

He had two sons, both of whom are dead. His son John graduated from Muhlenberg College in the class of 1902, and at the time of his death was a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. A daughter, Estella, is married to Oscar Heimbach of the firm of Erb & Heimbach, the bakers; they have one daughter, Miriam, a student in the Allentown High school.

(2) James D., whose history is given more fully below.

(3) Morris J., living at 149 Apsley Street, Germantown, Pa. After taking a business course at the Eastman's Business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he became identified with the Finley Ackerman Company, of Philadelphia, acting in the capacity of business manager. He has one son, Morris J., who is married and has a daughter.

(4) Walter L., living at 529 Tilghman street, Allentown. He is working for the Arbogast & Bastian company, having had charge for a number of years, of their plant in Reading, Pa. He has four children living: Russel, May, James and Henry. The wife and three children are dead.

(5) Edwin S. (See below.).

(6) Ella V., residing with her brother, Walter.

(7) Celesta M. A., married to William McCauley, of Hiawatha, Kansas. They have two boys, Maurice and Alvin.

(3) Jacob Josiah, born in Williams township, Northampton county, May 21, 1835, and died in Bethlehem the place of his late residence, December, 1896.

He had one son, Victor, who is a member of the firm of Robert & Woodring, real estate dealers of Bethlehem. He is married and has two boys and one girl.

Jacob Woodring had also three daughters: Alice, married to George Blank (deceased). They had two boys and two girls. The family lived in Bethlehem. Lillie, married to Obediah

Brinker, of Wescoesville, Pa. They have one son. Ida, married to John Kehs, living at 534 Green Street, Allentown.

James Daniel Woodring, son of John and Mary Woodring, was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, Pa., June 1, 1854. He was reared upon the farm; he was, however, not content with farm life. He attended the State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., and then spent several years in teaching. In 1875 he entered Muhlenberg College, from which institution he graduated in the Classical course at the head of his class, in 1878.

At the annual conference session of the Evangelical Association, held in Reading, Pa., he was licensed to preach the Gospel. In 1881 he was ordained a deacon and in 1883 an elder. He

giving the school an able administration and bringing it up to the high standard which it has since maintained among the colleges of the State, until his death, April 28th, 1908.

In 1881, Muhlenberg College conferred upon him the degree of A.M., and in 1902, Central Pennsylvania College of the United Evangelical Church, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

As a minister, Rev. Woodring had an eminently successful career. During the twenty-two years of his active ministry he received over eight hundred people into the church upon profession of faith and hundreds more by certificate.

As a preacher, he had few superiors in his church. He was very popular, always drawing large audiences.



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soon attained to a place of prominence in his own denomination and became one of the leaders of the church. He served many of the leading congregations in the conference, among them being: Christ Church, Philadelphia; Reading First Church and Grace Church, and Allentown Bethany church. While serving Allentown Bethany he built the beautiful edifice in which the congregation is worshipping at the present time. At the conference session of 1901 he was elected Field Secretary for Albright College, and during the year following, succeeded in securing a large endowment fund for Albright College. In 1902 he was elected to the office of president of Albright College. He continued in that office,

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As an educator, his success was no less marked than in the pulpit. He soon displayed the fact that he possessed splendid qualifications as a teacher, and remarkable executive ability.

At the time of the dissension in the Evangelical Association, he identified himself with the cause of the "minority" and was one of the leaders in organizing the United Evangelical Church.

In October, 1878, he was united in marriage to Ella J. Glick, daughter of the late Reuben Glick, of Cetronia. Two children were born unto them, viz:

Durbin, who is married and lives at Allentown, and E. Grace, a teacher in the high school at Lansdale, Pa.



In 1884 his wife died and some years later he was married to Margaret Hurst, daughter of Dr. Hurst, of Brownstown Pa. The following children are living:

Mabel, who is teaching school at Mt. Holly, Colorado;

Wendell Phillips, who graduated from Albright College, in the Classical course, at the head of a large class, and is now taking a special course in Biology and Mineralogy in Johns Hopkins University. Harriet, Hurst, Margaret and Mary, all of whom are students at Albright College.

Edwin Stephen Woodring, the youngest child of John Joseph and Mary Ann Woodring, was born near Wescoesville, Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, February 17th, 1872. He spent his boyhood days on the farm. It was his good fortune at the age of fifteen to be able to attend the public schools of Philadelphia, spending one year in the Grammar school and one year in the high school.

In the spring of 1889 he spent one term as a student in Schuylkill Seminary, now Albright College. In 1890 he matriculated at Muhlenberg College, and in 1894 he graduated from that institution with honors, in the classical course, and was granted the degree of B.A. He also received the first prize for the best competitive examination in Butler's Analogy, namely twenty-five dollars in gold.

After graduating from Muhlenberg College, he took a two years' course in the Chicago Bible Institute, of which D. L. Moody, the Evangelist, was the founder.

In June, 1897, Muhlenberg College, in recognition of the studies pursued during a three years' course subsequent to the completion of his college course, conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

The General Conference of the United Evangelical Church, meeting in the fall of 1894, in Naperville, Illinois, granted him license to preach. He was the first man licensed by that denomination after the organization of said church. In the spring of 1896, while still a student at the Bible school, he was requested to assume the pastorate of the Adams Street United Evangelical Church, of Chicago. He served in this capacity for a full term of four years, after which he was transferred to Geneseo, Illinois. Later he served Grace Church of Naperville, Illinois, which is the strongest church of that denomination in the State. In 1907 he determined to return to his native state of Pennsylvania, and was received into the East Pennsylvania Conference, which stationed him to Christ Church, Philadelphia. He served this church for

a full term of four years, and in the spring of 1911 was assigned to Seibert United Evangelical church of Allentown. To this church his parents had belonged, the father having served it as a class leader for many years. Rev. Woodring is now serving his third year as pastor of this flourishing congregation.

During the seventeen years of his ministry he has been eminently successful. At Naperville he began the project of building a new church. Accordingly one of the finest corners in the city was purchased, and nearly \$20,000.00 secured. Before the actual work of building could be started, his term had expired and he decided to unite with the East Pa. Conference. His successor built the church, which is recognized as the finest building in the United Evangelical Church, west of Pennsylvania.

In the fall of 1896 he was united in marriage to Lulu E. Koons, of Allentown, a daughter of Simon and Belinda Koons. Three sons were born to them of whom only one is living, Philip Wendell. He was named after the first Acker on his grandmothers side and after the first Kline in his great-grandmother's side, who came to America.

#### CHAS. H. WOLF.

George Frederick William Wolf was born in Saxony in 1803, where he was reared, learned the trade of wheelwright and served his term in the army. He emigrated to America in 1837, accompanied by his wife and three children, landing at New York and proceeding direct to Allentown, Pa. Soon afterward he located at Snyderville and engaged in the wheelwright business which he carried on there several years; then he returned to Allentown and established a shop at No. 326 North Sixth street. He died Jan. 1, 1854, at 324 North Seventh street. He married Louisa E. Most, born in 1800, and died in 1868. They had six children: Antoinette, married Peter Diehm; Frederick; Christiana, married Geo. Neumoyer; William; Pauline, married Jos. Dohoran and Charles H.

Charles H. Wolf was born Jan. 24, 1845, at the corner of Seventh and Walnut streets, in Allentown. He attended the public school until he was eight years old, then his father died and he was obliged to work and help support his mother. He drove mules in boating during the summer; and during the fall and winter sold apples and oranges on the streets and also attended school at times. When twelve years old he worked on the Seip brickyard as "carry-off" for twenty-five cents a day and continued there for some time. Then he found employment in

the confectionery store of Peter Houck and under him learned the candy business.

During the Civil War, as a young man, he was enlisted several times, first in the Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, then in Company K, Forty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and afterward in buying army horses. In 1870 he started in business for himself at No. 324 North Seventh street, and for twenty-seven years was engaged in roasting coffee and peanuts and disposing of them at wholesale and retail.

He was one of the organizers of the Liberty Fire Company and the organization was effected at his home on Sept. 20, 1869; since which time he has continued a member. He served in council from the Fifth ward from 1897 to 1901. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of E. B. Young Post, G. A. R., and Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. and A. M.

In 1865, Mr. Wolf was married to Emma Elmira Knauss, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Acker) Knauss. She was born Nov. 18, 1847, in Allentown at Sixth and Walnut streets, received her education in the public schools, and was of great assistance to her husband in his business. They have one child, Ida, who married James Seagreaves. They are members of the church of the United Brethren in Christ.

#### WORMAN FAMILY.

In 1782 Conrad Worman emigrated from Montgomery county into Northampton (now Lehigh) county, and bought the property which included the Crystal Spring, one of the sources from which the city of Allentown receives its water supply. He erected a house near this spring and this was afterward owned by his son, Abraham. He had eight children: Abraham; John; Henry; Jacob; Conrad; Andreas, and two daughters, one named Elizabeth, born 1781, died 1834, married to John Eckert. He was born in 1745, and died at Allentown, Feb. 1, 1818.

Abraham, the eldest son, was born in 1771, and died Sept. 6, 1846. He was married to Anna Saeger, born in 1774, and died July 13, 1846.

Henry Worman, the third son of Conrad, was born Jan. 3, 1779, and lived in Allentown, where he carried on the trade of cooper. He was married to Maria Gross, a daughter of Henry Gross, who settled in Lehigh county prior to 1812. She was born March 5, 1782, and died Jan. 28, 1851. They had eight children: Abraham; Henry; William; John; Charles, 1819-49; Polly, married James Jameson; Rebecca, 1818-84, married Nathan Metzger, and Elizabeth, married Philip Zellers.

Abraham Worman, eldest son of Henry, was

born at Allentown, Jan. 24, 1821. He was a cabinetmaker by trade, and afterward was engaged in the manufacture of bricks for a number of years. For the last ten years of his life he was confined to bed by reason of a serious injury in felling a tree. He died Jan. 2, 1913, at the age of ninety-two years. He was married to Mary Roth, daughter of John and Catharine (Siegfried) Roth. She was born Oct. 8, 1823, and died March 8, 1876. They had nine children: Elmina, married Tilghman Helfrich; Alfred; Monroe; Mrs. Mary Anderson; Mrs. Henry Bear; Anna R., deceased, who was married to Uriah Diefenderfer; Constantine; James, and Elizabeth. After the decease of his wife, Mr. Worman was married to Mrs. Polly Bankhart, a widow, the daughter of Peter Roth, by whom he had a son, named Abraham.

MONROE WORMAN, the second son of Abraham (2), was born Nov. 1, 1848, and reared on a farm, and worked at farming for other persons until 1887, when he purchased a small farm of fifteen acres in Whitehall township, near Seiple's Station, and this he has cultivated until the present time. In 1874, he was married to Sarah A. Reinhard, daughter of William and Isabella (Diehl) Reinhard, and they had eight children: Morris, who was killed at the Atlas Cement Mill in 1910, having been married to Carrie Geiger and had five children: Ray, Pearl, Harold, Florence and Violet; Cora, married Harvey Masonheimer; Robert; Harvey; Elsie, married William Faust; James; Lee, and Charles. They are members of the Lutheran church at Mickley's.

#### WUCHTER FAMILY.

The Wuchters of Lehigh county are descended from Hans Martin Wuchter, who took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia, Sept. 1, 1749. He had two brothers, one settled in Broome county, New York, the other went West and was lost sight of. Chauncey Voughter, of Binghamton, New York, a descendant of the brother who settled in New York, claims that the father had already preceded his three sons, having been compelled to flee because of some political offense. (There is mention made of the Reynard Vodges, in the history of Lowhill township, under date of 1745. History of Lehigh County, 1884.) The family is said to have been knighted in yelden times, and that it is related to the Duke of Orleans, and the tradition of knighthood is strengthened by historical researches. It is alleged that the family has a just claim to a large estate held in the courts of Amsterdam involving 1,600 acres of land, near Hell Gate, New York.

Hans Martin Wuchter settled in Heidelberg

township, Lehigh county. A land warrant, granted Oct. 25, 1749, to Daniel Burger, was transferred to him Aug. 1, 1772, and Martin, William and Nathan Wuchter became successive owners. About 1892 Tilghman Sell came into possession of the old homestead, which is situated near Pleasant Corner. Hans Martin lies buried at the Heidelberg church and his tombstone bears the following inscription:

Hier ruhet in Gott  
Hans Martin Wuchter  
Ist geboren den 16 Tag Martz  
1724. ist gestorben den 4 Tag  
Sept. 1788, ist alt Worden  
64 jahren.

Martin Wuchter succeeded his father, Hans Martin, on the old homestead. He was born Aug. 10, 1763, and died Feb. 19, 1840. A clipping from an Allentown newspaper of that date contains the following: "Wieder ein Revolutions held dahin." Another clipping: "Am 19 Februar in Heidelberg township ganz ploetzlich Herr Martin Wuchter, ein alter Revolution held ist im 77 ten Lebensjahr, etc." As a mere boy he did frontier service on the Blue mountains.

The following is taken from Vol. 8, *Penna. Arch.*, (Roster Edition), p. 502:

"1782, 6th Battalion, Militia, Northampton Co., Col. Henry Geiger, 7th Company, Captain Schmetter, 7th class, Martin Wuchter." On page 514, "I do certify the within to be a true class-roll of the Battalion under my command for July 6, 1782. Henry Geiger, Lt. Col."

As far as known, Martin had a brother, John, and a sister Maria, who married a Mr. Fenstermacher and one of their daughters was married to Dr. Griffith Scholl, who practiced medicine at Fogelsville in 1830. In 1836 or 1837, Dr. Scholl moved to Hecktown, Northampton county, and their son, Henry, became a prominent merchant at Bath; and another son was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Another of the Fenstermacher daughters married a Mr. Stehler, and by second marriage a Mr. Knapp and one of the Stehler daughters was married to the famous Rev. Moses Dissinger, of the Evangelical Church.

Martin Wuchter was married to Magdalena Ebert, born Jan. 6, 1764, died May 20, 1831. They had ten children:

Henry, married Sally Farber, settled at Waterloo, N. Y. Mrs. John Marshall, Waterloo, N. Y.; Mrs. Geo. Woodruff, Janesville, Wis.; and Wm. M. Sell, of Slatington, are descendants.

Margaret, died single at the age of 61 years.

John, settled in Summit county, Ohio; he had two sons.

Maria, married John Moyer; they moved to Seneca county, Ohio. They had four children.

Molly, married Peter Wehr; they moved to Venango county, Pa.

William, married Elizabeth Peter. He resided on the old homestead. They had eight children: Nathan, married Sally Bittner; Polly, married Mr. Nace; Rebecca, married Stephen Bittner; Jonas, married Mary Brobst; Reuben, married Polly Henninger; George and William, both died young; Henry, married Emma Keiper.

Catherine, married John Semmel. They moved to Crawford county, Pa. They had several children. One daughter was married to Col. Burke, and lives at Rock Island, Ill.

Peter, married a daughter of Conrad German and moved to Seneca county, Ohio; afterwards to Kosciusko county, Ind. They had seven children.

Christina, born 1801, married Daniel Acker. He died 1844. She was married a second time to John W. Woodring. There were seven children, among these the late Stephen Acker, of East Texas; and Rev. J. D. Acker, of Philadelphia, whose sons, Finley Acker, A. Lincoln Acker, and Durbin S. Acker constitute the Finley Acker Company, of Philadelphia.

Jonathan, born Aug. 10, 1804, died Nov. 9, 1871. He married Lydia Eberhard. They had nine children: Jonas E., born Nov. 12, 1828, married Camilla Troxell; one son, Harry, resides at Easton, Pa.; Morgan A., born Aug. 6, 1830, married Kate Uhler, a grandson resides at Baltimore, Md.; Moses G., mentioned later; Edwin L., died single, aged 18 years, 9 months and 12 days; Alfred H., born June 10, 1837, married Soveña Cope. They had seven children. His widow resides in Allentown with her son-in-law, Frank Landis; Sarah A., born June 29, 1840, married Charles Ritter. A son and daughter survive; Thomas M., born March 18, 1843, lives at Allentown. They have three children. Maria, born March 17, 1846, married David Paff, deceased, and lives at Allentown. Ellen M., born Aug. 19, 1849, married George Rowland. She resides at Philadelphia and has six children.

Moses G. Wuchter was born Nov. 5, 1832, and died Sept. 4, 1906, at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. At an early age he learned the trade of a slate roofer, a calling distinct in those days. In 1863 he bought the farm and hotel stand of his father-in-law, John Herman, at Jacksonville. A year or two later he sold the hotel property and devoted himself to farming. He was quite prominent as an auctioneer, and filled a number of township offices. In his later years he contracted for and built a number of public school-houses. He was married in 1855 to Mary

A. Hermany, who died Dec. 1, 1910. She was a noble and pious woman, and a constant reader of the Bible. Ten children survive:

1. Astor C., of whom below.
2. Absalom A., a contractor and decorator of Binghamton, N. Y.
3. John C., of Lynnpport, Lehigh county, organist of Jacob's church, Jacksonville, who married Caroline Oswald, and has four children: Edgar, of Philadelphia; Mamie, a public school teacher; Alfred, of Bethlehem; and Hattie, a student at West Chester.
4. William P., of whom below.
5. Milton G., a contractor and plasterer of Allentown, his wife having died several years ago; leaving five children.
6. James M., of whom below.
7. Oliver M., of Pinedale, Schuylkill county, organist of "Red Church," married Kate Hauser, and has six children.
8. Robert F., of Kutztown, an expert silk weaver.
9. Herman J., who resides on the old homestead at Jacksonville; married Pauline Mosser, and has three children.
10. Jane, married to George Sherer, of Allentown.
11. Samuel, who died while a student at College, at the age of twenty-four years; and five others who died in childhood.

REV. ASTOR CLINTON WUCHTER.

Rev. Astor Clinton Wuchter was born Feb. 4, 1856, at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. He attended the public schools until 18 years of age, and afterward Millersville State Normal School; then taught the public schools for 4 years. In 1878, he left for Paris, France, where he studied and taught for three years under Dr. Charles Rudy, founder of the "Association Internationale de Professeurs." During 1879, he taught English and French in a "Pension," a boy's school at Neuilly-Plaisance, 8 miles from Paris. In 1881, he returned home and the same year (June 11th), was married to Alice C. Holben, of Lynnvile. In 1883, he entered the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, and was ordained June 2, 1885, at Allentown, Pa., and for nearly five years served the Summit Hill charge. In 1890, he took the Weissport charge, and three years later moved to Gilbert, Monroe county, where he served a number of congregations for upwards of seventeen years. In 1909, he was elected professor of French at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, but, finding this work uncongenial, he resigned, and accepted a call to St. Paul's Mission, at Paulding, Ohio, where he is at present located. His children are: Arthur L., of Allentown, Pa.; Anna M. (Mrs. Geo. C. Heller, of Easton, Pa.) Ralph M., of Flint, Michigan; Nora M.; Eva C.; and Ruth H., of Paulding, Ohio.

*The following article on the literary excellence of Rev. Astor Clinton Wuchter on the Pennsyl-*

*vania German dialect, was contributed by Prof. H. H. Reichard, Ph.D., of the John Hopkins University.*

To a remote past, to nobility, to relationship with the Dukes of Orleans, the family to which Mr. Wuchter belongs traces its ancestry. From Suabia, the first ancestor came to America in 1749, although the father of this one had fled to this country as a political refugee even earlier under an assumed name and has never been definitely traced. On the maternal side his ancestors came from Hanover in 1730. Astor Clinton Wuchter was born in Jacksonville, Lehigh county, Pa., Feb. 4, 1856; worked on the farm and attended the common schools until 18 years of age;



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attended the Millersville State Normal School, taught in the public schools 1874-1878; then taught and studied for three years in Paris, France; graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., 1885, then served successively the congregations at Summit Hill, Pa., from 1885-1890; Weissport, 1890-1893; Gilbert, 1893-1909, as pastor; after which he became Professor of French at Wittenberg College, Ohio. After one year in that position he went back to the ministry and is now preaching at Paulding, Ohio.

He began writing very early, his published

works, consisting for the most part of hymns and religious poems, original and translated, appearing chiefly in the *Lutheran*. The translations include renderings from Latin, German, French, English, original and translation, would make a goodly volume. It was also at an early age that he began producing selections in the dialect, but there are none of these left earlier than 1894. His reasons for writing in the dialect deserve mention: "I saw many limping efforts, as I thought, especially in verse, and so I essayed what I could do as to rhythm and metre." He finds the Pennsylvania German just as easy as the High German; and as the charm grew upon him and Pegasus got restive, they together went on flights and left the footprints which we see behind.

It is generally only the masters of any subject that fully realize its difficulties; so Heine has said, "Fürwahr, die Metrik ist rasend schwer: es giebt vielleicht sechs oder sieben Manner in Deutschland, die ihr Wesen verstehen." A considerable number of our dialect writers, as though they had been familiar with the statement, and as though it excused them from giving the subject serious attention, have all too often gone merrily a-rhyming, nor caring to retrace their steps and remove the evidences of the rough road they had traveled. Careful workmanship always shows itself in results. So we find in Wuchter, lines among the smoothest of all those in the dialect. His highest success he has perhaps achieved in the playful onomatopoeic lines in which he tells the familiar story of the hired boy who was set to work picking stones from a field, while his master Dinkey and his wife went off to the village on business. Towards evening they came home, not yet in sight of the place where the boy is working:

Mer sin de Lane so langsam nuf;  
Der Schubkarch hot gegrahnt.  
Noh lacht die Betz: "Sag, bass mol uf!  
Weescht wie mich sell gemahnt?  
Der Dinkey kummt noch la-ang net  
Er kummt noch net, rah-ie-!  
Der Dinkey kummt noch net, I bet,  
Er kummt net, sweet Marie."

Er hot uns ivverdem erblickt;  
Noh hot die Betz gelacht;  
"Guck, was der Joe net Eifer krigt!  
Heerscht wie der Schubkarch macht?  
Der Dinkey kummt, der Dinkey kummt  
Ta-rie, Tarie! Tarie!  
Der Dinkey kummt, 'r 'rump, 'r 'rump! I  
Hurrah for 'Tshin 'rel Lee!"

Mr. Wuchter's productions appeared over the signature "Silfanus," in the Allentown *Democrat*, under the editorship of C. Frank Hains, who, although himself in the dark as to the author,

was convinced he had a writer such as had not yet appeared in Pennsylvania German before. His range of subjects is rather wider than that of the average writer in the dialect. He too has defended (as dialect poets everywhere have done), *Die Muttersprooch* in a poem which concludes:

Drum tzwisch Gott un tzwisch mensch  
Was hut die schproch tz' duh?  
Grickt ehner'n schenner Pletz'l dert,  
Geht's in die ewich Ruh?  
Kummt alles aw uf Shibboleth  
Beim Jordan ivvergeh?  
Weg mit so dummhait, ewich weck—  
Die Mutterschproch is scheh.

This, in sentiment, seems to tally with the lines of Suabian Michel Buck:

I schwätz, wia miar der Schnabel g'wachsa 'n ischt  
Und wia'n is han von meiner Muatar ghairt  
Und glaub, wear seiner Muatar Sproch it aihrt,  
Dear sei schau' weadeam koi' reachter Christcht.

He reverts, as every one does, to the old times, and describes in inimitable verse "En alte Lumpa Party"; he indulges in Satire—in disapproval of Sunday clam-bakes; and in "Schpundaloch" has given a picture as well as a story that has been pronounced by his church to be better than many a temperance lecture. He has written occasional poems, like the one on the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of one of his fellow-ministers.

Under the guise of an old cobbler, Yohli he philosophizes; with Yohli he make a trip (as many in real life have done) "Die 'hio naus" to visit those of the family who went West in the days when Ohio was West.

He is particularly fond of putting stories with a point to them into verse. One of these he brought with him from Brittany, "Der Geitz"; another is an Oriental tale, after the High German, "Der Ferlohra Esel"; "Hummingbirds" is an incident in the War of 1812; and "Hans un Herrgott," an anecdote of Martin Luther.

At times he gets reminiscent, as in "Kinner Yohr, Die Erschta Hussa"; even yielding sometimes to the feeling that accompanies the gray days of November, as in "Nofemberklawg"; but generally, as even in the last-mentioned one, a cheerful optimism triumphs, most noticeable in this feeling that never grows old, in his poems of the seasons. This may be joy for the approaching Springtime as expressed in his lines of welcome.

Ei, guck amohl derta  
Der Phiwie is dohl.  
Er huckt uff 'm Poschta  
Wos is 'r so froh;  
Now guckt 'r mohl nunner  
Now guckt 'r mohl nuff  
Now sing'd 'r a bissel  
Now haert 'r schun uff.

Ei, Pihwie, wo warscht du  
 Seid schpote yohr gewest  
 Warscht fart mit em Summer  
 Warscht südlich farraest?  
 Ich denk derta drunna  
 Huscht's Heemweh recht ghot,  
 Huscht nix wie gedrauert  
 Warscht's Lehwa recht sot.

This was pronounced by Dr. G. W. Sandt, in *The Lutheran*, as "Genuine poetry, the equal of, if not superior to Harbaugh's."

Again it may be his expression of delight in the pleasures of Winter:

Hurrah for der winter, hurrah for der Schnee,  
 Nau raus mit'm Schlitta, un zähl mer ken zwee.

Hurrah for der Winter, der Schlitta muss raus,  
 Was hockt mer am Offa? Was will mer im Haus?  
 Un druf mit de Bella, sunscht is es ken G'fahr,  
 Der Winter is karz, un die Schlittabah rohr.

Hurrah for der Winter! So eppes is Gschpass,  
 Die Meed singa en Liedel, die Buwa der Bass  
 Un gehts in die Schneebank un schmeist's emol um  
 Gehts drunner un drivver, was gebt mer dann drum?

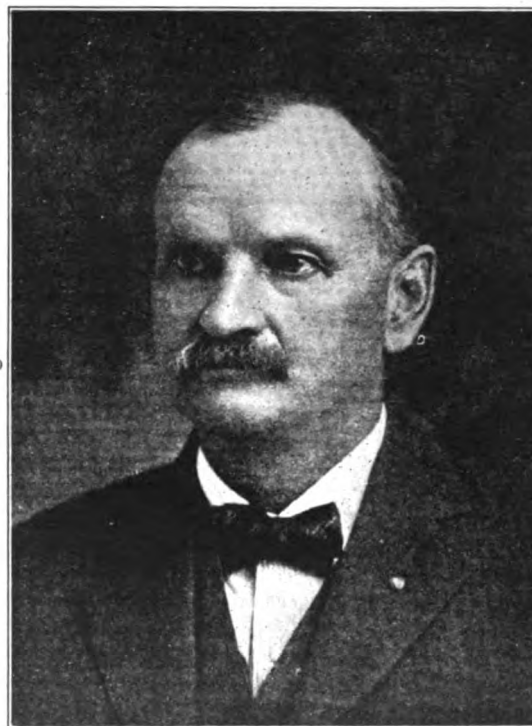
Mr. Wuchter is a thorough Pennsylvania German, and I need hardly quote from a letter of his to prove it. After stating that there are many prominent men in Ohio who still speak, or rather *can* speak, the dialect, he says: "I am not one of those who would like to attend the funeral of Pennsylvania German to-morrow, if it were possible. It runs in smoother measures than many of the dialects of the Fatherland. They do not asphyxiate the dialects over there \* \* \* There are those who presume to write about the Pennsylvania Germans who are either totally ignorant of their subject, or, what is worse, renegade Simon Girtys-German blood in their veins, but troubled with Yankee of "Hinglesh" brain-bunions. They would not recognize their own grandmother speaking Pennsylvania German should they happen to meet her on the street." He is still in his prime, and writes better than he ever did before.

#### WILLIAM P. WUCHTER.

William Penn Wuchter, son of Moses G., was born April 18, 1861, at Lynnport, Lynn township. He assisted his father on the farm and acquired his education in the public schools. After reaching manhood he followed the occupation of carpenter for a short period. In June, 1881, he learned the trade of plasterer, and followed it until 1888, at Hazelton, Pa., when he removed to Allentown. In 1890, he became a contractor in the cement and plastering business, which is carried on now under the name of W. P. Wuchter, who do a very extensive business. Mr. Wuchter

is an enterprising and progressive citizen. He holds membership in the Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.; I. O. O. F.; Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Knights of Friendship. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a school director in Allentown for several years. The family are members of St. Luke's Lutheran church, which he served as deacon.

William P. Wuchter married Amanda Wertman, daughter of David and Florence (Miller) Wertman. Issue: Florence M.; Irene Victoria; and Alma Edna Wuchter. Florence M. married Milton A. Schlenker. She graduated from the Allentown high school and the Key-



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stone State Normal School, at Kutztown, and subsequently became a teacher in the Allentown schools. Mr. Schlenker is ticket agent of the P. & R., at Allentown. Irene Victoria graduated from the Allentown high school and the Allentown Hospital in 1910. She follows the profession of a trained nurse in Allentown. Alma Edna is also a graduate of the high school and the Keystone State Normal School. She also took a course of instruction in vocal music and is now a school teacher in Allentown, and a vocal soloist of rare talent. She is a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church choir.



## JAMES M. WUCHTER.

James Monroe Wuchter, school controller and prominent citizen of Allentown, was born at Jacksonville, Lynn township, June 21, 1868. He was reared on the farm and at the age of eighteen years was apprenticed to learn the saddler trade and for two and one-half years he remained with Charles Zimmerman, at Wanamakers, Pa. In 1889, he came to Allentown and became a weaver in the Adelaide silk mill and was employed in the silk industry for eleven years, during which time he superintended the erection of the Weilbacher silk mill, at Allentown.

In 1900, he established the Troy Laundry Company, also at the same time conducted a laundry at East Greenville, Pa., known as the Troy Laundry. He sold out both laundries in 1909. The Troy Laundry is now known as the Model Troy Laundry Company, at Allentown.

While conducting the laundries he was also engaged in the lumber business in Berks county, on the South mountain, manufacturing staves for cement barrels.

In 1910, he became proprietor of Dorney's Park Hotel, which he greatly remodeled and improved and conducts this business up to the present time.

Mr. Wuchter has membership in the following lodges: Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F.; Franklin Chamber, No. 9, Knights of Friendship; Protective Home Circle; Buffaloes; Saengerbund; Owls; and the F. O. E. In politics he is an influential Democrat. He has attended all the state and national conventions for many years; was elected in 1911, one of the nine school controllers of Allentown, which were the first to be elected under the new school code. During the years of 1913 and 1914 he was the president of the Board of Education and under his administration the salaries of the teachers were increased; and after two years of persistent effort he brought about the erection of a modern high school building at a cost of \$450,000.00. This building is reputed to be one of the finest of its kind in the country. Mr. Wuchter is also one of the directors of the Allentown Free Library since its opening.

He was married, in 1891, to Lillie E. Snyder, daughter of Edwin B. and Henrietta (Follweiler) Snyder, of Pleasant Corner, Pa. They have the following children: Stanley A., who is a student in the Lehigh University; Miriam Henrietta is a student in the Allentown high school; Dorothea Pauline.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Wuchter was Charles Follweiler, who was a near kin of Dorothea Follweiler, the wife of Frederick Leas-

er, the German patriot who hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown, in 1777.

*The Northampton County Wuchters Line.*

Peter Wuchter, the grandfather of John A. Wuchter, the representative of the Columbia Graphophone Company products for Lehigh county, was born in 1820, near Petersville, Northampton county. He was a son of Peter Wuchter, son of Martin Wuchter, and Miss Margaret Bachman, who remained single to the end of her life. She made her home with a Mr. Fenstermacher, a descendant of Hans Martin Wuchter. Peter Wuchter was a tailor by trade. He married Mary Delp, of Delpsville, where a nephew still resides. She died at the age of 83 years. Mr. Wuchter died in 1889. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and his remains lie buried at the Stone church. Their children were: Peter, deceased; Adam, Cementon, Pa.; George, Northampton county, Pa.; James, of Egypt; Benjamin, deceased; Sylvester, Siegfried, Pa.; Rebecca, married Alfred Naylor, Egypt, Pa.; and Martha, who died in infancy.

James Wuchter, son of Peter, is a cementer by trade and resides at Egypt, Pa. He was born in 1845; was married to Sadie Roth, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Breisch) Roth. They are members of the Egypt Reformed congregation. They had issue: John A., of whom below; Jacob, who died aged 24 years; Amanda, married to Howard Lazarus, Balliettsville, Pa.; and Irwin, who died in infancy, is buried at Egypt.

JOHN A. WUCHTER was born at Catasauqua, Pa., Nov. 30, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of the county. He served as office clerk at both the Egypt and Coplay cement mills. In 1899, he opened a barber-shop at Egypt and continued there for a period of twenty-one years. In connection with his barber-shop he also conducted a novelty and confectionery store. In September, 1911, he came to Allentown and opened a place of business at No. 41 South Seventh street. Besides being the exclusive representative for Lehigh county for the Columbia Graphophone Company's products, Mr. Wuchter is an extensive dealer in real estate. He is the promoter of Vaux Hill in East Allentown, one of Allentown's newest suburbs.

In 1912, Mr. Wuchter incorporated the J. A. Wuchter Music Company, of Allentown, which has a capital of \$30,000. The company has a salesroom at No. 1019 Hamilton street.

Mr. Wuchter was an active member of the Egypt Reformed congregation, was treasurer for several years; and in 1913 he became one of the organizers of St. James Reformed church at Allentown. He is one of the first elders of the new



*James M. Wuchter*



*William F. Genger*

organization. It was through his influence that the *Quarterly Magazine* at Egypt was started. Mr. Wuchter is a member of the Chamber of Commerce; I. O. O. F., and K. of G. E.

He was married Aug. 1, 1889, to Mary M. Hummel, a daughter of Dr. Tilghman and Mary (Guth) Hummel. She died Jan. 5, 1907, aged 44 years, leaving no issue. In May, 1910, he was married to Mrs. Annie M. Dorney, *nee* Hummel, the widow of Harvey Dorney. To Mr. and Mrs. Dorney were born four children: Mary and Hope, deceased; and Stanley and Bessie, who now go to school.

YEAGER FAMILY.

Jacob Yeager, prominently identified with the establishment of the Evangelical Church in Lehigh county, was born May 12, 1809. He was brought up on a farm and learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until 1838, when he directed his attention to farming. He first leased, from Charles Mertz, a farm in South Whitehall township (now the poor house property), which he operated for three years; then he purchased from Mr. Mertz another farm of 76 acres at East Texas in Lower Macungie township (now the property of Dr. Miller), which he carried on successfully for nearly thirty years, until his decease, June 30, 1869, and was buried on July 4. He and his wife were among the original members of the Evangelical Church in Lehigh county, and became intimately associated with Bishop Seibert in his introductory religious work in the community.

Mr. Yeager was married to a Miss Williams, and they had two children: James, and Angeline. Upon his wife's decease, he married Susan Fenstermacher, daughter of Jacob Fenstermacher, of Longswamp township, and by her he had nine children: William F.; Charles, who died Sept. 13, 1853; Irwin, who died in infancy; Edwin; Hiram; John S.; Leshar H.; Caroline, married Chas. Schumacher; Susan, married Menno Weida; Sarah, died Dec. 25, 1857; and Senia, married Frank Neligh. His second wife was born May 20, 1812, and died Feb. 29, 1872. Interment was made in the Mertz cemetery, near Wescoesville, by the side of her husband and children.

WILLIAM F. YEAGER, the father of William R. and a brother of John S. and Leshar H., was also in his day a very prominent man, as he was a most excellent one, who labored earnestly and successfully for the good of Allentown. He was born Aug. 22, 1833, at Wescoesville, Lehigh county, and reared on a farm, attending the township school during the winter months. The language in daily use there having been almost wholly German, and his father wishing to secure for

him the advantages of an English education, he was sent to a friend, Lewis Ott, at Pleasant Valley, in Bucks county, (who conducted a farm, tannery, and country store), and there he attended school and assisted Mr. Ott for three years, until he was fifteen years old. It is worthy of mention that Mr. Ott was so highly pleased with the boy's devotion and integrity that he sent him to school at Doylestown for three extra months before allowing him to go home, so as to be sure that he had acquired a satisfactory knowledge of the English language and manners.

Upon his return home, he worked on the farm for his father for three years. Then he had reached the age of eighteen years, and feeling equipped in health, education and experience to start out for himself, he went to the store of John R. Schall, at Trexlertown, and securing a clerkship, he filled the position for a year. With this introductory preparation, he went to Allentown, and secured a position as clerk in the dry goods and grocery store of Kline & Kern, where he remained one year. After an experience of several months as a book agent for this district, which embraced all the towns in the Lehigh Valley from Allentown to Carbondale, he obtained a position as clerk in the store of Owen and Joseph Saeger, at an annual salary of \$300, and there he continued three years. While here, he suggested a system of sprinkling the streets which was used successfully for many years.

Mr. Yeager at this time got a notion to try a business venture in New York City, so, with the money he had saved he bought a number of horses and took them there to sell, but the market was poor, he accidentally broke his arm and returned to Allentown, minus in cash with his notion exploded. He then rented a stable and embarked in the livery business. This was in the time that the Lehigh Valley Railroad was being constructed, and he started the first "omnibus line" at Allentown. This was a fortunate enterprise for him, for in ten years he sold out with a profit of \$12,000.

Mr. Yeager was then thirty-three years old, and seeing the prospects of Allentown developing into a large and prosperous inland city, the "Queen City of the Lehigh Valley," he engaged in the business of buying and selling real estate, and for thirty years he followed it in a most successful manner including extensive building operations and the improvement of the streets. Within the first ten years, he had amassed property interests amounting to \$150,000. The panic came on and failures followed, but his courageous, enterprising, indomitable spirit kept on and with the encouragement and assistance of a kindred spirit, M. L. Kauffman, Esq., he carried on build-

ing operations at Seventh and Liberty streets by getting the material men and grocers to take houses for their claims. In this way he gave employment to many people and sustained the credit of the city. He proved himself a master-builder in every way, putting up altogether about 300 houses. But he also erected business blocks and factories, and he was largely instrumental in locating here industrial establishments which proved of great consequence in the development and enrichment of Allentown, as evidenced by the growing stores and shops, and banks, and increasing population.

With such a progressive, venturesome and enterprising spirit, Mr. Yeager was quite naturally a Republican. He believed in protection and the support of home industry. He took an active interest in politics, and was a delegate to the national convention at which General Grant was nominated for President. In 1890, he received the unanimous nomination on the Republican ticket for mayor, but was defeated in a Democratic community by only a small majority.

Mr. Yeager was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and a liberal contributor in its successful maintenance. He was affiliated with Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, F. & A. M.

In 1862, Mr. Yeager was married to Priscilla S. Romig, a daughter of Peter Romig, and they had an only son, William R., whose history follows.

**LESHER H. YEAGER**, successful merchant and banker at Allentown, was born Aug. 25, 1851, at East Texas, in Lower Macungie township, and while being reared on a farm, attended the township school from four to six months annually from fall to the following spring, until he became sixteen years of age. Then he went to Allentown to prepare the way for a mercantile career by engaging first as a clerk in the confectionery store of M. B. Schadt for two years, and in the "Old Kramer Store," at Seventh and Hamilton streets, for three years. With this experience in business, he became associated with the firm of S. R. Engelman & Company, first as a clerk, and later as a partner, which was engaged as wholesale dealers in china, glass and queensware at No. 740 Hamilton (now Young's hardware store). He continued there upward of two years, when he formed a partnership with J. M. Culberson to engage in the same business, and locating at No. 46 North Seventh street, they traded as Yeager & Culberson for five years, when he purchased the interest of Mr. Culberson and carried on the business alone in a most successful manner for upward of thirty years, until Jan. 1, 1912, at which time he retired.

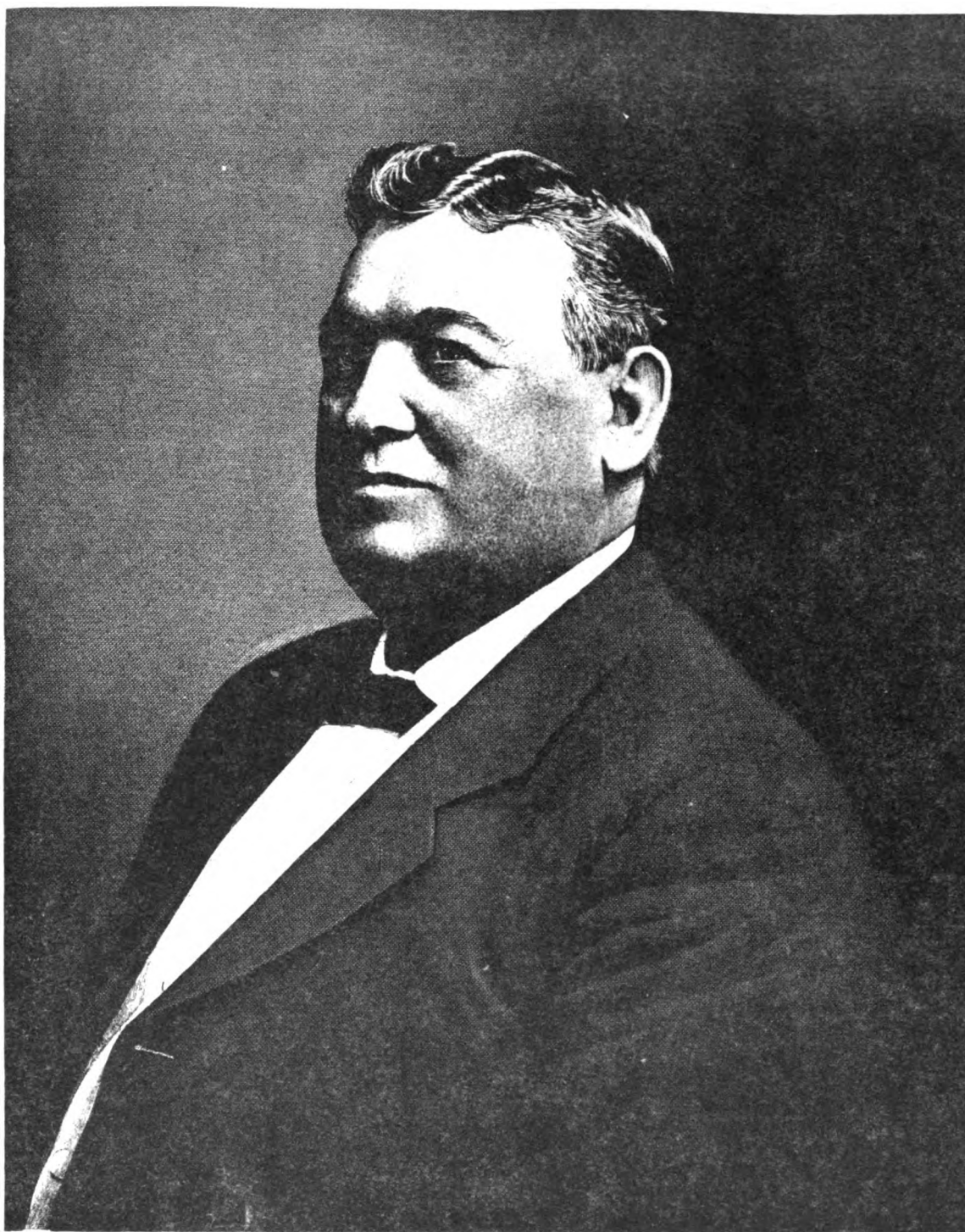
During this business career he developed a

wholesale and retail trade in china, glass, queens, wood and willow-ware which was extended throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey by traveling salesmen and his establishment came to be recognized as one of the largest and completest stores of this kind in Eastern Pennsylvania; and while this was going on his son, Charles H. Yeager, was being educated and fitted to take his place. Upon retiring from business Jan. 1, 1912, the son organized the "L. H. Yeager Company, Inc.," which has continued the large business successfully, and kept up the reputation of the establishment in a most admirable manner.

In 1896, Mr. Yeager erected the "Yeager Building" at No. 21 North Seventh street, being a marble front structure, four stories and basement, 30 feet wide by 230 feet deep, which was then regarded as one of the finest and most imposing buildings for business in the city of Allentown. He also erected other business places and many private residences; and he has since come to be one of the largest owners of real estate in the city of Allentown.

While concerned in the mercantile and building affairs, he also became prominently identified with the financial institutions of Allentown—the Second National Bank, the Citizens' Deposit and Trust Company, the Ridge Avenue Bank, and vice-president of the Penn Counties Trust Company. He also showed great interest in the industrial welfare of the city by encouraging the erection and maintenance of manufacturing establishments, which evidenced his enterprising spirit. He took great interest in plans for the enlargement and development of the city by preparing the way for a "Greater Allentown," and inducing strangers to "dwell here." Naturally he became prominently identified with the "Land Improvement" companies which secured the farming land situated to the north, south, and west of Allentown, and laid it off into building lots. And he was largely instrumental in establishing the "Highland Cemetery," of which he has become the sole owner. He owns a large farm (120 acres), at Catasauqua, to which he has given much attention.

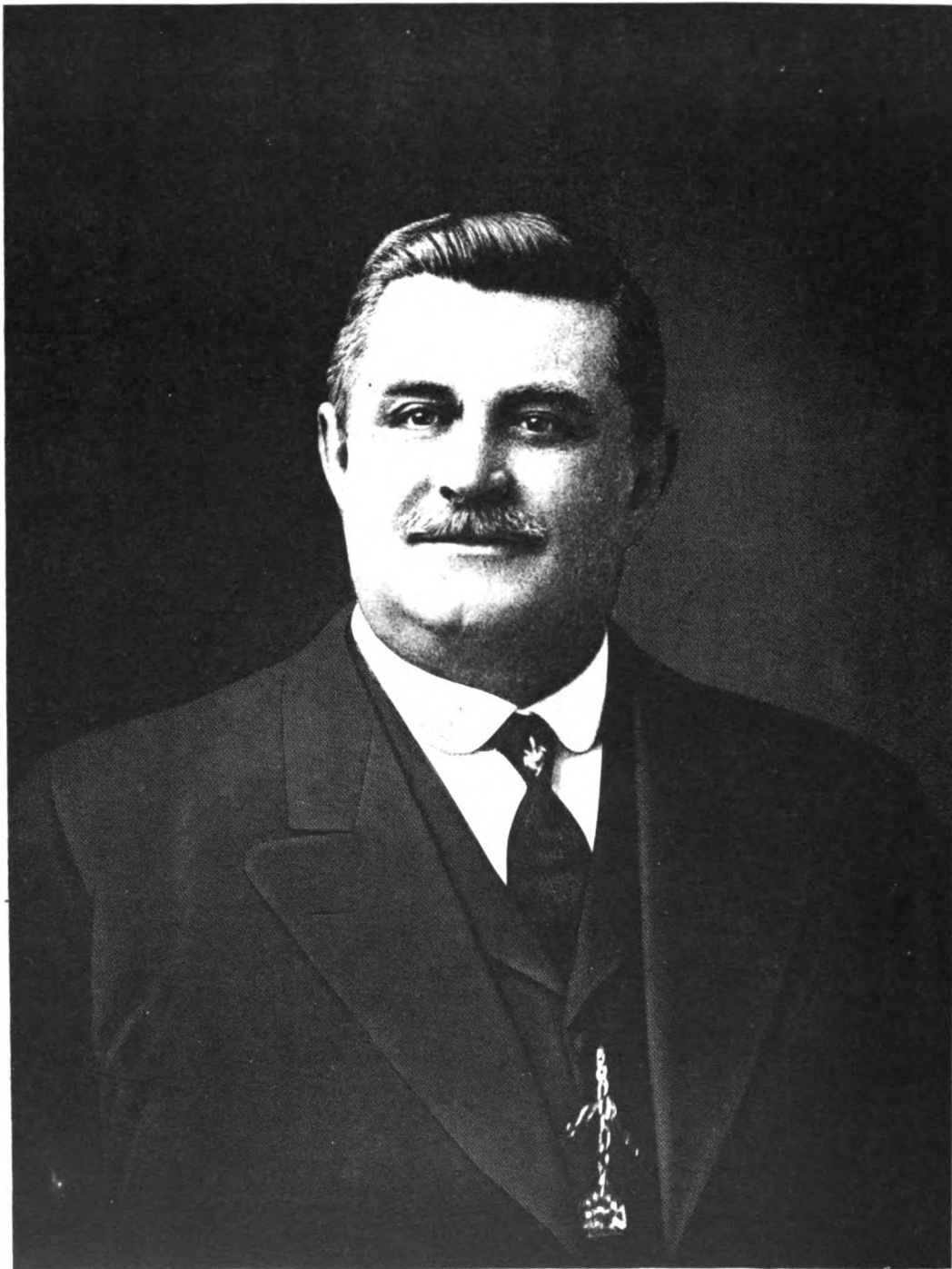
Mr. Yeager has been prominently identified with the religious life of the community for the past twenty-five years, as a devoted member of Ebenezer church of the Evangelical Association, having in this time served faithfully in all its offices and acted as a trustee and class leader for twenty consecutive years. In the Sunday school work he showed great interest, serving as superintendent for fourteen years. He was a delegate to many annual and general conferences of the Evangelical Association, a member of the general committee on the reunion of the Evangelical and



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United Evangelical churches. The Schuylkill Seminary at Reading has had the benefit of his support and influence for many years as a trustee and treasurer.

In 1870, Mr. Yeager was married to Matilda Scheldon, daughter of Lewis L. Scheldon. She was born Dec. 25, 1850, and died Dec. 2, 1908. They had five children, two of whom died young. Those surviving are: Charles H.; Minnie M., m. to Edwin A. Donecker; and Jeanette, m. Frederick O. Raymond. In 1910, he was married to Hattie S. Muschlitz, a daughter of Wilson Muschlitz, and his wife Emma, *nee* Andrews, both deceased.

Mr. Yeager has traveled very extensively in the United States and also in European countries, having crossed the Atlantic ocean ten times, and been to Jerusalem and the Orient twice.

Mr. Yeager and family reside at the southwest corner of Eighth and Linden streets, which is known as the "Yeager residence" for more than thirty years.

WILLIAM R. YEAGER, prominent furniture manufacturer and banker, was born Oct. 6, 1862, at Allentown. He received his education in the schools of the city, Muhlenberg College, and Allentown Business College. After serving as a book-keeper and salesman for five years, he formed a partnership with John Klunter in 1885, and traded under the name of Klunter & Yeager in the manufacture of adjustable window screens, and while carrying on this business, it was gradually extended into the manufacture of furniture frames for parlor, library and dining room, and also fancy chairs. Their factory was located at Court and Hall streets until 1889, when it was moved to larger quarters on Lehigh street, which have since been enlarged to meet the demands of increasing business. This partnership continued ten years, when Mr. Yeager bought the interest of his partner and formed a corporation to trade under the name of "The Yeager Furniture Company," of which he became secretary and treasurer, and these positions he has filled most satisfactorily until the present time.

Besides attending to the interests of the large furniture company, he assisted materially in organizing the Penn Allen Cement Company, (serving since as treasurer), and the Merchants' National Bank (serving since as a director). He has been prominently identified with the Y. M. C. A. for many years, more especially since the erection of the new building on Centre Square, having acted as chairman of the building committee. He has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Livingston Club, and the Country Club.

In 1885, Mr. Yeager was married to H. Ella

Dutt, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Balliet) Dutt, and they have a daughter, Florence P., who after attending the schools of the city, was graduated from the Allentown College for Women, and The Castle, at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. They are members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran church, which Mr. Yeager served as deacon and elder; also was a representative to the General Synod. He has officiated as a director of the Gettysburg Seminary since 1901. Mr. Yeager resides at 47 South Seventh street, Allentown.

#### REV. JOHANN CONRAD YEAGER.

The subject of this sketch and his wife, Barbara, a born Schmidt, were both born in York county, Pa., near the town of York.

Father Johann Conrad Yeager was a cigar-maker, and kept a small tobacco store in the town of York. He had already three children when he concluded to devote himself to the office of the Christian ministry. The circumstance which led him thereto was the following: One day, as Mr. Yeager was sitting at his bench, engaged in making cigars, his pastor, Rev. Dr. Goehring, who served the Lutheran congregation at York, came to his store to buy some cigars. Dr. Goehring on this occasion approached Mr. Yeager, and, looking over his shoulders as he was engaged in rolling cigars, said: "Johann, I want you to come to my house; you have gifts for something better than cigar-making. You should become a minister of the gospel." Mr. Yeager had enjoyed the privilege of attending school in his youth, and by faithful study had gained such knowledge as the schools of his day afforded. With this limited preparatory education he came to Dr. Goehring, and entered on a course of study for the ministry. Among the branches undertaken by him was the very difficult study of Greek, in which language he afterwards always studied the texts of his sermons. After one year's study under Dr. Goehring, while he at the same time also continued his little business by which means he gained a livelihood for his family, he went, by recommendation of Dr. Goehring, to Philadelphia. Here, as was the custom in those days, candidates for the ministry pursued their studies under the city pastors, receiving such instruction and attention as these men could give them in connection with their pastoral labors. Mr. Yeager became the student of Drs. Schmidt, Schaefer and Helmuth. The instruction was thorough and practical. Mr. Yeager, being a very faithful student, at the expiration of one year had made such progress that his preceptors presented him to the Synod for examination. He was found prepared to enter the

ministry of the Lutheran Church, and was licensed by the Synod of Pennsylvania.

After his reception into the Synod he was called to serve three small congregations in New Jersey, a short distance beyond Easton, the old so-called "Straw Church," in Greenwich township, Warren county, constituting one of his congregations. While he was pastor here, he at one time came to Easton to purchase a few articles at the store of Mr. Herschter, who had knowledge of Mr. Yeager and had heard many favorable reports of his work. Mr. Yeager was in straitened circumstances and poorly clad. Mr. Herschter viewed his seedy clothes and then questioned him in relation to his wants. "I see many things in your store," Mr. Yeager said, "that I ought to have, and of which my family stands in need, but I have no money to purchase them, and so I must be content without them." "Go," said Mr. Herschter to his clerk, "cut off a suit of clothes for Mr. Yeager, fit him a hat, cut off a dress for his wife, weigh twenty pounds of sugar, some coffee and other articles needed in the family." "Take them along," said Mr. H., "and have a suit made up first of all for yourself, so that you may have a presentable appearance when you go away from home." "Yes," said Mr. Y., "but I have no money to pay for these articles." "No matter about that now," said Mr. H.; "you can come in a year or two, when you have earned some money, and make payment." The hearts of Mr. Y. and his wife and children were made glad by such kindness shown them in their extremity by this Christian friend. A year or two rolled by. Mr. Yeager's labors were crowned with success. He was doing a good work in his parish. But still the state of his exchequer was not flush. He, however, had not forgotten his benefactor, and came again to the store one day to pay part of his indebtedness. "How are you getting along now, Mr. Y.?" said Mr. H. "Right well," replied Mr. Y.; "and I have come to pay part of my bill, though I am still too poor to pay the entire amount." "Give him a receipt," said Mr. H., "for the whole. I hear so many good things about you that I am amply repaid, and I will cancel your entire bill." That Rev. Yeager was made happy beyond measure by this unexpected kindness, need scarcely be stated. He went home rejoicing.

Mr. Yeager's second charge was Williams township, Northampton county, and Saucon (Friedensville), Lehigh county. The Saucon congregation was organized by him. He preached temporarily in Mr. Morey's barn during the time that the church edifice was being built. This was in 1793. Dryland, Shoenersville and Allentown were subsequently added to the charge. During

all this time he lived in Williams township. He now moved to Hanover, having bought a farm there of 236 acres. There his son, Joshua, was born, he having been the youngest of a family of nine sons and two daughters. Rev. J. Conrad Yeager labored in this charge with great success to the end of his life, which occurred Nov. 8, 1832, aged 64 years and 24 days. His wife, Barbara, died Sept. 9, 1847, aged 86 years, 2 months and 2 days. Both rest in peace in the old Shoenersville cemetery.

#### REV. JOSHUA YEAGER.

He was born Sept. 23, 1802, was baptized by his father in infancy and confirmed by the same on the second Sunday after Easter, 1817, and received as a communicant member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran church, Shoenersville. His education was limited to a thorough instruction by his father in the three R's. Equally thorough was his



REV. JOSHUA YEAGER.

religious training, since this was regarded as the chief thing. Reading of the Scriptures and writing out what was remembered, to the extent of a sheet a day, constituted part of his home instruction in the family of Father Yeager. After he had attained the age that he could make himself useful on the farm, his daily employment consisted in manual labor, which, on a farm of 236 acres, left but little time for study or recreation.

While following the plow one summer day, his father came out and accompanied him to the farther end of the field. Joshua could hardly re-

concile this unusual occurrence. But, when the end of the furrow was reached, his father said to him: "Wait a little while. I have something to tell you. I want you, with God's help, to become a minister." This unexpected suggestion really frightened Mr. Yeager. "Come to my room to-morrow morning," continued Father Y. "Leave your plow, there are others to attend to it. I wish to give you a three months' trial to ascertain whether you have talent for the ministry; if you have, you shall continue your studies—if not, I will then tell you so." Father Yeager handed his son a Latin grammar, saying: "This is a comparatively easy study, but it will furnish you a knowledge of the system of grammar in general, which is so necessary for the study of all languages. Study this two hours, and then ask me all the questions you can, about what you understand and all that you do not understand. After that come down and go into the garden, and take such exercise and do such work as you wish. In the evening you will again take two hours of study, and thus continue on." In this way Mr. Yeager studied. His father was a drill-master and disciplinarian, and knew how to create and maintain an interest on the part of his student. Especially, however, did he observe and keep a close surveillance on the conduct of his son. He impressed him with the importance and responsibility of the work, and constantly urged upon him to observe such a conduct as is becoming a candidate for the Christian ministry, and which may meet with the approval of God and man. This education, which is so essential to the formation of the character of the true minister of Jesus Christ, exerted a most powerful and an abiding influence on the mind of young Yeager. To this may be attributed, perhaps as much as to anything else, that devotion, earnestness and zeal which characterized Rev. Joshua Yeager's ministry through the long period of well nigh three score years among a people whom he served so long and loved so well.

At the meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, held 1827, Mr. Yeager was examined with two other candidates for licensure. Rev. Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer, of New York City, was the chairman of the examining committee. The examination was very thorough. Mr. Yeager well remembered how he was examined on Oriental customs, and when requested to translate the account of the Transfiguration in Math. XVII into German from the Greek, Dr. Geissenhainer seemed well satisfied with the translation till a Greek verb was reached, when he was excited and almost angered at Mr. Yeager's rendering, as he translated it: "they bowed as if they seemed to worship." Dr. Geis-

senhainer thundred out, "What? not seemed so, it *was* so," and remarked, "it can be seen with whom he studied." The three candidates made a very satisfactory examination and were admitted to the Synod licentiates.

At the synodical meeting of the following year, which was held at Reading, Mr. Yeager's preparations were reported "*very good*." On this occasion he also preached before the synod on the last evening of the session, Tuesday evening, July 3, 1828, on the text: 1 Tim. 4:12-16.

From 1827 to 1831 he was the assistant of his father in his four congregations, Friedensville, Allentown, Shoenersville, and Hecktown. In 1831 his father gave him the Friedensville and Allentown congregations and retained for himself the other two. Upon his father's decease, in 1832, he was also elected pastor of the other congregations.

Joshua Yeager's large field of labor extended over an immense territory, and at least a dozen congregations have sprung, in part or entirely, from his original pastorate, such as Apple's Church, Hellertown, South Bethlehem, Bethlehem, West Bethlehem, Salisbury, Altoona, Rittersville, Catasauqua, Howertown, Bath, St. Paul's, St. Michael's, St. John's, and St. Peter's, Allentown, etc.

He remained the pastor of the Allentown church (St. Paul's), till 1853, twenty-two years. This congregation enjoyed unprecedented prosperity during Father Yeager's pastorate. He preached regularly every two weeks and held also week-day evening services. About the time of his withdrawal from the congregation, Rev. D. B. M. Schmucker, who followed Dr. Yeager in a very few months to the better world, was called as assistant pastor by the English speaking portion of the congregation.

The Friedensville church was served longest of all by him as regular pastor, from 1831 to 1885, fifty-four years. Adding to this the period during which he served the congregation as assistant of his father, his service extended over fifty-eight years.

Of the Shoenersville church he was pastor a year less. He was elected pastor of this church in December, 1832, and continued till 1885, over fifty-three years. In connection with his father his ministration extended over the same length of time.

The Lehigh church, in Lower Macungie, Lehigh county, he served from 1842 to 1885, forty-three years.

The Rittersville church was built in 1842, the congregation having been organized by Father Yeager out of Shoenersville. Here he

preached his last regular sermon on Ascension Day, 1885.

Besides these four congregations, he also served Jerusalem church, in Salisbury, from 1843 to 1883, Macungie from 1856 to 1867, and Hecktown, Northampton county, from 1832 to 1842.

Besides laboring successfully in a large and laborious parish, he took a great interest in the higher education of our clergy. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Muhlenberg College from 1867 to 1876. He died Aug. 1, 1888, aged 88 years, 10 months and 8 days. On the following Thursday his remains were interred in Fairview cemetery, Allentown.

His wife, Maria, was a daughter of Jacob and Maria Grim, of Friedensville, Pa. They were blessed with two sons, Robert J., and Rev. Theodore C., and three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Reeme, Amanda, first wife of J. B. Reeme, and Sarah W.

#### YEAGER FAMILY.

The name Yeager was formerly spelled Jäger and the first of this name in this section was Valentine Jager, who was born in Langstad, Hanau, July 2, 1728, and died in Upper Saucon, Feb. 16, 1808. He married, in 1757, Maria Magdalena Dockenwadt, who was born Aug. 4, 1725, and died Aug. 5, 1804. They had no children.

Rev. John Conrad Yeager was born in York county, Oct. 14, 1768, and died in Hanover township, near the church of which he was pastor, on Nov. 8, 1832. He married Barbara Schmidt, who was born July 7, 1761, and died Sept. 9, 1847. Among their sons were: George C., Henry, Joseph, Rev. Joshua and John C. George C. Yeager was born Feb. 3, 1793, and died March 3, 1877. He married Susanna Rohn, who was born Oct. 30, 1799, and died Oct. 1, 1876. Their children were: William R., of Bingen, who married Henrietta Yeager, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Wiegner) Yeager; Susan, married Solomon Nagle; Eliza, married Reuben Fenstermacher and Capt. Horatio D. Yeager, of Bethlehem.

Henry Yeager, son of Rev. John Conrad, was born Dec. 14, 1798. He located in Upper Saucon township, where he was a farmer, and died there on Dec. 1, 1882. His sons were: Charles T., Major Thomas Yeager and Herman.

Charles Tilghman Yeager, son of Henry, was born Jan. 11, 1824, in Upper Saucon township, where he was educated. Having inherited from his clerical grandfather a love of literature, he became a well read man, although all his life a farmer. He cultivated a large tract of land, upon which he spent much labor and by his kind disposition made many friends. He died April

4, 1910, and was buried at Friedensville church, where he was a member of the Lutheran congregation. Mr. Yeager married, Oct. 19, 1854, Leah, daughter of John Gangewere. Mrs. Yeager was born June 28, 1833, and died May 9, 1896. They had ten children:

1. Sarah Jane, born July 1, 1856, married Henry J. Hook, son of Henry and Theresa Hook. Mr. Hook, a farmer of Upper Saucon, graduated from Muhlenberg College and subsequently took a course in pharmacy at the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Hook had eight children: Emerson, of Scranton, Ia.; Minnie, who has studied at the Allentown College for Women and the Moravian Seminary; Byron, who has attended the Allentown Preparatory School; Frederick, a student of architecture, and four who died young.

2. CHARLES HENRY YEAGER was born in Upper Saucon, Sept. 9, 1857. He received a common school education and has been all his life a farmer. For many years he cultivated his father's farm, but now owns and operates a seventy-three-acre farm in the township. Mr. Yeager married Emma, daughter of Lycurgus and Appolonia N. (Schnell) Bauder, who died Jan. 28, 1911, aged thirty-five years. They had six children: Charles W.; Edna May; Elsie Irene; Eva Minerva; Emily Matilda and Francis V. Mr. Yeager is a member of the Friedensville Lutheran congregation and a Republican in politics.

3. Ellen Catharine born Jan. 11, 1860.

4. Amanda Matilda, born Aug. 24, 1861, died Aug. 20, 1866.

5. John Clinton, born Nov. 19, 1862, died Aug. 16, 1863.

6. Benjamin Franklin, born Feb. 2, 1866, died March 7, 1867.

7. William Alfred, born July 20, 1867, died May 28, 1876.

8. HIRAM JACOB YEAGER was born July 11, 1869, in Upper Saucon township, and attended the local schools in his youth. He became a farmer and was engaged in the cultivation of the homestead until 1910. He now owns and farms a ninety-seven-acre tract in the township and is also the owner of a fourteen-acre timber tract. He is a member of the Friedensville Lutheran congregation and a Republican in politics.

9. ELMER GEORGE YEAGER was born in Upper Saucon township, Feb. 25, 1871. He was educated in the schools of the vicinity and remained on his father's farm until his death in 1910. He now owns and cultivates a farm of forty-nine acres and is of the same religious and political convictions as his brothers. Mr. Yeager married Irene, daughter of Frank and Mary

(Messer) Transue, of Williams township, Northampton county. They have five children: Raymond, Charles, Wallace, Millard and Beulah.

10. Mary A., born June 17, 1872.

Rev. Joshua Yeager, youngest son of Rev. John Conrad, was born Sept. 23, 1802. He studied under his father and was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1827. He assisted his father in his four congregations from 1827 to 1831, when he became pastor of two of these congregations, those at Allentown and Friedensville. Upon his father's death, in 1832, he became pastor also of the Schoenersville and Hecktown congregations. Reverend Yeager was pastor at Allentown until 1853, at Friedensville, until 1885, at Schoenersville until 1885 and at Hecktown until 1842. He organized the Rittersville congregation and was pastor there from 1842 to 1885 and also served the Lehigh church in Lower Macungie from 1842 to 1885, Jerusalem Church, in Salisbury, from 1843 to 1883, and Macungie congregation from 1856 to 1867. He was a trustee of Muhlenberg College from 1867 to 1876 and resided in Allentown until his death Aug. 1, 1888, aged eighty-five years. He resided at the northeast corner of Fifth and Hamilton streets, and at 230 North Fifth street. Reverend Yeager married Maria, daughter of Jacob and Maria Grim, of Friedensville. Mrs. Yeager died in 1887. They had four children: Dr. Theodore C.; Amanda, married J. B. Reeme; and had two children, Effie B. and Annetta; Robert J., and Sarah W., who died unmarried.

Dr. Theodore C. Yeager was born April 1, 1828, and was educated at the Allentown Academy and Allentown Seminary. He then studied medicine under Dr. Chas. L. Martin, began practice in 1860 and engaged in the drug business with Dr. W. E. Barnes. He was assistant medical inspector of Lehigh county in 1862, assistant surgeon of the Fifty-first Regiment in 1863, professor of chemistry and botany at Muhlenberg College, and deputy revenue collector under President Grant. Doctor Yeager was elected mayor of Allentown in 1873 and died in office, Jan. 14, 1874. He was survived by his wife and two children: Minnie W. and Norton.

Robert J. Yeager, son of Rev. Joshua, was born in Allentown, May 7, 1833. He was educated in the Allentown schools and at Nazareth Hall and became a clerk in the dry goods store of Weinsheimer & Newhard. Subsequently he conducted a lumber yard in the First ward for several years. He then devoted his time to the cultivation of his forty-five-acre farm located between Fifth and Seventh streets and north of

Allen street, until the encroachment of residences through the growth of the city made this impracticable. Mr. Yeager died March 3, 1914, aged eighty years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church. Mr. Yeager married, June 6, 1854, Matilda Deily, daughter of Jacob and Mary M. (Geisinger) Deily, of Catasauqua. They had three children: Albert J., Andrew L. and a daughter, who died young. Albert J. Yeager was killed in an electric railway accident on the Lehigh Mountain on Dec. 23, 1901. His wife, *nee* Leida Cooper, died Jan. 20, 1902, from the result of injuries received in the same accident.

Andrew L. Yeager, a florist at Sixth and Green streets, married Ella J. Kleckner and has one daughter, Florence M. Yeager.

#### YENSER FAMILY.

Descendants of the Yenser Family have resided in the northeastern section of Berks county, and in Lehigh county, in the vicinity of Wessnersville, for many years. The ancestor was Jacob Yenser whose name appears in the tax list of Weisenberg township, in 1762, and among his children were two sons: George and Daniel.

George Yenser was a shoe-maker by trade and carried on business near Lenhartsville where he owned and operated a farm. He was a tall man, heavily built and weighed over 300 pounds. He was married to Mary Heilman, and they had seven children: Moses (married Fietta Trexler and had three children, Emma, Sarah and William, and William had a son George); Jonathan; William (married Lizzie Sassaman; and they reside in Kansas); Wilson (married a Miss Mengel; Catharine (married Gideon Stump); Eliza (married William Shollenberger); and a daughter (married William Hollenbach).

Jonathan Yenser, the eldest son of George, was born June 11, 1839, and he died Feb. 29, 1864. He was brought up on a farm in Greenwich township and then taught school for a time. His wife was Isabella Bast, and they had a son, named Oliver G., born July 7, 1863, who lived in Perry township, Berks county, for a time, then moved to Reading and was married to Mary C. Rabenhold, with whom he had four children: Mamie, George, Robert, and Le Roy.

Daniel Yenser, the brother of George, first-named, lived in the Kistler Valley in Berks county, near the line of Lehigh county, and he was buried at the Wessnersville Church where an ordinary field stone marks his grave with the inscription of his name on it—D. YENSER. He was married to Sallie Christman, and they had nine children: John; Daniel; Nathan (married Lydia Rubrecht, 1826-1895, and had three



children, James H., 1853-63; Sarah E., 1856-57, and Maria, 1858-63); Charles; James; Amanda (married Godlieb Krassley); Angelina (married James Scheary); Sarah; and Rebecca (married John Rehrig).

Daniel Yenser, the second son of Daniel, was born in Lynn township, Lehigh county, Jan. 25, 1831. When a young man he learned the trade of stone-mason which he followed in the upper end of Berks county and in the eastern end of Lehigh county; then he worked for a time in the coal regions. In 1875 he located at Slatington, where he has since resided and carried on his trade. On Aug. 22, 1852, he was married to Mary Ann Stoudt, daughter of Samuel and they had fifteen children: Henry; William F.; Albert; Sarah, who died six years old; Alvesta; Ella; Emma; Minerva (deceased); Charles W.; Daniel; Benjamin (who was foreman in the construction of the iron bridge at Quebec when it collapsed Aug. 28, 1908); Francis; John; Sallie, and Anna. His wife died in the 80th year of her age and was buried in the Union Cemetery at Slatington.

WILLIAM F. YENSER, second son of Daniel and Mary Ann, was born in the Yenser Homestead in 1854, and he continued at home working on the farm until he became eighteen years old, when he began to work in the ore mines in Lehigh county and afterward in the slate quarries in the vicinity of Slatington. In 1880 he entered the employment of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., and since 1891, has filled the position of conductor on the road. In 1907 he secured a comfortable home at Slatington which he and his family have since occupied. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In 1876 he married Emma Eberhart, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Sterner) Eberhart, and they have seven children: Edwin; Herbert (married Susan Phillips); Ella (married Gustav Waller); Clara; Frederick; Stanley; and Violet. They are members of the United Evangelical Church.

CHARLES W. YENSER, son of Daniel and Mary Ann, was born at Pottsville, Dec. 4, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of Slatington, to which place his parents had removed and then worked in slate quarries for a time. For three years he followed the business of a contractor; then in 1898 the Blue Valley Slate Manufacturing Co. engaged him as its superintendent in the production of roofing, structural and electrical slate materials and blackboards and since then he has filled this position in a successful manner, with 60 men under him. Mr. Yenser is a member of the P. O. S. of A., K.

of P., K. of F., and K. G. E.; also of the Slatington Hose Co. He has served as Fire Chief of the Slatington Fire Department for fifteen years. For eight years he was a member of Co. H., 4th Regt., Penna Nat'l Guard, at Slatington, serving two years as corporal and five years as sergeant. In politics he is a Democrat, and he filled the positions of constable and Chief Burgess for six years.

In May, 1889, Mr. Yenser was married to Senobia Hunsicker, a daughter of Stephen, and they have two children: Mabel and Paul.

Francis Yenser, son of Daniel and Mary Ann, was born at Steinsville, April 19, 1869. He worked in a mantel slate factory when fourteen years old, and upon reaching nineteen years of age he learned the trade of boiler-maker, which he followed for twenty years. Since June 15, 1910, he has been in the employ of the Big Franklin Slate Co. He is a member of the J. O. U. A. M., and Knights of Friendship. In November, 1893, he was married to Mary J. Musselman, daughter of Tilghman and Anna (Moyer) Musselman, and they have three children: Ralph (graduate of the Walnutport high school, and Allentown Business College; Iva and Verna (the last two having died young). They are members of the Lutheran Church at Slatington, which he has served as deacon.

#### YINGST FAMILY.

The pioneers of the Yingst family came from Switzerland. The Federal census of 1790 mentions but two persons by that name, both named William Yonksht, the one having one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and two daughters; the other had but one daughter. Both resided in the eastern portion of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

William Yingst, the grandfather of John Y. Yingst, of Allentown, had been married to a Miss Neidig (?), and they had the following children:

1. John, m. to a Miss Light, late of Lebanon.
2. Simon, of Bellegrove, Lebanon county.
3. William, late of Harrisburg.
4. George.
5. Nancy, m. to John Geiger, late of Lebanon.
6. A daughter, m. to a Mr. Frehner, late of Lebanon.
7. Daniel.

Rev. Daniel Yingst, son of William was born at Schaefferstown, Pa., April 1, 1834; died Sept. 16, 1904. He received but a few years schooling, later removing to Dauphin county, about 20 miles above Harrisburg, where he tilled his fathers farm and chopped cord wood for the Lebanon furnaces. About 1857 he was called

to preach the Gospel, filling the Mahantango Circuit. Afterwards he successively filled the following circuits: Schuylkill, Myerstown, Annville, Lancaster city, Newark, N. J., Camden, N. J., Slatington, Berlinsville, Pleasant Valley, Salem's, Allentown. After 1879 he resided at Allentown, and from here served the Kutztown circuit, Lehigh circuit, and then the Coplay mission. In later years he had been a member of Bethany United Evangelical church on North 6th Street, relinquishing the active pastorate about 1890. He was a powerful German preacher. In politics, he was Republican, serving as common councilman of the Seventh ward from 1885 to 1887. He was married twice. His first wife had been Fianna, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Moser) Kistler, who died in 1871, aged 32 years. Unto this union were born: John W.; and Kate M., married to Wm. M. Hoppes, of Allentown. He was married the second time in 1872 to Louisa C., daughter of Charles and Christiana Mosche, of Camden, N. J. She died in 1898, aged 39 years, leaving a daughter of this union named Sarah C., married to Rev. N. S. Hawk, of Waterville, Wash.

JOHN W. YINGST, son of Daniel, was born at Myerstown, Pa., Sept. 7, 1863. Having come to Allentown in 1879, he graduated from the High School in 1882. In the fall of 1882 he entered into business with his father (who, however remained in business only for two or three years), conducting a general grocery store at the corner of 10th and Hamilton streets, for twenty and a half years, removing in 1903 to 11th and Hamilton, where he ever since continues a successful business. In politics he is a Republican, having served as school director of the Seventh ward for one term, and belongs to the Order of Woodmen of America. Mr. Yingst is a prominent member of the Trinity United Evangelical church, which he has served as Sunday school superintendent for 25 years, and for more than 28 years as classleader. Besides he has done a great deal for charity and the church in a silent, inconspicuous manner. With true modesty, he does not believe in "leaving the one hand know what the other doeth."

On Aug. 10, 1884, he was married to Adda C., daughter of Jonas and Clarissa (Freeman) Laros, the issue being: William Laros, who was born March 27, 1889. He resides at 1051 Hamilton Street, Allentown.

#### YODER FAMILY.

Gideon Yoder was brought from Oley township into Macungie by David Schall, Esq., who gave him employment as a clerk in his store. Later on, Gideon and his brother, Benneville,

formed a partnership in carrying on a hotel, store and distillery. Gideon had charge of the hotel and the farm of 100 acres. At his death, he was interred in the cemetery at Trexlertown, Macungie township. He was married to Anna Haines, a daughter of Benneville and Maria (Breinig) Haines. (Gideon's brother, Benneville, was married to his wife's sister). Issue: Peter B., who died in 1910; and William H., of whom below.

Gideon, Benneville, Isaac and John Yoder were brothers, from Oley. They had several sisters.

WILLIAM H. YODER, son of Gideon and Anna (Haines) Yoder, was born July 12, 1845, in the old Farmers' Hotel, at Trexlertown. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, then attended a summer normal school, at Quakertown, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. R. Horn; Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa.; and Kingston Seminary, at Kingston, Pa. He was a teacher, one term in Lynn, and one term in Upper Macungie. He was his father's farm assistant up to 1873, and upon his father's death he had charge of the farm and hotel for his mother, until she died.

In 1909, the estate of Anna Yoder was settled and Mr. Yoder took the farm at Trexlertown, consisting of 80 acres. This he operates, together with 8 acres he added to it in 1911. He also owns and operates another farm of 106 acres in the same district, formerly owned by the Crane & Thomas Iron Companies.

In politics Mr. Yoder is a Republican and in religion a Lutheran.

William H. Yoder married, in 1873, Edemena Hummel, daughter of Isaac and Harriet (De-Long) Hummel. She died in 1891. Issue: Anna D., married Rev. J. N. Wagenhurst; Harriet H., unmarried.

#### AMANDES P. YOHE.

Amandes P. Yohe, the subject of this sketch, is the grandson of Peter Yohe, who was a prominent farmer and hotel keeper in Salisbury township; he died Feb. 24, 1867, aged 65 years, 5 months, 24 days; his wife Sarah, *nee* Smith, died Nov. 3, 1881, aged 74 years, 11 months, 24 days. They are buried in Western Salisbury cemetery. They had these children: Amandes G., who died Feb. 24, 1867, aged 20 years, 18 days; Amelia, wife of Elias Knauss, both deceased; Mary, (deceased) wife of Nathan Heller, Clarissa (deceased) wife of Harrison Shaffer, Benjamin, and Charles H. Charles H. married Rebecca Kline, a daughter of Peter and Anna Kline. The issue of this union was one child, Amandes P., born in Upper Milford township, June 11, 1868. He was raised on the farm, educated in the com-

mon schools and attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He engaged in farming and has followed it all his life. He married Agnes Bortz, a daughter of Bennewell and Elmira Bortz, they have these children: Russel, who is a graduate of Keystone State Normal School, class of 1913, and is a teacher in the schools of his home township, and Luther. Both reside with their parents. He owns the old Yohe homestead of 50 acres in the beautiful Macungie valley, at East Macungie, lives in a well-preserved stone house, part of which is over a hundred years old. He has in his possession the original deed of William Penn, and is a prosperous and up-to-date farmer.

They are members of the Western Salisbury Lutheran church, in which he holds the office of deacon.

#### YOST FAMILY.

Joseph Yost, the ancestor of the family, was a native of Denmark, coming to America at an early day. His son, John Yost, born about 1797, had very limited educational advantages, but notwithstanding this fact he became successful in business and also quite prominent and influential in public life in his locality, serving in various positions, including that of county commissioner. He engaged extensively in farming, but the latter years of his life were spent in retirement from labor. He died in 1873. He married Maria Von Steuben, who was a member of a well-known family of Lehigh County, Pa. Their children were nine,—three of whom were John J., of South Bethlehem; Sallie (Mrs. Solomon Ueberroth), and Martin Lewis Yost.

Martin Lewis Yost, son of John and Maria (Von Steuben) Yost, was born March 20, 1834, in Salisbury township, Pa. He attended the public schools and devoted all his leisure hours to study. He attended Bellevue Medical College, in New York, graduating in 1864, when he located in Salisbury township, near Allentown, Pa. He married (first) in Nov. 1812, Amanda Gable, daughter of Willoughby and Eliza (Wieder) Gable, of Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, Pa.

To them were born children now all dead: Wilson; Erwin; Alfred J., of whom below; Martin L., Jr.; and Helen E. (Mrs. William George).

He married (second) in 1876, Julia Heiman, born March 26, 1847, daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Ulmer) Heiman, resident of Row vom Alsace, Germany. The issue of this marriage was a daughter, Rachel M., who was a graduate in 1901, of the Allentown Female College. She married Oct. 20, 1904, Charles Frederick Neu-

weiler, of Allentown, Pa., and their children were: Julia, who died in infancy, Philip Frederick; Herman Charles and Pauline Yost Neuweiler.

Dr. Martin L. Yost acquired much real estate in the city and county. His home farm consisted of 150 acres of valuable land, situated near Allentown, Pa. He there built an elegant home in 1892, containing all modern conveniences. A portion of the furniture in this home, more than 200 years old, was brought by his grand father from Denmark. The doctor and Mrs. Yost traveled extensively, crossing the Atlantic thrice. He became possessed of a watch, originally made for a Spanish Grandee, upon which were engraved the coat of arms of the royal house. The jewels consisted of rubies and diamonds. In politics he was a Democrat; was a director of the Second National Bank of Allentown. He was instantly killed by accident on Dec. 30, 1904, and was interred in the cemetery at Bethlehem, Pa. He was a member of the St. Johns Reformed church, Allentown, Pa.

Mrs. Julia Yost was the widow of Isaac Heiman, whom she married Aug. 14, 1865, and they had one child, Samuel Beck, residing in New York City.

Dr. Alfred J. Yost, son of Dr. Martin L. and Amanda (Gable) Yost, was born Aug. 13, 1870, at South Bethlehem, Pa., and was educated in the public schools and Muhlenberg College, graduating in the class of 1890. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, taking a medical course, graduating in the class of 1893.

He commenced his practice in Salisbury township. In Nov., 1893, he removed to Allentown, Pa., where he remained in active practice up to near the time of his death. He served as coroner for six years. He was a prominent member of several fraternal organizations; in politics he was a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran. In Feb., 1905, he was elected Mayor of Allentown and he was an incumbent of that office at the time of his death. Failing health caused his removal, in Oct., 1905, to Colorado, hoping that the climate might be of benefit to him. Previous to his departure he was presented with an address which follows:

*Alfred J. Yost, M.D., Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pa.*

Upon the eve of your departure from this city in quest of health and strength, your friends, and they are many, desire to present you with this testimonial of their esteem for you, as a man, a citizen and a public officer.

In the walks of private and public life, your course has been so conspicuously honest, upright and intelligent as to merit the esteem of all who know you. We regret the necessity of your temporary absence.

and trust that you will soon return and resume the active duties of the office you hold, and have filled so well.

Sincerely,  
C. D. SCHAEFFER,  
EDWARD HARVEY,  
HARRY C. TREXLER,  
Committee.

Oct. 2, 1905.

After residing in Colorado for 17 months, his health not improving, he returned to Allentown, where he died April 16th, 1907, and was interred in Fairview Cemetery.

He married, Nov. 16, 1893, Adelina Lovina Ruhe, daughter of Werner K., and Mary Jane (Frederick) Ruhe. Their children: Mary Julia, died aged two years; Ruth, who died in infancy; Martin Lewis, Jr., residing at home; Ethel, died young; Isabel, and Marion, died aged two and one-half years.

#### YOUNG FAMILY (ALLENTOWN).

The Young family has figured prominently in the development of the Lehigh Valley for more than a century, representatives of the name leaving their impress upon the material progress, political, social, intellectual and moral advancement of Eastern Pennsylvania. The first of the name of whom we have authentic record is Christian Young, who was proprietor of a store at Clader's lime kilns in Hanover township, Lehigh county. He was a native of Milford township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and in early manhood married Catherine Strassburger. After the birth of their son, Joseph, Christian Young returned with his family to Milford township, Bucks county, where he conducted a store and also engaged in the operation of a farm. Several years prior to his death he established a dyeing and weaving business and remained in active connection with that enterprise up to the time of his demise, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years of age. He was a member of the Mennonite Church.

Joseph Young, son of Christian and Catherine Young, grandfather of Edward Mark Young, was born in Hanover township, Lehigh county, Dec. 31, 1812, and was one of a family of thirteen children eight sons and five daughters. In his early youth he accompanied his parents on their removal to Milford township Bucks county, and there learned the trade of dyeing and weaving with his father, but it did not prove a congenial occupation to him, and when he was a youth of fifteen he went to Bethlehem, where he learned the blacksmith's trade with Mr. Warner. On the completion of his term of apprenticeship, he removed to Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in blacksmithing until 1832. He then took up his abode in Allentown, and entered the

employment of Joseph Kramer, a coach-maker doing business on Seventh street. Subsequently he was employed successively by Major William Fry and Stephen Barber, and on leaving the latter service he entered into partnership with Reuben Guth and Augustus L. Ruhe in the printing and book business. They were the publishers of the *Lecha Patriot*. Finally he retired from the firm and joined his former employer, Stephen Barber, in the establishment of a hardware store, which was one of the first business enterprises in Allentown. It developed with the growth of the city, becoming a large and profitable concern. Mr. Barber erected a building at No. 725 Hamilton street, into which the hardware stock was moved. Later the store was established at No. 740 Hamilton street, where the business is carried on at the present time. Various changes occurred in the firm from time to time. The senior partner, Stephen Barber, died in 1860. Shortly before his death a new partnership was formed between Mark S. Young, Joseph Young, Reuben P. Steckel, and Edward B. Young, under the firm name of M. S. Young & Company. This title for the firm has continued to the present time, though a number of changes have taken place.

Joseph Young was prominent and influential in public affairs in Allentown, and in 1838 became a charter member of the Humane Fire Company. He took part in the first firemen's parade in Allentown, Aug. 26, 1843, with Mayor Strauss as chief marshal. A cold water fight in the business center of the city ended the day's sport. Hon. R. E. Wright, R. Strauss, and Joseph R. Newhard were also members of the company. In 1841-42-43-44, Joseph Young was a member of the town council, Charles Seip and Peter Newhard being the burgesses. During the last two years of his incumbency he was chairman of the board. His political support was given to the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He gave his time and means to its advancement. In 1856, he was a delegate to the Republican national convention which nominated John C. Fremont as its first candidate for the presidency, and in 1860 was again a delegate, and in the latter convention he had serious discussions with Simon Cameron because of his stalwart championship of Abraham Lincoln. His life was ever actuated by honorable principles and noble purposes. In his youth he was confirmed in the Reformed Church, and upon his removal to Allentown, placed his membership in Zion's Reformed church, of which he became an active and leading member, serving as deacon and as superintendent of the Sunday school. He labored earnestly for the advancement of the cause and the extension of its influence

until failing health necessitated his retirement from church work as well as other activities of life.

In 1834, Joseph Young was married to Hannah Blumer, a daughter of Henry Blumer, and a granddaughter of Rev. Abraham Blumer, who was pastor of Zion Reformed church, Allentown, during the Revolutionary War. Their only son, Colonel Edward Blumer Young, was born in Allentown, Sept. 6, 1836, and pursued his education in Allentown Seminary under the instruction of Rev. Dr. Kessler. He was in his sixteenth year when he went to Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, and entered upon an apprenticeship at the watchmaker's trade, covering a term of nearly three years. He never followed that pursuit, however, but returned home to enter the hardware store of Barber, Young & Co., in the capacity of clerk. He thus served until 1860, when he was admitted to a partnership and entered upon a career as a merchant that was at once successful and honorable. In his business affairs he was straightforward, prompt and reliable, and his enterprise and diligence were potent factors in the extension of the business, which became one of the leading mercantile interests in Allentown.

In citizenship Colonel Young was equally enterprising and progressive, and gave earnest co-operation to every measure which he believed would contribute to the general good. He was called to various public offices, serving in early manhood as a member of the select council of Allentown from the Second ward. For a number of years he was the treasurer of the Columbia Fire Company, and took a deep interest and great pride in the development of the excellent fire department of Allentown. His patriotic spirit and loyal devotion to his country were aroused, and in 1862, when the rebel troops invaded Pennsylvania, he entered the service with the state militia. In June, 1863, upon the second invasion, he enlisted as first lieutenant of Company H, 27th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. His regiment was subsequently mustered into the United States service and joined the Army of the Potomac at Waynesboro, participating in the engagement at Wrightsville. The public service, however, which most endeared Colonel Young to his fellow townsmen was that he rendered them as mayor of Allentown. In the spring of 1876 he was nominated by the Republican party for the office of chief executive of the municipality, and after a stubborn contest was elected by a majority of sixty-nine votes. He was filling the office during the memorable riots of 1877, and so conducted the affairs of the city that he won the highest commendation of all law-abiding peo-

ple. Bloodshed and riot occurred in other places, but Mayor Young, comprehending the gravity of the situation and realizing the responsibility which developed upon him, held the reins of government with firm hand, and maintained law and order, quelling the disturbing spirit that would have brought about scenes of violence. His administration is certainly one of the most notable in the history of Allentown. His influence in political circles, however, was not restricted to the city in which he made his home. He was recognized as one of the prominent Republicans of the state, and represented Lehigh county as a member of the State Central Committee. He was also chairman of the Republican county committee for a number of years and was frequently the representative of his county in the state conventions. In 1876, he was a delegate to the Republican national convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, and he served as an aide-de-camp on the staffs of Governor Hartranft and Governor Hoyt. He was also appointed one of the prison inspectors of Lehigh county, and his services were characterized in that board by the same excellent qualities ever manifest in his business and administrative relations. Political honors and emoluments, however, had little attraction for him, and he never sought office as a reward for party fealty, but gave his support to the principles which he believed contained the best elements of good government, working for his party because he believed it to be the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to support his honest political convictions. He was fearless in defense of what he believed, yet was never bitterly aggressive, and he won the highest respect of the opposition as well as the leaders of his own party.

The influence of Colonel Young was felt in equally strong measure in fraternal circles. He attained high rank in Masonry, holding membership in Barger Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter, No. 203, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Council, No. 23, Royal and Select Masters; Allen Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar; and Philadelphia Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret. He filled the highest office in each of the York Rite bodies, and was recognized as one of the best informed Masons in the tenets of the craft in the state. He was also an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and assisted in the organization of Post No. 87, Allentown, which since his death has been named in his honor. He was its first commander, and at the time of his demise was serving as quartermaster. His opinions carried weight in the Pennsylvania department, and he was at one time a member of the council of administration of the state and represented his post at many encamp-

ments. He gave freely of his means to the cause of Christianity, and although not a member, served as trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

Colonel Young died Dec. 30, 1879, in the forty-fourth year of his age. His personal characteristics, his unfailing honor in business, political and social relations, and his loyalty to his honest convictions, endeared him to all with whom he was associated at the time of his death. He was survived by his wife and three children: Annie E., Harry J., and Edward M. Mrs. Young bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Kuhns, and was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Knerr) Kuhns, and the latter was a daughter of Andrew and Catherine Elizabeth (Schall) Knerr. Andrew Knerr and his brother John were the only sons of Abraham Knerr, who was born in Germany in 1714, and migrated to Lehigh Valley in 1748, taking up three hundred acres of land in Lowhill township.

Edward Mark Young, only living son of Colonel Edward B. and Mary A. Young, was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Sept. 24, 1866. Having acquired his early education in the public schools, he subsequently attended Muhlenberg College, until he had completed one-half the work of the junior year. He then entered upon his business career in the store of M. S. Young & Company, in order to become practically familiar with mercantile methods, and more especially that in use in the hardware trade. This business, with which his father was so long associated, and in which the family has been interested for more than sixty years, is successfully conducted at the present time (1914) by Edward M. Young and his partner, Wilson P. Ludwig. Mr. Young has extended his efforts to a number of other fields of labor. In November, 1897, he assisted in organizing the Lehigh Portland Cement Company, was for a period of years its secretary and treasurer, and is now vice-president of this corporation. The twelve plants of this company have an annual capacity of over ten million barrels, and it is one of the largest companies in the world. For the past fifteen years Mr. Young has also been president of the Allentown Steam Heating and Power Company. He is a director in the Lehigh Valley Transit Company; he took an active part in the re-organization of the old Lehigh Valley Traction Company, and was the first vice-president of the new company.

Like his father and grandfather, Edward Mark Young has been associated with the political, social and civic life of Allentown. During the six years from 1894 to 1900 he served as a member of the Board of Control of Education from the Second ward. In 1896 he was a delegate to

the Republican national convention which met at St. Louis and nominated Major William McKinley for the presidency of the United States. He was also a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1908 in which William Howard Taft was nominated for the office of president. He has served ten years as a member of the Republican state committee of Pennsylvania. Governor Tener appointed Mr. Young as a member of the commission charged with completing the buildings of the State Homeopathic Hospital for Insane, near Allentown, Pennsylvania, and he was subsequently appointed a member of the board of trustees of that institution. He is a trustee of the Allentown Hospital, of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, of the Allentown College for Women, and of the Presbyterian Church. His social affiliations consist of membership in the following organizations: The Union League, of Philadelphia, the Livingston Club, of Allentown, the Lehigh Country Club, the Independent Order of Elks, and Jordan Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. Young has served for a number of years as director of the Lehigh Valley Trust Company; was for about two years its vice-president, and for the past six years has filled the position of president.

Mr. Young married, Jan. 27, 1891, Kate R., daughter of Samuel B. and Caroline (Keck) Anwalt, of Allentown, and they have had five children: Hannah M., married to J. Edward Durham, Jr.; Robert A.; Joseph S.; Caroline; and Edward M., Jr.

#### YOUNG FAMILY (CATASAUQUA.)

Daniel Young was a well digger in Maxatawny township, Berks county. He was married and among his children was a son, Benneville, who is now an extensive truck farmer in Hanover township, Lehigh county, and is married to Elizabeth, daughter of Reuben Moyer, of Longswamp township, Berks county, where he died at the age of 81 years, and is buried at the Longswamp church. Mr. and Mrs. Young have twelve children, among whom are: Remeda, married to Oliver Fritch, of Allentown; Mary; Annie; Jennie; Katie; Howard Oscar; and Harry R.

HARRY R. YOUNG, the manufacturer of "Young's Boiler Compound," at Catasauqua, was born Jan. 25, 1869, in Maxatawny township, Berks county. He was educated in the public schools and took a course in the Scranton Correspondence Schools in engineering. When he was a mere lad, he began picking gravel at the iron ore beds, and when fifteen years old he run an engine at the mines, a vocation he pursued up to 1888, when he became a master mechanic at the Bryden Horse Shoe Works, at Catasauqua,



which position he served until 1906, when he became the superintendent of the plant, which responsible position he held until 1908, when he engaged in the manufacture of his boiler compound, being associated in this business with William J. McBride, of Catasauqua. Mr. Young, in the sale of his products, travels all over the eastern part of the United States, selling direct to the consumers.

He is identified with a number of fraternal societies. He is a member of the Knights of Malta; the P. O. S. of A.; treasurer for fifteen years of the Independent Order of Red Men, No. 204; the Haymakers; F. O. E.; and the Lehigh Council, No. 15, Order American Steam Engineers, having been one of its organizers and also represented the organization in their annual meetings at Philadelphia.

Mr. Young was married to Miss Rosa A. Fehler, a daughter of George Fehler, whose history appears in this volume. They are members of the First Presbyterian church, Catasauqua.

#### GEORGE H. YOUNG.

George H. Young, proprietor of the White Duck Coat and Apron Supply Company, of Allentown, was born at Wilmington, Delaware, Feb. 7, 1890. His father, Clinton B. Young, resides at Philadelphia, where he is the foreman painter of the Pullman Car Company, by whom he has been employed for forty years. He was married to Mary Ewing, daughter of George and Catharine Ewing, of Philadelphia. They are the parents of three children: Ellen, married to John Wagner, resides at Glenside, Pa., agent for Southern Despatch; George H.; and Clinton B., Jr., with the Vulcanite Portland Cement Company, Philadelphia.

George H. Young received his education in the common schools and high schools of Philadelphia, the Central Manual Training School, of Philadelphia. He was employed by the Pullman Car Company as assistant store-keeper, after which he filled the position of cashier with the Penn Laundry at Philadelphia for two and one-half years. In the fall of 1913 he embarked in business for himself at 224 North Seventh street, Allentown, later moving to 35 South Seventh street, where he is located at present. Mr. Young makes a specialty of loaning out white duck coats, aprons, and towels, charging his patrons only for laundering the same. The amount of business that has been worked up in the short time in which he is in business indicates the good work and prompt service which the company renders. Mr. Young is a member of the Episcopal Church, and resides at 127 North Eighth street, Allentown.

#### YOUNG FAMILY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

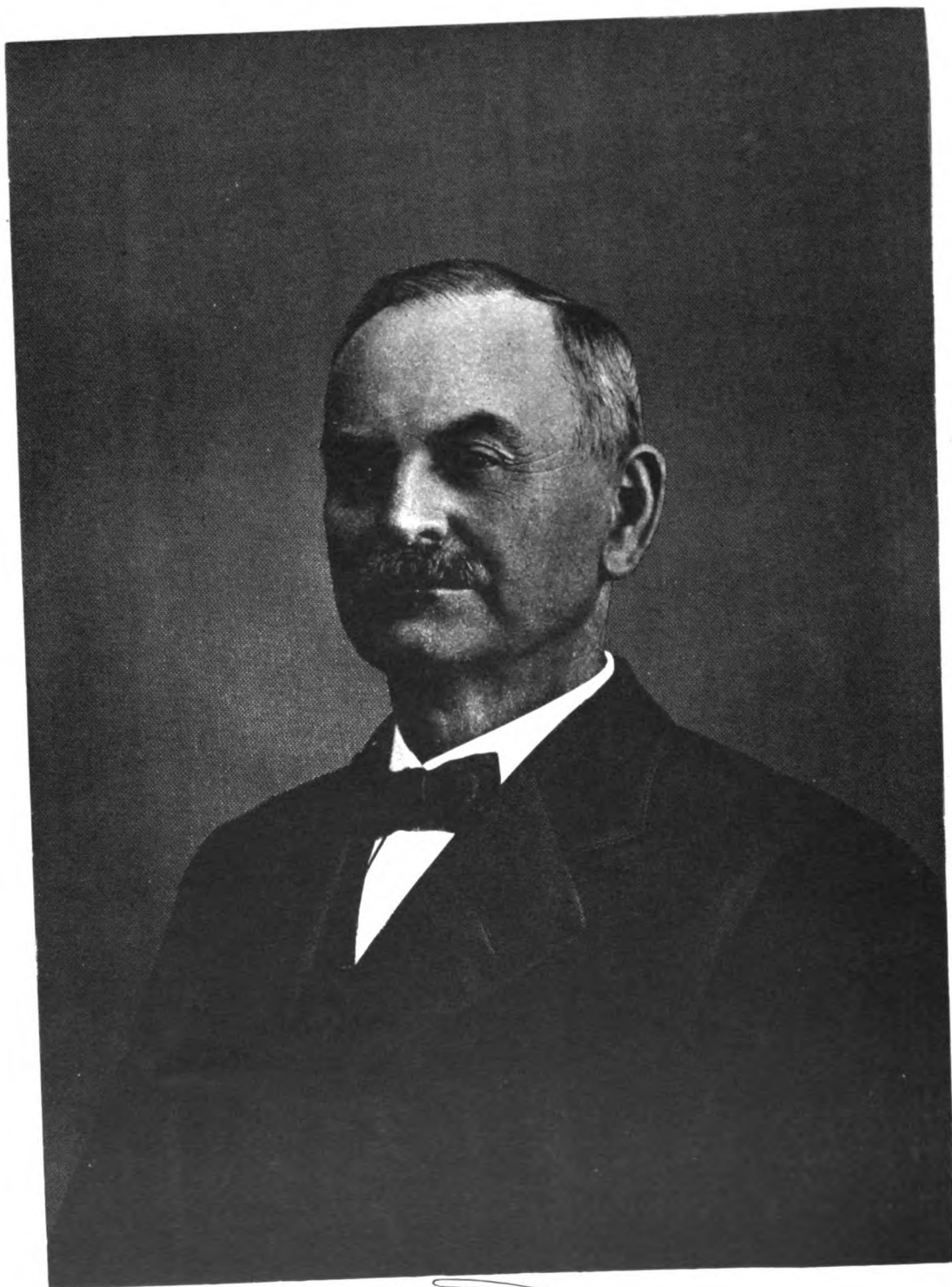
Jacob Young, the ancestor of a large family, was a native of East Allen township, Northampton county, Pa. He was born May 4, 1772, died Feb. 28, 1849, aged seventy-six years, nine months and twenty-four days. He was a farmer in Moore township and his large farm was situated, at the Forks, above Bath. Connected with this property is a water right, which is still in the name of Jacob Young. The farm he sold in 1812, but he retained the water right, which apparently now belongs to his large posterity. In 1812 he removed on a 400-acre tract, which he had bought on account of the excellent water and fine oak timber upon it. There he built a saw-mill which he operated for many years. The land in later years he divided amongst some of his sons.

He was married to Elizabeth Seem, who hailed from one of the pioneer families of Northampton county. She was born Jan. 10, 1776, died June 22, 1857, aged eighty-one years, five months and twelve days. They were members of the Lutheran church and are buried at the Moores-town church graveyard. They had nine children, all sons, namely: Jacob, George, Abraham, Peter, William, Joseph, Charles, Christian, and Reuben.

Three of the above sons, George, Abraham and Christian, were married to three sisters, daughters of the late Peter Steckel, a successful farmer, tanner and justice of the peace of Moore township. It is related that the father of these sisters heartily approved of the first and second marriage, but when the third union was about to be consummated he became vexed and exclaimed, "this is too much *Young* in one family," and by no means would allow a fourth daughter to marry another brother of that family.

Christian Young, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 21, 1802, died Jan. 22, 1885, aged eighty-two years, eleven months and one day. He was a farmer and owned several large farms. By trade he was a cooper. He was a hunter and good fisherman. It is related that one day he went out hunting with his faithful dog and soon they found the tracks of a deer, which he shot, but the animal ran up along the mountain side, continually showing by its trail in the snow that it was becoming weaker from the loss of blood. The hunter followed the trail up across the mountain and down on the other side. Darkness had now set in, the snow was deep and the night was cold, but the hunter was bent to take along home to his waiting family, the game for which they had long hoped for. He found the deer, which proved to be a big fat buck. He dragged him up the mountain side, across the





*A. C. Young*

top and down the mountain slope, reaching home in the early morning of the following day, being hungry and tired. His devoted and good helpmate greeted him at the door. That morning the family feasted on venison for its breakfast.

Christian Young became a valuable citizen in his community, which he served in the school board for many years, and afterward he served as county commissioner. He and his wife, Lydia, a daughter of Peter Steckel, lie buried in the old Emmanuel church graveyard, near Petersville. She was born Nov. 22, 1800, died Feb. 15, 1886, aged eighty-six years, two months and twenty-three days. They had four children, namely: (1) Maria, married to John P. Deemer, a farmer of Moore township. (2) Charles, married to Christiana Heckman. He was a farmer in Moore township. (3) Elizabeth, was the wife of Dr. C. O. Yoch, a very able physician, who lived in the upper end of the county. (4) William H.

William H. Young, son of Christian, and father of A. C. Young, was born Nov. 30, 1831, died at Allentown, on March 8, 1902. He was married to Sabina Siegel, a daughter of Simon and Eva (Freeman) Siegel. She was born in 1831, and died in 1906. They are buried in the Moorestown cemetery. They were pious people. Mr. Young was a member of the Lutheran and his wife of the Reformed Church. In the winter of 1855-56, they bought a farm situated in Moore township, from Christian Young; this they occupied in the spring of 1856, and with the exception of one year they lived upon it until in April, 1903, when they moved to No. 440 North Ninth street, Allentown, where Mr. Young died within that year. His wife followed him four years later. They reared the following children, namely: Asry C.; Henrietta, married to Peter Fehnel; Andrew J.; Sarah, married to Jacob, a brother of Peter Fehnel; Alvin; Ellen J., and Asher W., who is an assistant to the manager in the John Wanamaker store in New York.

A. C. YOUNG, the efficient secretary and treasurer of the Bethlehem Trust Company, is a native of Moore township, Northampton county, and was born July 4, 1856. He attended the public school of his native place also the Keystone State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1876 with honor, being the youngest male member in the class. He was then a teacher in the latter named school for six months, and taught one term in the Moore township schools. He was teacher of the Siegfried school for three years. He then embarked in the mercan-

tile business at Cross Roads, with J. H. Scholl, his brother-in-law; there he continued for two and one-half years. From 1883 to 1890, he conducted a general store, at Pen Argyl. During that time he opened and developed the Excelsior slate quarry of Northampton county, and was secretary and treasurer for about five years. In 1890 he disposed of his interests in the Excelsior Slate Quarry to William Masters, after a successful career in that industry. In 1890 also sold his general store to his brother, Andrew J. Young, which was the leading store in the town. He then organized the First National Bank, at Pen Argyl, Pa., of which he was cashier until 1904. The bank had a capitalization of \$50,000, which was increased in 1900 to \$100,000. At the time Mr. Young resigned as cashier the stock sold at seventy dollars above its par value. He has been a member of the board of directors since its organization to the present time, one-fourth century. This bank is one of the strongest financial institutions in the slate region. In 1904 he was induced by a group of Philadelphia capitalists, to organize what is now the Franklin Trust Company, of that city. He was its treasurer for two years. During the later period he formulated plans for organizing the Bethlehem Trust Company, which was accomplished in 1906, of which institution he is the secretary and treasurer as well as its moving spirit. This banking house is now about seven years old, but its stock is selling at sixty dollars above par.

He assisted in the organization of the following named companies, viz: the Penn Argyl Water Company, of which he is trustee for the first bond issue; the Pen Argyl Electric Light and Power Company, being its first treasurer; the Pen Argyl shirt factory, of which he was its first treasurer; the Klecknersville Dairy-men's Association, of which he was its first president and which has proven to be a great success and uplift to the farmers of that section. He was instrumental in having the Lehigh and New England car shops located at Pen Argyl by raising \$5,000 as a premium to the company; and later, also the shops of the Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie and Boston Railroad Company. He holds membership in the following named organizations: Pen Argyl Lodge, No. 594, F. & A. M., of which he was a charter member and its first secretary; Bangor Chapter, No. 292; Bethlehem Council, No. 3; and Bethlehem Commandery, No. 90, K. T., also the B. P. O. E. They were former members of the St. John's Lutheran church, at Pen Argyl. He and his family now hold membership in the Trinity Lutheran church, West Side, Bethlehem.

He was a councilman of Pen Argyl for two

terms, was secretary and treasurer of Pen Argyl borough and a member of the school board.

Mr. Young was instrumental in the removal of the Bethlehem Trust Company, from the West Side, Lehigh county, to the northwest corner of Broad and Main streets, Northampton county. There the board of directors had erected one of the finest banking rooms in eastern Pennsylvania. The cost of the entire bank building amounted to \$128,000, and was erected according to the plans of Mr. A. C. Young, its secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Young is fathering a movement at the present time for the erection of a \$25,000 Memorial Home for the Aged and Infirm, at Hecktown, Pa.

A. C. Young was married, in 1880, to Miss Ellen C. Scholl, daughter of the late James and Catharine (Lawfer) Scholl. They have the following children: (1) Amy May, a graduate of the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and also of the University of Berlin, Germany. She earned and holds the title of Doctor of Music. In 1913 she was elected to the position of Director of music in the Broadus College, at Philipi, W. Va. (2) Carrie A., a graduate of the Pen Argyl high school, and Pierce Business College, at Philadelphia. She held an important position with the Bethlehem Steel Company for six years, when she was married to Lewis C. Haas, an assistant to one of the department heads of the Bethlehem Steel Company. (3) Robert J., a graduate of the Philadelphia grammar school, the Bethlehem Preparatory School, and completed a course in chemical engineering at the Lehigh University. He was employed for a time with the Taylor Steel & Iron Company, at High Bridge, N. J., as a chemist and metallurgist. He was superintendent of the Latrobe Steel Company, at Latrobe, Pa., until in 1914. He is married to Emily I. Wescoe.

Mr. Haas and Robert J. Young are also members of the Masonic Fraternity.

A. C. Young during his years of experience as a banker has the distinction of having educated and trained the following four gentlemen, who are now cashiers of different institutions: A. E. Frantz, for nine years a bookkeeper in the First National Bank, at Pen Argyl, is now the cashier of Second National Bank, at Nazareth; W. H. Oyler, bookkeeper and teller at the First National Bank, at Pen Argyl, is now the cashier of the Pen Argyl National Bank, at Pen Argyl; Thomas Hewitt, bookkeeper and teller in the bank at Pen Argyl, succeeded Mr. Young as cashier in that institution; C. A. Harris, who succeeded Mr. Young as treasurer of the Franklin Trust Company, of Philadelphia; as well as

J. W. Frable, who is now the treasurer of the Fairmount Trust Company, of Philadelphia.

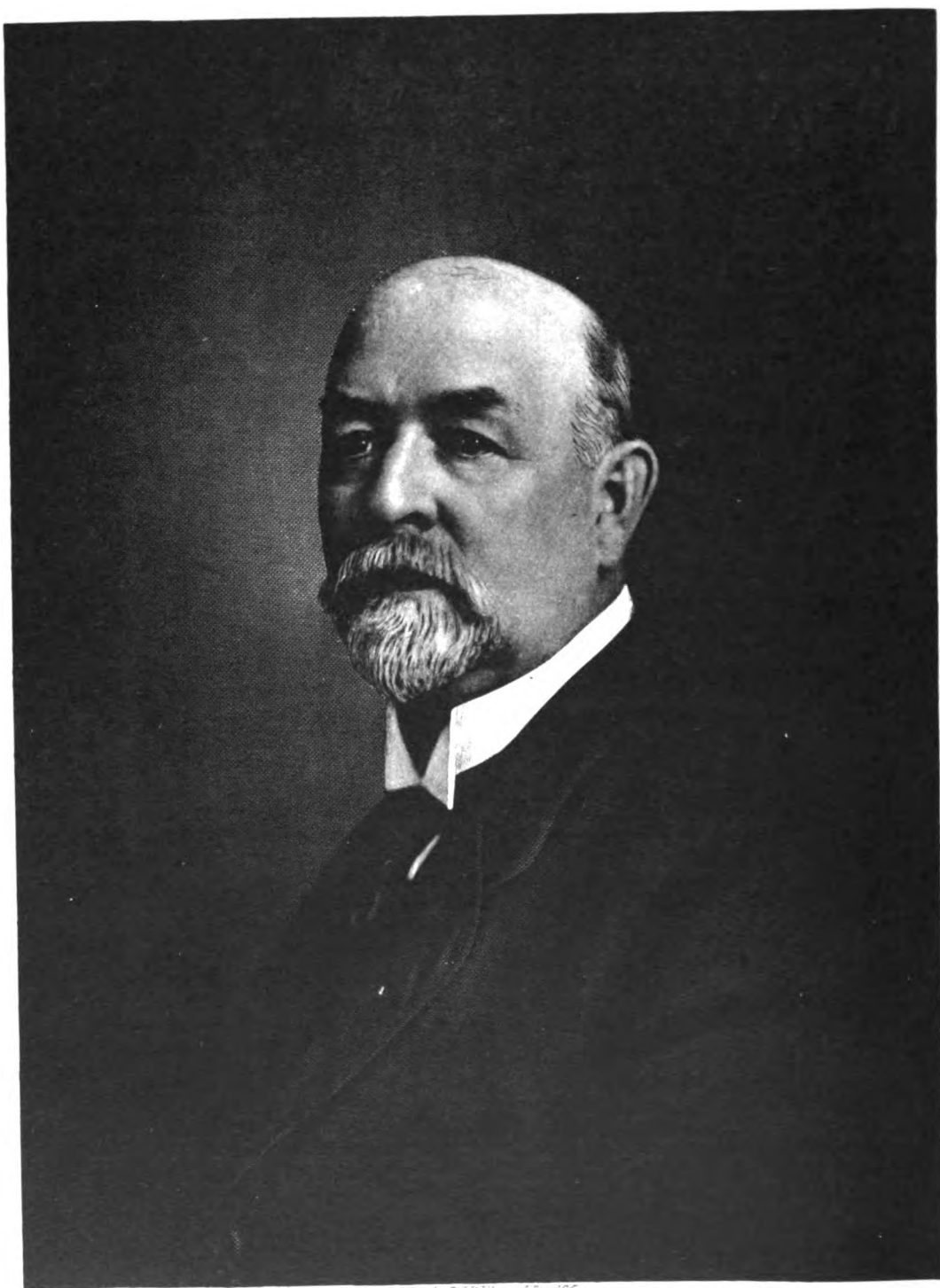
#### YOUNGER FAMILY.

Henry C. Younger, of the firm of Koch and Younger, dealers in hay, grain, feed, etc., is a grandson of Casper Younger, a native of Bavaria, was born in 1790 and migrated with his parents, settling in Lehigh county. He served as an officer in the war of 1812. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed his vocation very successfully both in Philadelphia and in the Lehigh Valley. He married Catherine Fink, of Upper Saucon, and had children: Elizabeth, Elias Edward, Louisa (Mrs. Samuel Eberts), and William. He died in 1869 in his 79th year. William was born November 25, 1825, in Upper Saucon, but as an infant removed with his parents to Philadelphia. Here he received the rudiments of an English education and learned the art of a silversmith. At the age of 18 he returned to Upper Saucon and with his uncle, John Berger, engaged in milling enterprises. At the breaking out of the Mexican War he enlisted in Company B, Third United States Dragoons, under Capt. Butler. This company was principally engaged in guarding supply trains and occasionally in skirmishing. Their camps being successively at Palo Alto, Matamoras, and Mier, at the head of the Rio Grande. At the expiration of eighteen months the company was discharged in July, 1848, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. For a brief period, Mr. Younger engaged in the pursuit of his trade, but in 1850 the roving spirit again seized him and he went to California, returning in 1852. The following year he made a second trip to California. In 1855 he came to Catasauqua and entered into partnership with Milton Berger in operating Biery's mill. His partner having died in 1871, Mr. Younger purchased his interests and continued operating the mill. He introduced the modern methods and machinery and enjoyed a large and profitable trade. In 1857 he was married to Isabella Kurtz, a daughter of Henry Kurtz, of Hanover township. Their children are: Amanda L., Emma J. (deceased), William (deceased), Grand R. (deceased), Henry C., Ada I., Esther A., and Ralph. He was a member of the Lutheran church. In 1892 he retired from the milling business, and was succeeded by Uriah Kurtz. His wife died June 6, 1897, after an illness of three days; both lie buried at Schoenersville.

HENRY C. YOUNGER was born at Catasauqua, July 24, 1869. As a boy he attended the public schools and graduated from the Catasauqua high school. He learned the milling trade in his







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Chas Ziegenfuss

father's mill and followed it for ten years. In 1896 Mr. Younger became a member of the present firm of Koch and Younger, the only feed dealers in Catasauqua. In politics Mr. Younger is a Democrat and is an active worker. He was a member of the standing County Committee from 1897 to 1903. He is well read on public questions. In 1890 he became a member of the Phoenix Fire Company and has held every minor office and served as assistant chief and the office of chief itself. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM YELLIS.

William Yellis, engineer at Allentown Water Works for twenty-five years, was born April 9, 1845, in North Whitehall (now Whitehall) township. He received his education in the township school and assisted his father in a grist and saw-mill until he became of age, then he married, and, after assisting his father-in-law in zinc mines near Friedensville for a time, ran saw-mills at Centre Valley and Friedensville for several years. He next rented his father's grist-mill and ax handle factory near by and operated them five years. In 1884, he moved to Allentown, and was employed in a grist-mill and furniture factory until 1889, when he secured a position at the water works of the city and continued there for twenty-five years until his decease, first as a fireman for a short time, and then as assistant engineer, to which he was promoted for efficiency. He was a member of the Hancock Conclave of Heptasophs, No. 120, of Allentown, and of the St. Michael's Lutheran church; and in politics he was a Democrat.

In 1867, Mr. Yellis was married to Mary C. Cole, daughter of John and Harriet (Rudman) Cole, of Lower Saucon township. He died Jan. 3, 1914, and she on June 8, 1905. Both were buried in the Greenwood cemetery. They had five children: Laura Agnes, who died in infancy; William Irwin, m. Agnes Reichard; Maggie May, m. Robert E. Thomas; Frederick Allen; and Alma Harriet.

Abraham Yellis, his father, was a successful miller at the mouth of Spring creek on the west bank of the Lehigh river, between Laury's and Cementon, for many years, until he sold the property to the Clear Springs Water Company; then lived in retirement five years, and died at the age of 65 years. He was married to Elizabeth Trumbauer and they had three children: Kittie Ann, m. John E. Rockel; John, who died in 1913; and William. They were members of the Lutheran church at Egypt. Upon the decease of his wife, he married Susanna (Huston) Lerch, the widow of Michael Lerch.

ZIEGENFUS FAMILY.

The earliest record of the Ziengenfus family in America appears in Rupp's "Names of Thirty Thousand Immigrants," Page 128. A similar though more complete record may also be found in the *Penna. Arch.*, Series 2, Vol. 17. From these records we learn that on the 28th day of October, 1738, the ship "Thistle," under Captain George Houston, arrived at Philadelphia, among whose passengers were the following: Hans Jacob Ziegenfus, age 44, and his wife Anna Eliza, age 38, and the following children: Andrew, age 15; Kattarina, age 12; Hans Christopher, age 10; Hans Jacob, age 6; Anna Maria, age 5; Paul, age 4; and Henry, age 3.

Andrew, the eldest son, settled in Springfield township, Bucks county, Pa., and according to the records of the Pennsylvania Land Office (*Penna. Arch.*, Series 3, Vol. 24), he, on Oct. 28, 1746, took out a warrant for 100 acres of land in Bucks county. The tract owned by him in Springfield lay along the Durham township line and joined the land of Henry Houpt. Both Ziegenfus and Houpt owned grist-mills on the Durham creek, where Houpt's Mill is still located.

Andrew Ziegenfus was naturalized Sept. 23, 1767. The Springfield tax list of 1779 contains his name, as well as those of his two sons, Andrew, Jr., and George.

Jacob, son of George Ziegenfus, was born March 29, 1788, and baptized at the old William's church, May 6th, of the same year. Before his marriage he migrated to Barry township, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and there settled on a farm. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah (Heater) Merkle, widow of Gideon Merkle, and had the following children: Jacob, Solomon, and Charles.

Charles, son of Jacob and Sarah (Heater) (Merkle) Ziegenfus, was born Nov. 19, 1820. With his brother, Solomon, he fell heir to the farm left by his father, Jacob Ziegenfus. He married Susan Bixler, of Mahantongo, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. This union was blessed with the following children: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Elias Slobig; Lucy, the wife of Ephraim Yarnell; Lydia, the wife of Jacob Umlauf, Elias; and Charles. His death occurred Jan. 19, 1859.

Charles, son of Charles Ziegenfus, was born Dec. 18, 1849, and at the age of ten was left an orphan. He made his home with his brother-in-law, Elias Slobig, where he remained until he was old enough to learn a trade. In 1860, he, with the Slobig family, removed to Locustdale, a small mining town about one mile west of Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where

he was occupied in various capacities about the coal mines and coal breakers. He worked nine months each year, attending public school the remaining three months, until he had reached the age of fourteen, when he worked all the year, going to night school during the winter months. In 1867 he was bound to Willoughby Missimer, Saegersville, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, for two years and six months, to learn the trade of carriage-making. For his services he received his board, washing and mending, and, at the end of the specified term, one hundred and fifty dollars. After serving eighteen months of his time, Mr. Missimer moved to Alburtis, where he had acquired an interest in the business of Thomas J. Reinhard, taking his apprentice along with him to serve the balance of his term. After the expiration of his apprenticeship, Mr. Ziegenfus worked at his trade in Rahway, N. J., Albany, N. Y., Lehigh, and Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. In 1871, at Schuylkill Haven, he and his brother formed a partnership for the manufacturing and retailing of furniture. In 1879, this partnership was dissolved, and in the same year, Mr. Ziegenfus accepted a position with the A. H. Heilman Company, furniture manufacturers, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to represent them in the states of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. In 1880, he removed to Allentown, and bought an interest in the business of the B. F. Schlegel Company, manufacturers of parlor suite frames. In 1884, their factory was destroyed by fire and the firm liquidated. In the spring of 1885 he became associated with C. A. Dorney & Company, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of furniture, as their representative in New England, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. In the fall of the same year he purchased the interest of E. H. Stine in the above-named company and of which he has been a member ever since.

In 1893 this company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars, and the name changed to The C. A. Dorney Furniture Company.

The first board of directors consisted of: C. A. Dorney, president; B. M. Krause, secretary; Chas. Ziegenfus, treasurer. In 1898, Chas. Ziegenfus & Sons purchased all the stock of the company and became the sole owners. The officers and directors were then elected as follows: Chas. Ziegenfus, president; J. Walter Ziegenfus, vice-president; Chas. E. Ziegenfus, secretary and treasurer. Directors: Mrs. Chas. Ziegenfus and Harry E. Ziegenfus. In 1908, Chas. Ziegenfus and Sons purchased the property at No. 612 Hamilton street, and erected a six-story, fire-

proof building, to which during May, 1910, the company removed their retail store from Nos. 333 and 335 Hamilton street, where they had been located for many years. This new store is the largest exclusive furniture house in the state.

In 1894, Mr. Ziegenfus purchased ground at Sixteenth and Hamilton streets, on which he erected one of the handsomest residences in the city, and in which the family has since lived.

Mr. Ziegenfus was married to Anna M. C. Romig, daughter of August and Lydia (Bear) Romig, of Lower Macungie township, on the 16th of October, 1870, the union having been blessed with the following children: Charles E.; William A., died in 1893; Mame E., wife of George T. Spang, Lebanon, Pa.; J. Walter; Harry E.; Helen M.; and Marguerite, who died in infancy.

In 1907, when the Allentown Trust Company was organized, Mr. Ziegenfus was elected a director of the company and is at present serving on the board of directors.

He is also a director of the Hainesport Mining and Transportation Company, Hainesport, New Jersey. This company is engaged in digging Jersey gravel, bar sand and pebbles, and in addition operates a stone-crushing plant on the Berks street wharf in Philadelphia, Pa.

John Henry Ziegenfus was born in Durham, Bucks county, in 1809, and, after living in New Jersey for some time, removed to Friedensville in 1829, and died there in 1899. He was a shoemaker by trade, and had charge of a farm for the Lehigh Zinc Company. He married Sarah Marsteller, and had children: William, a member of Company K, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, died during the Civil War; Matilda, died unmarried; Amos; Charles H., of further mention; Evaline, married Joseph Stern; Nathan, a physician and surgeon of Bethlehem, born Dec. 20, 1849; Rebecca, married Thomas Readington, of Ambler.

CHARLES H., son of John Henry and Sarah (Marsteller) Ziegenfuss, a great-great-grandson of Andrew, was born at Friedensville, Pa., Jan. 19, 1840. Until the age of seventeen years he worked on the farm, then one year in the iron-ore mines, and four years in the zinc mines. For a number of years he was superintendent of all the iron ore mines owned and operated by the Bethlehem Iron Company, being in the employ of this company forty years. In 1883 he went to Cuba, where he was general superintendent and manager of the Bethlehem Iron Company and the Penn Steel Company, both known under the name of Inraqua Iron Company. He was also vice-president and general manager of the Ponn-

po Mining Company, Santiago de Cuba; president of the Sabanilla and Moroto Railroad Company, and consulting engineer of the Cuban Steel Ore Company. He was considered an expert in the iron ore business, and had charge of as many as six thousand men. He was in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and Queen Isabella, of Spain, presented to him a military badge made of cut silver with the emblem of Spain on it, the royal standard, and the Maltese cross. He also received a number of personal letters from the Queen, and had a personal acquaintance with all the leading Spanish and American generals. On a visit to his home in the North, he was called to Washington into consultation with the officials of our government, and gave information which was of material assistance to us in the conduct of the war. Mr. Ziegenfuss entertained General Wood for two weeks at his residence, and met Theodore Roosevelt personally at Santiago. General Wood's staff occupied his residence in Cuba six months, and presented him a silver loving cup on which the names of the staff are inscribed. In a book on "Cuba, Its Resources and Opportunities," Mr. Ziegenfuss is mentioned as the most prominent American business man on the island. He represented various large American enterprises which had an aggregate value of more than eight million dollars. The book, "Soldiers of Fortune," by Richard Harding Davis, was written in Mr. Ziegenfuss' cottage, known as "La Cruz Cottage." In 1900, Mr. Ziegenfuss returned to Bethlehem, where he has since resided at No. 148 First avenue, West Side. He was a member of Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, and held the rank of corporal. He is an ardent Republican, and has been in office as a school director in West Bethlehem for eight years. His religious affiliation is with Holy Trinity church, of which he has been a trustee many years. He is a member of Bethlehem Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Zinzendorf Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Allen Commandery, Knights Templar; Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.; Coopersburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Ziegenfuss married (first), in 1861, Eliza, born in 1842, died in Cuba in 1899, a daughter of Solomon and Eliza (Rice) Bender, of Hellertown. They had children: Mary Jane, married Alfred Boas, now deceased; Charles H., Jr., of West Bethlehem, head of the C. H. Ziegenfuss & Company, operators of stone crushers and quarries; Emma, died young; William H., died young; Amanda E., deceased, married Penrose Mertz; Thomas, died young; Samuel J., of West

Bethlehem, foreman at the Guerber Iron Works. Mr. Ziegenfuss married (second), in 1901, Annie, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Hutton) Bell, the former born in Scotland, the latter of Nazzan, New Providence, Bahamas. Mrs. Ziegenfuss was born in Nazzan, and, in 1878, came to Rhode Island. Like her parents and great-grandparents, she has taken a great interest in the art of music, being engaged in teaching this art for a number of years, and had a large number of pupils.

#### DR. SAMUEL T. ZEHNER.

Benjamin Zehner was a farmer and lived in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. He and his family were Lutherans and he was buried in the cemetery at Zion's Stone church. He was married to Miss Horn and they had the following children: Solomon, Levi, Timothy, Charles, Thomas, Polly (married to Lewis Mantz), Hannah (married to Isaac Mantz), Cadilla (married to Joel Kleckner), Masitta (married to Jonas Frantz), and Amanda (married to David Z. Gerber).

Charles Zehner, the fourth son of Benjamin, was a farmer of West Penn township, in Schuylkill county, born in August, 1842, and died in July, 1905, having been buried in the cemetery at Zion's church where he had served in the consistory and had taken an active interest in the church welfare. He also served as the township supervisor and tax collector. He was an extensive farmer, having owned and operated three farms.

His wife was Caroline Gerber, daughter of David Gerber, and they had nine children: Ellen, Ellsworth, Benjamin, Franklin, Dr. William H., Thomas M., John A., Dr. Samuel T., and James (who died when two years old).

Dr. Samuel T. Zehner son of Charles Zehner, is a native of West Penn township in Schuylkill county, born June 6, 1876. After receiving his preliminary education in the local schools and the Ohio Normal University (now Ohio Northern University), he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, in 1898, and attended the lectures during a period of four years, graduating and receiving his diploma in 1902. He then engaged in preliminary practice for a year in the office of Dr. W. L. Longfellow, and of his brother, Dr. William H. Zehner, and with this preparation he embarked in the general practice of medicine at Lynnport in March, 1903, where he has since been actively engaged, and pays professional visits to families within a radius of fifteen miles. He has become affiliated with the Independent Order of Americans at Kempton; the Junior Order United American

Mechanics at New Tripoli, and the P. O. S. of A., at Steinsville. Dr. Zehner was one of the organizers and is a director of the National Bank of New Tripoli.

Dr. Zehner was married in 1901 to Cora Ada Zimmerman, daughter of Alfred and Catharine (George) Zimmerman, and they have five children: Loraine A.; Vera M.; George S.; Harold H.; and Woodrow.

He and family are Lutheran members of the Ebenezer church, at New Tripoli.

#### ZOLLNER (ZELLNER) FAMILY.

The Zöllners, or Zellners, were in Pennsylvania by the middle of the eighteenth century; Conrad, Christian and John, who were relatives if not brothers; having settled in Milford township, Bucks county, which is now embraced in Lehigh.

Conrad Zöllner came in the ship Phoenix and was naturalized Aug. 28, 1750. He was a Lutheran and became a member of St. Peter's church. In 1756, he was a soldier in the provincial service which was called out to defend the frontiers from the incursions and cruelties of the Indians. He married Margaretha Camerer, or Kemmerer, and they had a son named John, born Sept. 12, 1747, and died in Lehigh county, Jan. 20, 1824, who was a soldier in the Revolution, married Maria Elizabeth Woll, and had four sons and four daughters, of whom two sons, John and Peter, and two daughters lived to maturity.

Christian Zöllner was married to Susanna Stahl and lived in Milford in 1761. One of his sons was a lieutenant in a Northampton regiment in 1794 (probably in the Whiskey Insurrection), and some of his descendants are still living in the vicinity of Dillingersville, Lehigh county.

John Zöllner, the third of the three brothers, was born Dec. 3, 1743, and died May 26, 1834. He was married to Susanna, a daughter of George and Magdaline Mogel Getman, and they had ten children. Among them were Aaron, a Mennonite minister of Michigan; Hannah, who married Benjamin F. Brown, of Philadelphia; Sophia, who married the late Charles Hamilton, of Doylestown, on April 2, 1845; and Peter, a soldier of the English War of 1812-15, whose wife was Elizabeth, and they had seven children.

Daniel Zellner was born about the year 1760 and lived in what is now Washington township, Lehigh county. He conducted a saw-mill and made flour barrels, besides farming a small tract of land. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Unionville church, where he was

buried. He had a number of children, among them being Daniel and John.

Daniel Zellner, the son named, was born in Washington township, on Oct. 15, 1794, and died Dec. 19, 1864. He was also a cooper, operated a saw-mill, and died on the old Zellner homestead, where he had lived all his life. He was a member of the same Unionville church, where he also was buried. He was married to Elizabeth Strohl, born Feb. 16, 1792, and died May 30, 1871, and they had six children, all of whom were born on the homestead; Reuben, born in 1825, died in 1857; Daniel, born May 15, 1828, and died Jan. 1, 1890, having married (first) Lucy Remaly, and (second) Maria Ann Kern, who was born July 27, 1829, and died Feb. 20, 1905; William, born June 15, 1831, died June 23, 1864, having married Maria T. Kern; Stephen, married Matilda Deibert; Eliza, married James Kuntz; and Charles.

Charles Zellner, son of Daniel and Elizabeth, was born on the old homestead in Washington township on Aug. 18, 1817. He was also a cooper and operated a small farm. During the summer he worked on the Lehigh canal and in the slate quarries. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran congregation at Friedensville and served many years as deacon and elder and was one of the building committee when the church was remodeled. He was married to Susan Remaly, a daughter of William Remaly. He died Aug. 9, 1891; she was born March 19, 1822, and died Feb. 6, 1897; and they had the following children: Thomas; Joseph, born in 1851; Dennis; Wilson; Willoughby, born in 1854; Benjamin, born in 1858; Maria, born in 1864, married to Joseph Henritzy; and Susanna, born in 1852, married to Thomas Jones.

THOMAS ZELLNER, son of Charles and Susan, one of the leading business men at Slatington, was born Feb. 8, 1844, in Washington township, on the old grandfather's homestead. As a boy he assisted his father in the saw-mill and cooper-shop, but when the Civil War arose and the government called for troops, his patriotic spirit was aroused, and he responded by enlisting on Aug. 8, 1862, for nine months, in Co. G, of the 128th Regiment, Penna. Vols., and after the expiration of his term he re-enlisted for three months in Co. J, of the 38th Regiment, Penna. Vols. He participated in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville. During his last enlistment he served as a first sergeant.

After his honorable discharge from the military service, he returned to Slatington and engaged in the business of opening or stripping off slate quarries for a short time; then he embarked in the timber business, which he has now carried on

successfully for a period of fifty years, employing at times fifteen men; and while doing this he was also engaged in the slate business employing as many as sixty men.

For forty years Mr. Zellner has been prominently identified and largely interested in the industrial and financial affairs of Slatington and that vicinity. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank at Slatington and has served as a director since its organization; he is president of the Slatington Knitting Mill, which employs fifty persons; he is one of the partners in the Rice Department store; he was one of the organizers of the Shenton Land Company, which owns 73 acres of valuable slate land at Slatedale, where seven active quarries are in operation, employing altogether about 400 persons; he is a director of the Eagle Metallic Copper Company, in Adams county; and he has large investments in real estate at Slatington and Slatedale, including land in the state of Idaho. He was one of the moving spirits in reorganizing the Slatington Rolling Mill in 1911, which affords employment to 160 men, by assisting very materially in the raising of \$30,000 in two days.

In 1892, Mr. Zellner started the Slatington-Bangor Syndicate for the handling of slate materials and since then this company has become the largest dealer in this special business. In the last five years its total transactions amounted to upwards of \$300,000. In 1911, he became one of the organizers of the Big-Four Slate Company, at Slatedale. He is one of the most extensive manufacturers of slate blackboards in the United States, and his product is shipped to all parts of the United States and Canada, even to the Phillippine Islands.

In 1870, Mr. Zellner was married and six children resulted from that union, as follows: William; Robert; James; Alverta, who died in infancy; and Emma, married to Benjamin Roth, of Allentown. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, of which he was an elder for a number of years and is now serving as one of its trustees, and when the church was remodeled, he acted as chairman of the building committee.

Dennis A. Zellner, third son of Charles and Susan, was born on the old homestead, Jan. 9, 1848. For many years he filled the position of foreman in slate quarries, but for some years he has been engaged in the lumber business, having been for three years in partnership with his brother, Thomas. He was married and had three children: Agnes, born July 26, 1869, and died Aug. 29, 1896; Charles T.; and Francis, born in 1879 and died in 1885. He is a member of the

Lutheran congregation at Frieden's church, but his wife is a member of the Reformed church at Slatington.

CHARLES T. ZELLNER, son of Dennis, a merchant at Slatington, was born July 17, 1870. He learned the tinsmith trade when he was only fourteen years old and he followed it at Bethlehem, East Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Mahanoy City, and Lansford, having remained at the last place seventeen years and employed there seven men. In 1907 he located at Slatington and opened a place at No. 819 Main street with four men and there he has continued till now. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 252, of Lansford; Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 68, of Slatington; and F. O. E., No. 525, of Lansford. In 1889, he was married to Ellen F. Fenstermacher, daughter of Charles and Maria (Hausman) Fenstermacher, and they have two children: Oscar D., and Raymond. They are members of the Reformed Church.

WILSON ZELLNER, son of Charles and Susan (Remaly) Zellner, the master-mechanic of the Carbon Slate Company, was born April 28, 1856, at Slatington, and there he has always resided. When fifteen years old he began running a stationary engine and doing repair work, and since then he has been working at and around machinery. For ten years he was employed by A. P. Steckel, and for fourteen years by A. P. Berlin; and in January, 1902, he became the master mechanic of the Carbon Slate Company, and since then has filled that position. In 1875, he was married to Ellen Bowman, a daughter of Peter and Susan (Rehrig) Bowman, and they have eleven children: Mary; Lizzie, married Milton Schleicher; Claude B.; Clement; Francis; Stella; Raymond; Laird; Frederick; Minnie; and Mabel. They are members of the Lutheran congregation at the Frieden's church.

CLAUDE B. ZELLNER, son of Wilson, and proprietor of the Zellner Machine Company, was born at Slatington, May 30, 1883. He was educated in the borough schools and then took a special course of mechanical engineering in the American School of Correspondence, at Chicago. With this preparation he first assisted his father in the employ of the Carbon Slate Company for five years, and in June, 1909, embarked in business for himself, having located in December following in his present quarters and there he has been until now, with five men to assist him. He builds the "Zellner Slate Dressing Machine," and makes a specialty of all kinds of machinery used in slate industries. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Friendship, and the International Automobile League, of Buffalo. On Dec. 13, 1910, he was married to Meda M. Herman,



daughter of Robert and Kate (Beers) Herman, of Danielsville.

Tilghman Zellner, a carpenter and contractor, was born in North Whitehall, Lehigh county, in 1832, and after attending the public schools, learned his trade under his father, Michael Zellner, an expert cabinetmaker and prominent funeral undertaker of the township, and he followed building operations in that section of the county until his decease, Jan. 28, 1904. He was married, in 1856, to Sarah E. Newhard, a daughter of George Newhard, of Northampton county, and they had eleven children: Minerva, wife of James Ritter, of Philadelphia; Rebecca, wife of John Apfel, of Allentown; George A.; Elvin T.; Sarah; Leroy G.; Rosa, wife of Frank George; Herbert and Lydia, who both died in infancy; Edward F., and Mabel, wife of William Rader. They were members of the Reformed church at Egypt. The father was a Republican in politics.

ELVIN T. ZELLNER, contractor and silk manufacturer at Coplay, son of Tilghman Zellner, was born in Allen township, Northampton county, on Oct. 13, 1862. He was educated in the schools of his native place and after being in the employment of his father in various capacities, went to Philadelphia in 1883 to learn the carpenter trade and he followed this occupation there until 1896, when he located at Cementon and engaged in the general contracting and building business in partnership with his brother, George, under the firm name of G. & E. Zellner. The partnership was continued for six years until his brother died, then he moved to Coplay and continued the business by himself until Jan. 1, 1912, when he discontinued it and became a member of the H. J. Feldhege Silk Manufacturing Co., at Egypt, serving since then as president of the company. This industry affords employment to 150 hands.

As a contractor, Mr. Zellner erected a number of large buildings in the cement region, including more especially the following: Central Silk Works, at Siegfrieds; John M. Meyer Silk Mill, and John H. Meyer Dye Works, at Northampton; and the Egypt Silk Mill. He has taken a very prominent part in the political affairs of the Republican party for some years, and in 1908 he delivered one of the principal addresses at the State Club League Convention at Harrisburg, which was published in the journal of the league, and by reason of its forceful deliverance on that occasion he came to be popularly known and called "The Cement Orator." He holds membership in the following organizations: Hamilton Lodge, No. 596, I. O. O. F.; and Waverly

Castle, No. 13, K. G. E., both of Philadelphia; Alliance Fire Company, of Northampton; and the Garfield Republican Club, of Siegfried's; and he is also prominently identified with the boards of trade at Siegfried's, Egypt, and Coplay.

In 1887, he was married to Anna M., a daughter of Jonas S. and Mary A. Ringer. Her father was a son of George Ringer, and her mother was a daughter of Daniel Ringer. They are members of the Trinity Reformed congregation at Coplay, and when its church was remodeled and improved in 1910, Mr. Zellner served as a member of the building committee. Mrs. Zellner died Nov. 21, 1913.

LEROY G. ZELLNER, the third son of Tilghman, was born at Cementon on April 20, 1869, and educated in the township schools. When eighteen years old he started working on a farm and after remaining there for a time he was employed in Coplay Cement Works for four years. He then learned the trade of carpenter under his uncle, E. F. Zellner, and followed it under different employees until 1912, when he embarked in business for himself as a building contractor which he has since carried on in a successful manner. He is a Republican in politics and a member of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F. In 1895 he was married to Sallie D. Kline, a daughter of David and Mary A. (Seip) Kline, of Egypt, and they have two children: Leroy G. Jr., and George David. They are members of the Reformed church at Egypt.

EDWARD F. ZELLNER, cement contractor, a son of Tilghman, was born at West Coplay, on Aug. 7, 1876. He attended the public schools of Whitehall township until he was eighteen years old; then he learned the trade of cooper and followed it nine years with the Atlas Cement Company and eight years with the Lehigh Portland Cement Company. In 1910 he started in business for himself as a contractor of cement work, locating at Stiles, and he has since carried it on in all parts of the county. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the P. O. S. of A. In politics he is a Republican. In 1898 he was married to Victoria M., daughter of Henry B. and Martha A. (Haas) Gaumer, of North Whitehall. They had two children: Clarence, stenographer for the L. V. R. R. Co. at Coplay Station, and a daughter who died in infancy.

John Zöllner, an elder in the church at Schlichterville, was born in November, 1812, and was a farmer in Doylestown township for many years, but moved into the borough in his later years, where he served several years in the borough council. He died at Doylestown on Feb. 11, 1884.

He married Susanna Getman, a daughter of George and Magdalene (Mogel) Getman, of Haycock township, who was a leading man in the Fries Rebellion in 1799. He had three daughters, viz: Susanna, above named; Mary, married to George Trumbauer; and Hannah, married to George Solliday, a farmer and justice of the peace of Montgomeryville, among whose children was Benjamin Solliday, of Doylestown, Pa.

Hiram Zellner, who was born in Allentown, has always lived in the old First ward, which he had served as a constable for many years. He was married to Helena Hollenbach, and they had the following children: Harvey C., William, Isadore, Rose, Emma, Lillian, and Premelia.

Harvey C. Zellner was born in Allentown, June 21, 1862. In the year 1880, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at the Terminal station at Allentown, and continued to serve in that position until his death on April 6, 1910. He had been a member of the Veteran Association of the P. & R. R. R.; the Brotherhood Trainmen of America, No. 346; Allentown Lodge, No. 90, K. of P.; and a life-long member of the M. E. Church.

He married Agnes E. Hains, a daughter of Susan B. (Ackerman) Hains, of Berks county. They had the following children: Dr. Charles; Viola May; and Helen, who died in infancy.

**CHARLES HARVEY ZELLNER, M.D.,** son of Harvey C. and Agnes E. (Hains) Zellner, was born Sept. 15, 1884, in Allentown. He was educated in the public schools; graduated from the Allentown high school in 1900; graduated from the medical department of the Baltimore University in 1904. The following year he took a post-graduate course in the New York School of Clinical Medicine and graduated in 1905. Afterwards he became professionally connected with the Harlem Hospital, the West End Dispensary; and the Ward's School for Criminal Insane, of New York City, which has 4,000 beds. Dr. Zellner also took a special course in Practical and Surgical Anatomy in the Hahnemann Medical College, graduating in 1902; and in 1904 he specialized in Obstetrics and Disease of Children, under the instruction of Prof. Westbrook.

In 1906, he returned to Allentown and engaged in the practice of his profession in the Twelfth ward, near the Good Shepherd Home, which he serves also as head physician. He is also the examiner for the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and holds membership in the Knights of Malta, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Loyal Order of Moose, the Buffaloes, and Jordan Lodge, No. 673, F. & A. M.

On Sept. 21, 1903, he was married to Flora

M. Morris, daughter of Herman and Regina (Soudheim) Morris, and widow of W. David, by whom she had a daughter, Wilhelmina. By her second union she has Viola and Evelyn.

Dr. Zellner has membership in the Electric Medical Association; the Alumni Association of the Baltimore University; and the Phi Theta Chi Fraternity.

Peter Zellner conducted a hotel at Siegfrieds, Pa., for a number of years. He died about 1851, at the age of 73 years and is buried on the old Allentown cemetery. He was married to Judith Smith and they had the following children: Jacob, Charles, Peter, and Hiram.

Jacob Zellner, son of Peter, died in 1848, in his young manhood, while a resident at Allentown. He was married to Maria, daughter of Conrad Beers, of Northampton county. Two of their four children died in infancy. The other two follow:

Alexander Zellner died at Allentown in 1902. He was married to Alice Roth and they had children, viz: Annie, Alexander, and Marion.

Alvin P. Zellner, son of Jacob, was born at Allentown in 1843, and he has always been a resident of his native city, having been a resident of the Seventh ward up to 1887, when he removed to the Second ward, and now resides at No. 412 Hamilton street. Mr. Zellner had been engaged in mercantile pursuits from 1873 until 1902, first on Sixth street, near Hamilton, and later at No. 521 Hamilton street. He has always been a stalwart Republican and in 1885 was elected to common council, which body he served as its president for two years, having previously served as a member of the school board from the same ward. He was one of the first members of the Board of Health, having been appointed for a period of five years by Mayor Allison, and he was re-appointed by Mayor Lehr for another term but declined the appointment. He has been the efficient treasurer of the Allentown School Board continuously since 1897, having succeeded Dr. Morris S. Cawley. He is a past officer of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., and a member of Zion's Reformed church.

He married, on Christmas Day, 1865, Mary C. Blank, a daughter of Solomon and Susanna (Stein) Blank.

#### FRANK ZEPPENFELT.

Frank Zeppenfelt, railroad engineer, was born Aug. 18, 1856, in Lehigh township, Northampton county. He was educated in the public schools and, after working in firebrick works for some time, followed slate roofing until 1882; then he became employed on the railroad as a brakeman and was gradually advanced to fire-

man on an engine and then to engineer, which he has followed until now. He ran the "Black Diamond Express" on the L. V. R. R. from 1896 to 1912, and since then has run the "Buffalo Express" from Easton to Sayre. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the Knights of Malta.

Mr. Zeppenfelt married Rosa A. R. Lentz, daughter of Desire and Miranda (Sherer) Lentz. They had seven children, all of whom died excepting the fifth, named Myrtle, who married Harvey Henry, and they have three children: Uriah, Floella and Dorothy Ruth. They are members of the Reformed church in Allentown, at Fifth and Allen streets.

His father was William Zeppenfelt, born in Alsace-Lorraine in 1835, and accompanied his parents in their emigration to America when two years old. After his education in the schools of Allentown, he assisted his father in mining operations in the Lehigh valley until he died in 1867, when only thirty-two years old.

He had four children: Frederick; Frank; Henry, married Mary Fry, and Mary, married Andrew Herman.

His grandfather was Wilhelm Zeppenfelt, who came to America in 1832, landed at New York, and settled at Allentown, locating at the corner of Seventh and Turner streets. He was engaged in mining iron ore in different parts of the Lehigh valley.

#### WILLIAM J. ZERBY.

William Jackson Zerby, president of the Lieberman Brewing Company, was born at Port Carbon, in Schuylkill county, Oct. 19, 1868, and attended the public schools until he was 15 years of age. He then worked as a coal breaker at Frackville for two years, on the P. & R. R. R. for two years, and then on C. R. R. of N. J., for several years, after which he became a contractor at Mauch Chunk, which he followed until Aug. 4, 1899, when he was injured in a collision on Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the C. R. R. of N. J., and lost his right leg, which was amputated at St. Luke's hospital.

Being thus incapacitated to follow his avocation, he directed his attention to politics, and in 1900 was elected prothonotary of Carbon county on the Republican ticket. At the end of his term of three years, he was elected to office of clerk of the Quarter Sessions, and re-elected, having served until July 1, 1910.

Mr. Zerbey then organized a brewing company, which purchased the Lieberman brewery, the first brewing industry at Allentown, established in 1850 by William Oberly, and he was elected president of it. This position he is still

serving. Mr. Zerbey was married to Emma Wildomer.

His father was an engineer and served in the Civil War, having lost an index finger in the service. He married Mary Purcell, who died in 1913, at the age of 62 years. He is now residing in Carbon county.

His grandfather was Adam E. Zerbey, who served in the Mexican War, and died at the age of 89 years. His wife died at the age of 87 years.

#### JOHN ZOTTER.

John Zotter, grocer at Allentown, was born in Austria, on Jan. 24, 1885, and attended the public schools of that country until he was twelve years of age, when he began to work on his father's farm and continued there until he emigrated to America, arriving at New York, Sept. 23, 1903. He located at Allentown and worked in different industries until October 1901, when he embarked in business for himself, opening a store at No. 119 Chew street, for the sale of groceries, provisions, cigars and candies, which he has carried on successfully until the present time. He married Theresa Gotel, also a native of Austria, and they have two children: Alma and Edna. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

John Zotter, his father, resides in Austria, where he conducts farming operations on a plantation which he has owned for many years. He married Elizabeth Wagner and had eleven children.

#### ZWRIER FAMILY.

The only Zweiers in the state, according to the Federal census of 1790, were living in Ruscombmanor, township, Berks Co., and were: Joseph, who had 3 sons under 16 and 3 daughters; Anna Zwyer, who had one son above 16 and 4 under 16 years of age, and 4 daughters; and Adam Zwyer, who had 2 daughters.

Adam Zweier, a descendant of one of the aforesaid, whose father, however, had died before he could remember anything, was born near Selinsgrove, Dauphin county, June 30, 1822. He was the only child. When 16 years of age he came to Krausdale, Lehigh county, where he remained until about 25, when he went to Old Zionsville. By trade, he was a carpenter, but also engaged in farming. He had been married to Clara Druckenmiller, the issue being: 1—Emma L., b. Mar. 19, 1851, m. to Alonzo Pearson, of Philadelphia; 2—William, b. Jan. 10, 1853, m. to Emma Miller, of Quakertown; 3—Mary Elizabeth, b. Jan. 22, 1855, m. to Horace Royer, of East Greenville; 4—Elmira,

b. Jan. 20, 1857, m. to John O. Conner, of Philadelphia.; 5—Erwin, b. Nov. 22, 1858, d. March 25, 1858; 6—Daniel, b. Jan. 8, 1860, m. to Dora Weidner, of Lansdale; 7—Isaac D.; 8—Allen, b. Apr. 9, 1864, d. Jan. 27, 1874; 8—Rev. Charles D., a Lutheran clergyman, born in Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, April 12, 1866, m. to Louise L. Walter, of Allentown, of Sunbury, Pa.; 9—Clement, b. May 25, 1869, m. to Annie Jarret, of Quakertown. Adam Zweier had been a member of the Reformed church, died at Quakertown, Jan. 16, 1913, and is buried at the Zion Hill Lutheran church.

ISAAC D. ZWEIER, son of Adam, was born in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, Feb. 25, 1862. Attending the public schools to 17 years of age, he then taught for one year. Remaining at home for nearly a year, he then entered Perkiomen Seminary for one and one-half years. In the Fall of 1889, he entered the Freshman class of Muhlenberg College, continuing his studies in said institution for one and a half years. Subsequently he taught for 3 years. Thereafter he went to Philadelphia as time-keeper for a contracting firm, where he was employed for three years. He then came to Quakertown, clerking for L. Harley and Company for 10 years. In November, 1902, he entered the Advertising Department of H. Leh & Co., and the spring of 1913, the employ of Hess' Brothers. In politics he is Republican, fraternally, a member of O. U. A. M. He is a member of the Lutheran church, serving as Sunday school superintendent for 10 years, and for many years assisted Rev. Gardner as lay-preacher. December 31, 1893, he married Ida T., daughter of George B., and Leanna (Blank) Steinhauer, the issue having been Winifred M., who died at the age of eleven months. He resides at 937 Walnut Street, Allentown.

#### SCHANTZ FAMILY.

Jacob Schantz, ancestor of the Schantz family of Upper and Lower Milford, emigrated from Germany in 1749 and settled in what is now Lower Milford township. He and his wife Margaret, had children: John, Henry, Louisa, Magdalena, Christopher and Jacob. He was a member of the old Lutheran congregation south of Dillingersville. John Schantz, his eldest son, was taxed in 1762, £15, and in 1768 owned 240 acres of land, 100 acres of which was cultivated and a saw mill. He had purchased 125 acres from Valentine Keiser in 1765, for £25. In 1775, he purchased from Ludwig Siffert, 150 acres for £100. John Schantz left the Lutheran

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Church and became a member of the Mennonite faith, and in 1772 was a trustee of the meeting-house near Zionsville. He had five sons: Abraham, Christian, John, Joseph, and Jacob.

Abraham Schantz had a son John and five daughters. He owned a saw mill and later built an oil mill, which he sold to his son John in 1811. His son, Rev. John Schantz, was born Dec. 19, 1774, and died June 8, 1855. He had five sons: Henry, William, Abraham, John, and Rev. Joseph. Henry Schantz purchased the mills and in 1852 erected a grist mill, discontinuing the oil mill. The grist and saw mills were continued by him until his death, after which his son Milton became the owner. Henry B. Schantz is a descendant of Abraham Christian Schantz, son of John (1), had two sons: John and Jacob, and two daughters: Mrs. Stauffer and Mrs. George Miller. His grandsons were: Aaron, Christian, Readon, and Solomon. Joseph Schantz died without children. John Schantz, Jr., left two sons: John and Jacob, who both died single. Jacob Schantz had two sons: Daniel and Jacob, and two daughters. Henry G. Schantz, a descendant, owns a part of the original Jacob Schantz land.

William Schantz married Elizabeth Roeder and had six children: Ambrose; Mrs. Amelia Kline; Amanda, married William Moyer; William, married Jennie Krepp and had one son, Clarence; Menno, married Agnes Romig and had three children; and Maria, married Daniel G. Treichler. Ambrose Schantz married Emma J. Backenstoe and had five children: Theresa, married A. Z. Shelly; Elizabeth; Horace W.; John W.; and Elwood.

HON. HORACE W. SCHANTZ, state senator from Lehigh county, was educated in the township schools, Emaus high school, Perkiomen Seminary, and Princeton College. He then studied law with Hon. James S. Biery, of Allentown, and was admitted to the bar Oct. 6, 1902.

In November, 1904, he was elected district attorney of the county and he has also served as a justice of the peace in the borough of Macungie, and as solicitor of the prison board of the county. In 1914, he was elected state senator of Lehigh county as a Republican, and is chairman of the Committee on Library, and a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Schantz married Mamie, daughter of Jacob K. and Mary K. (Fetherolf) Hartman, and has children: Linn H., and Marguerite H.

#### THE MORAVIANS IN LYNN TOWNSHIP.

*John Baer Stoudt.*

The northwestern end of the county, now Lynn township, and the adjoining section of Berks county was in the Colonial period, known as

Allemangel. All wants, because of the poverty of the early settlers, during the first decade of their existence. Some of the early settlers of this region had been among those Germans who in 1709 have come to New York under the leadership of Rev. Joshua Kocherthal. After a generation of hardships in New York, these German families sought refuge in the land of William Penn. The large number of them settled in the vicinity of Womelsdorf, Berks county, small groups settled in Oley, Maxatawny and between 1736 and 1740 a few of them, of whom Carl Volk was the apparent leader, settled in Lynn, Lehigh county. Some of them had lived for a time in the part of New York, known as Scho-

in Heidelberg, Berks county, included the Reformed pastor, John Peter Miller and the famous Indian interpreter, Conrad Weiser. It is further interesting to note, and this fact has never been set forth in print before, that in these very centers, the Moravian missionaries found the first receptive hearts and from which they gained most of their converts. Count Zinzendorf on his first missionary journey among the Indians after having visited Pateni (Moses Tatamy) and other Indians living near Nazareth, visited John Adam Schaus, a miller on the Cedar creek and then visited Allemangel, from where he followed a road across the hills and through swamps across the Schuylkill river to Tulpenhocken, where at



OLD HOMESTEAD ON SAMUEL J. KISTLER FARM.

Homestead on the Samuel J. Kistler Farm, in Kistler Valley, Where According to Tradition the Moravians Held Services for Some Years. An Addition to the Original Building Was Added About Sixty Years Ago. The New Addition is to the Right in the Above Cut.

harie (Soch-ar-ie) which name they perpetuated by giving it to a series of hills, south of the Blue mountains, which even to this day is known as Jocharrya (Jochar-rie) hills.

These people were intensely religious, having come into touch, in New York, with a movement, known as the Pietism. They were visited by the Conrad Beisel and his mystic followers from Ephrata, who went everywhere preaching their peculiar doctrine. It is to be noted that the Ephrata Brethren found their most eager listeners among these pietistic groups who had come from the colony New York, and from among them they gained most of their converts, which

the house of Conrad Weiser he met some of the chiefs of the five nations. In Lynn, Zinzendorf and his company of twelve, including his daughter Benigna, Andrew Eschenbach, John William Zander, Jacob Lischy, passed the night of July 31, 1742, in Carl Volk's barn and on the morning of August first, before setting out on his journey, preached to the neighboring settlers, who had gathered to see this strange company that had come among them. From this time on, Allemangel was visited at more or less regular intervals. George Schneider had visited the settlement a few days prior (July 25—) and it was no doubt his report to Zinzendorf, that led the

count to go to Heidelberg via Lynn on this his first missionary tour.

Services were held in houses and barns and a school house was erected which was also used as a place of worship. It was dedicated December 14, 1751, by Nathaniel Seidel and was frequently called the Old White Church. At the dedication sixty persons partook of a love feast and sixteen of the Lord's Supper. During the month of January, 1755, a cemetery was opened, which was dedicated by Abraham Reincke, who also at the same time officiated at the first burial on the same. The brethren in Lynn for a time sustained filial relations to the congregation at Emaus. The first united communion was celebrated July 23, 1749, and the last one, October 2, 1751, when this relation ceased "because their new church was now finished."

The school house was used as a place of refuge during the Indian outbreaks. At one time thirty souls gathered in it for mutual protection. In October, 1755, the church was closed and the members fled to Nazareth and Bethlehem for safety. It is said that the entire region was depopulated, that twenty or more families were massacred and that only a few dwellings, all of which had been deserted, were spared by the Indian torches. The church remained closed for a period of almost two years. After peace was restored most of the settlers again returned to their homes. The congregation however failed to prosper. Some of the settlers fearing another Indian outbreak sold their lands and removed to less exposed sections, others as Lutheran and Reformed congregations were organized, returned to the faiths in which they had been confirmed in the fatherland. Finally in 1769, John Holder and George Biebighouse removed to the Moravian lands on the Mahoning creek, where the congregation was disbanded and the few remaining adherents united with the Emaus congregation. Tradition has it that services and a school were conducted by the Moravian brethren in an old Kistler dwelling, now owned by Samuel J. Kistler, and is still standing, and reproduced on page 1460, which was probably after the school house and church had been closed up. [See page 835 in Volume I for further history of the Moravians.]

No complete list of members of this congregation is extant, but from various sources the writer has gathered the names of the following heads of families who at one time stood in communicant fellowship with the Brethren: John G. Biwighaus, Gottlieb Demuth, Henry Haller, George Hammer, John Heill, John Holder, Adam Luckenbach, John Luckenbach, Andreas Volck, Carl Volck, George Volck, Jacob Volck,

John Henry Romig, John Adam Romig, and George Zeisloff.

Bethlehem Diary, July 25, 1742:

George Schneider went to Allemangel.

Extracts from Minutes of the Penna. Synod.

Fredericktown, March, 1745.

"A letter was received from Math. Deck from Allemangel, saying that the people greatly desire visits from the Brethren. We are willing to serve them."

Bethlehem, August, 1745. In Oley, Muhlbach and Allemangel the school houses are almost complete. In Allemangel they desire not only to be visited but also to have a brother and a sister for their children.

Resolution No. 2: Allemangel is to be visited from Bethlehem at least every two weeks and when their school house is ready we intend to serve them with a brother.

November, 1745: "From Allemangel we hear through Leonard Schnell, who has heretofore taken care of them, that they are in confusion and are not yet of one mind, we considered what to do."

January, 1746: "The preaching in Oley, Allemangel and Trappe is done by the country preachers whenever they come into these districts."

October, 1746: "The itinerant minister brought in a request for Allemangel. They need some one for their children and have hoped for 'a year and a day.'"

January, 1747: In Allemangel the school house is now finished so that it can be occupied and they now ask for a brother who can preach to them and teach school.

Resolution No. 41: "As soon as possible after the meeting of the synod, several brethren are to occupy Allemangel, who are to teach and to preach."

May, 1747: A letter from Allemangel was read before the synod in which they thanked heartily Brother and Sister Hertzner, and ask that they be continued there. Math. Deck, who preached there formerly has asked Brother Hertzner to take his place because he is sick.

May, 1747: In Allemangel, Brother and Sister Hertzner still remain serving the people there through visits and the instruction of the children and according to opportunity preaching the gospel.

September, 1747: In Allemangel, Brother Hertzner has preached thus far and instructed several children and as he reports has worked among them with blessing. But he reports that Math. Deck is stepping into the background and is acting as an enemy against us.

June, 1748: In Allemangel, Lancaster and Narwick they would like to have congregations, several details were reported regarding them. A letter in which they thanked for Hertzner was received. The people from Allemangel shall be visited as often as possible by one or more of the Brethren from Bethlehem. Conrad Wirths (Wurtz), a reformed pastor in Allemangel, who was formerly against us is now for us. It is only to his own advantage.

Cammerhof himself undertook such a circuit from October 1, to November 5, 1747, extending it beyond the southern boundaries of Pennsylvania and preaching at twenty-nine different places. In Allemangel (Lynn township) he renewed acquaintances with those who had been visited by Count Zinzendorf. They now enter into closer connections with Bethlehem, which led to the formation of a small Moravian congregation in 1749. (Moravian His-



tory, 1734-1748, Reichel). Mss. Notes—Renicke's registered copy in Historical Society of Penna. Library).

In October, 1747, Cammerhof visited Allemangel. He reports that where Mr. Hertzner is stationed he keeps school and occasionally preaches. Cammerhof preached at Mr. Holders.

January 2, 1755: A grave yard was dedicated in Lynn.

October 31, 1755: Thirty settlers took refuge in the Allemangel school house.

March 12, 1756: Forty-two men, women and children came to Bethlehem from Allemangel as all the region had fled.

February 14, 1756: Two children of John Georg Zeisloff were murdered by the Indians and a third was taken prisoner—and on the 24th of March, following while Zeisloff was fleeing, with the remainder of his family, they were set upon by the savages and he and his wife and four children were killed. They had been advised to flee to the "Gemeinhaus"—but chose to seek a place of safety elsewhere.

Melchior Schmid, then pastor at Allemangel and Rosina his wife set out with more of their flock for Bethlehem, as recommended by the head of the church there. On March 12, 1756, the Indians being again active in depredating the Lynn church was without a resident pastor until June 24, 1758. The Volks and Hallers resided in Bethlehem until the spring of 1758.

From the diary of David Schultze:

#### FROM THE DIARY OF DAVID SCULTZE.

1756—January 4. There was a fight beyond the Blue mountains, above Allemingle, behind John Everts. John Bousinger, Fridrich Erb, Peter Puss and Velte Ruther were killed.

February 5. In Allemingle fifteen persons were murdered by twelve Indians. The name of one was Jacob Geer. Three or four plantations were burned.

March 6. David Bielman's wife and two children were murdered by the Indians at Allemingle.

March 22. William Yeth and his wife were murdered at Allemingle.

March 24. George Zieslof was attacked from two sides and murdered. His wife and two children. 2 blehiert (?) (escaped).

May 28. One man was shot dead in Allemingle. Eckenroth.

June 22. In Allemingle a man, Drumm by name, was killed by the Indians. His wife escaped. One son had been captured, but he escaped again.

Andreas Volck, the head of the Volck family, was born on the Wiese near Worms, in 1678. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was married to Catharine Merckel, she was born in Durnstein, near Worms in 1680. He came with Rev. Joshua Kocherthal to London in 1708 from where by the kindness of Queen Ann they were transported to New York and given lands at what is now Newburg. He, together with several other families, left New York in about 1735 and settled in Allemangel, where he died in 1747. He was the father of the following children:

Barbara, born Easter Week, 1703, in Durnstein, and was married to John Holder; George, born September, 1705; Carl, born November 18, 1709;

Maria, born 1711, married — Meyer; Elizabeth, married Craemer; Catharine, married Dries; Jacob, born 1717;

Andreas, born May 12, 1721. At the time of his death, Andreas Volck was survived

by sixty-four grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

On June 15, 1769, a Mrs. Gender, who, with her husband, "had come from Virginia to visit relatives near Lynn," formerly Allemangel, in Lynn township, had taken lodging at the Crown (inn), where a child was born, June 11 and baptized, receiving the name Elizabeth, the mother's name. The child died the next day and the mother on the 15th, and both were buried in that graveyard.

(Note page 398 History of Bethlehem. 1903 by J. M. Levering.)

Upon the completion of Fort Allen, now Weissport, by Benjamin Franklin, Captain Carl Folk, of Allemangel, was placed in command. While some of the soldiers were scouring for Indians they found a corpse in a dense thicket near the Sand Spring, not scalped, but with a bullet around in the side, lying on his back with his hands folded. The body was identified as that of Presser, one of the victims of the Gnadenhutzen massacre. Captain Folk had the militia bury the body and sang as a committal the verse: Sein Augen, Sein Mund, Den Leib fur uns verwundt, etc. (from the Moravian Easter Morning Litany).

The following names conclude the list of PROFESSIONAL MEN from page 840, Volume I. of Lynn township:

Milton Hartman, Fleetwood.  
O. K. Hoppes, Tamaqua (D. S.)  
M. J. Holben, Slatington.  
Edwin Howerter, Reading (D. S.)  
Emil L. Howerter, Wanamaker.  
Wm. Howerter, Saylorsburg.  
W. P. Kistler\*, Allentown.  
Jesse G. Kistler, Allentown.  
Nelson F. Kistler, Allentown.  
W. K. Kistler, Lehighton.  
Allen Kistler, Philadelphia.  
John Kistler, Shenandoah.  
Wm. Kistler, Minersville.  
Hiram Kistler, Minersville.  
Douglass Kistler, Wilkes-Barre.  
Milton Kistler, Sunbury.  
Harry A. Klingaman, Vera Cruz.  
George Krause, Seattle, Wash.  
J. A. Kressly, New Tripoli.  
George F. Seiberling, Allentown.  
E. E. Wiesner, Wehrs.

\*Deceased

#### Physicians.

Franklin H. Probst, Reading.  
Chas. A. Bachman, Emaus (D. S.)  
C. A. Bleiler\*, Frackville.  
P. O. Bleiler, Allentown.  
E. F. Eshelman, Parryville.

\*Dead.

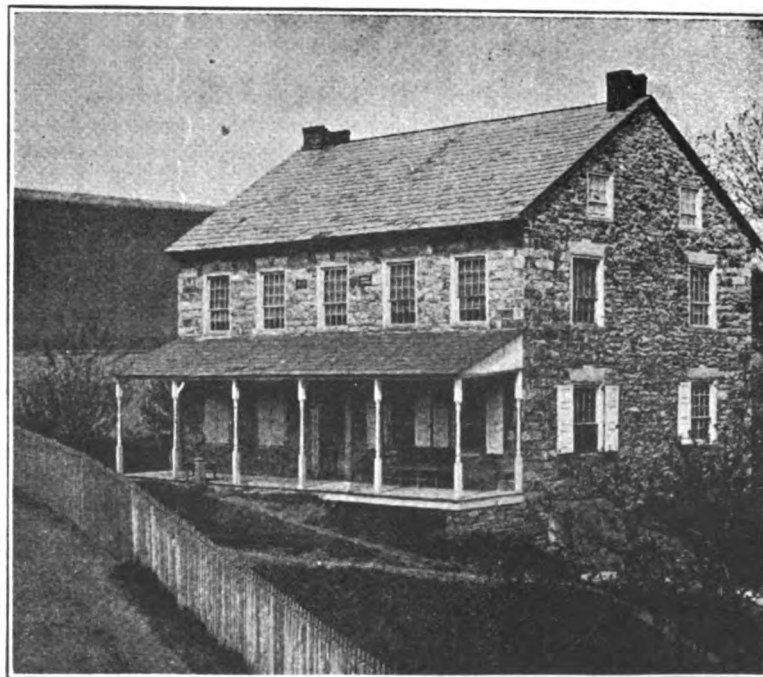
TAX LIST OF LYNN TOWNSHIP, 1762.

*Philip Albrecht, Collector.*

Michael Albrecht, ..	10	Henry Finck, .....	6	Andrew Miller, ...	5	Nicholas Smith, ...	14
Philip Anthony, ...	16	Peter France, .....	5	Peter Miller, .....	12	Peter Snyder, .....	12
Wm. Arndt, .....	5	Charles Folk, .....	6	Nichs. Miller, .....	5	Peter Sholl, .....	30
John Deater Bal-		Samuel Frees, .....	8	Philip Miller, .....	5	Jacob Shnyder, .....	8
dauf, .....	5	Bernet Follweyler,...	4	Simon Moser, .....	5	Abraham Shellham-	
Michael Buck, ....	7	Stephen Goss, .....	7	Philip Moser, ....	17	mer, .....	5
Michael Baumgart-		John Holder, Jr.,...	14	Jacob Mauss, .....	8	John Sheirer, .....	5
ner, .....	6	Ludwig Hauss, ....	8	Jacob Mass, .....	8	John Sheirer (?),	
Henry Breadnick,...	5	Michael Hedinger,...	4	Andrew Mass, ...	5	Jr., .....	5
Christopher Berg-		Jacob Houser, ....	7	William Meyer, ...	6	Philip Shuman, ...	7
man, .....	5	Martin Hilsenhous-		John Nym, .....	10	Daniel Shnyder, ...	4
Christian Bowman,.	4	er, .....	7	John Nyer, .....	7	Mathias Shitz, ....	8
Dewald Bielman,...	5	George Hermany,...	14	Nungesser's widow,		Andreas Straup, ...	7
Jacob Bear, .....	6	Daniel Ham, .....	8	George Niss, .....	6	Charles Straup, ...	4
Peter Bysel, .....	18	Peter Hymbach, ....	6	Michael Probst, ...	14	Philip Stambach, ..	6
Geo. Briner, Sr.,...	17	Fesper Holve, ....	17	Philip Puhl, .....	5	Joseph Steitle, ....	5
Geo. Briner, Jr.,...	5	Joseph Holder, ....	8	John Pulli, poor,...	0	George Winter, ....	6
Jacob Bill, .....	9	John Hyl, poor,...	0	Martin Romich, ...	15	Jacob Wittman,	
John Bost, .....	4	Christopher Haring,		Henry Romich, ...	13	poor, .....	0
Conrad Billman, ...	17	Adam Klouss, .....	9	Henry Ruprecht, ..	7	Henry Wittenstein,.	7
David Billman, ...	5	John Kranshar, ....	5	Bernhard Reiche-		Sebastian Werner, ..	6
George Biddle, ....	8	Dewald Kuntz, ...	5	man, .....	6	Michael Werttman,	6
George Breush, ....	4	George Kistler, ....	16	Mr. Silfius, .....	7	Philip Werttman, ..	12
Godfried Bötzel, ..	5	Jacob Kink, .....	12	Dietrich Schittlee, .	5	Martin Weitzel, ....	12
Christian Christ, ...	8	George Adam Kroh, ..	7	Peter Seibert, ....	12	Marx Wannemaker,.	9
Adam Dittle, .....	8	Jacob Kresel, .....	5	Henry Sondag, ....	5	Bernet Wannemaker,	8
Melchert Dear, ....	12	Hartman Kuntz, ...	14	George Sanssle, ...	5	Ulrich Wagner, ....	5
Frederick Dailius,...	5	Nicholas Kranshaar, .	8	Michael Schikel, ..	6	Casper Waltzer, ...	7
Peter Dreiss, .....	12	John Kleakner, ....	6	Valantine Schuk, ..	6	Jacob Wetterholt, ..	12
Henry Eckroth, ....	11	Jacob Leiser, .....	6	Philip Shellhamer,...	6	William Weynand, .	4
Thomas Everitt, ...	20	Nichs. Lindd, .....	8	Jacob Swartz, poor,	0	Burkhart Zinser, ..	5
John Everitt, .....	20	Christian Miller, ...	20	Bernhard Snyder, ..	20	George Zimmerman,	6
Philip Ennis, .....	6	Ehrenhard Zeitsloff, .	7				
Ehrenhard Fossel-		Henry Miller, .....	13				
man, .....	16	Laurence Miller. ...	6				

*Singlemen.*

George Michael Kuntz.	Daniel Oswald.
George Ristler, Jr.	Mathias Probst.
Frederick Lieser.	Jacob Sechler.
Christian Miller.	Nicholas Sholl.



Homestead Built by Heinrich Scheetz in 1825, on Farm Now Owned by William H. Reitz, near Lynnport, Pa. In This House the "Knights of the Golden Circle" Met During the Latter Years of the Civil War.

## TAX LIST OF LOWHILL, 1762.

*George George, Collector.*

Peter Baul,.....	10	Jacob Klotz,.....	9
Martin Boughman,.	14	Francis Keuffer,...	4
Jacob Bachman,....	10	Christopher Kope,...	4
John Cerphas, ....	8	Michael Konfert,...	5
Yost Diel, .....	6	Christian Knip,....	4
Adam Dietrich,....	5	John Kiessner,....	5
Michael Deiber,....	12	George Kind,.....	6
Andrew Esbach,...	6	Abraham Knerr,....	14
Mathis Eilert,....	6	George Knedler,...	6
George Ehrenhard,.	12	Andreas Leiser,....	6
Jacob Fry, .....	4	William Meyer,....	5
Yost Fries, .....	4	Michael Moser,....	16
Jacob Fogel,.....	4	Tobias Moser's wid-	
George George,....	5	ow, .....	12
Yost George,.....	6	Christian Reis,....	6
George Grumling,...	4	Jacob Rough,.....	7
Henry Grogelo,....	6	Peter Ravenold,....	8
Jacob Horner,....	7	Andreas Sendel,...	7
Jacob Hilleman,....	4	Peter Sell,.....	6
Christian Hilleman,	5	Valantine Fluck,...	10
George Hartman,...	4	George Shoemaker,...	6
Ludwig Hospel-		William Smetter,...	5
horn, .....	4	Jacob Shnyder,....	12
George Hitzelman,.	5	George Stern,.....	6
John Hartman,....	25	George Sinn,.....	6
Christian Hofman,.	6	George Sieger,....	6
Jacob Husly,.....	4	Engel Thomas,....	6
Conrad Hartman's		Jacob Wilker,.....	4
son-in-law, .....	6	Jacob Winter, .....	5

*Single men.*

John George.  
Jacob Hillman.

Jacob Snyder (?).

## TAX LIST OF UPPER SAUCON, 1762.

*Philip Hall, Collector.*

John Apple,.....	25	Michael Gangewere,	10
Martin Apple,.....	30	Philip Geissinger,	
George Brincker,...	4	Jr., .....	20
Henry Brunner,....	27	Hannes Gon, .....	6
Henry Bitz,.....	5	Philip Geissinger,...	60
Ludwig Bush,.....	5	Jacob Geissinger,...	25
Philip Baal, .....	20	Philip Hall, .....	16
Jacob Brang,.....	5	Burgert Hayntz,...	4
Henry Buchecker,...	15	Stophel Hansel,...	20
Anthony Beahm,....	25	Christopher Johnson,	12
Baltzer Byel, .....	30	Peter Knepple,....	8
Philip Buchecker,...	18	Melchort Knepple,...	12
Henry Bachman,....	20	Peter Kurtz,.....	10
Andrew Barlip,....	4	John Kah,.....	9
Jacob Bechtel,.....	16	Gabriel Kehler,....	7
George Bachman,....	18	George Kirshner,...	10
William Bitz, .....	7	Henry Kochen,....	15
George Blanck,....	28	Peter Lantes, .....	4
Philip Drap,.....	16	Jacob Ludwig,....	7
Christian Diel,.....	16	John Luckenbach,...	6
Abraham Dannen-		Adam Master,.....	5
hauer, .....	15	Jacob Montz,.....	30
Jacob Eshelman,...	10	John Musselman,...	18
Andrew Erdman,...	18	Henry Miller, .....	6
Christian Fox,.....	4	Jacob Meyer,.....	18
Michael Flexer,....	5	Frederick Marstel-	
George Franck,....	4	ler, .....	5
Peter Fox, .....	10	Mory's widow,....	18
Adam Frank, .....	6	Jacob Molack,....	4
George Grosh,....	5	John Newcomer,....	25
Henry Geissinger,...	16	John Newcomer,...	24
Jacob Gangewere,...	20	David Owen,.....	26
Philip Goodman,...	4	Thos. Owen, .....	7

Christian Rincker,.	14	Peter Thyss,.....	16
Uly Rinker, .....	7	John Tool,.....	28
David Rieser, .....	17	Andrew Wind,.....	14
Henry Rumpfelf,...	14	George Weaver,....	6
George Reinhard,...	12	Henry Weaver,....	30
John Shreater,....	4	Jonas Weaver,....	5
Michael Syder,....	15	George Walther,....	9
George Shnenker,...	10	Valantine Young,...	17
George Sebitz,....	10	Jacob Yoder,.....	25
Henry Shenner,....	22	John Yoder,.....	28
Mathias Shenner,...	4	Jacob Ziegler, .....	7
Gabriel Seger,....	10	Gerhard Zeitsloff,...	8
Henry Sell, Sr.,...	20	Abraham Zebitz,....	4
George Siffert,....	4	Philip Zöller, .....	13
Baltzer Simon,....	5	Henryl Zebitz,....	6
Valentine Stinmetz,.	10		

*Single men.*

Samuel Bachman.  
George Bitz.  
Casper Bob.  
John Bachman.  
George Dreisbach.  
John Geissinger.  
Jacob Orth.

Hannes Smith.  
Isaac Samuel.  
William Samuel.  
Aquila Tool.  
Stephen Tool.  
Casper Yoder.

**CETRONIA UNION CHURCH, . WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP.**—This church is situated in the village of Cetronia, formerly Cedarville, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county. Its history dates from the year 1854. Near the close of the year, on Dec. 27, 1854, after long agitation, it was decided to build a church. Contemporaneous with this was the beginning of the congregation. The Lutheran members of the joint building committee were Philip Knappenberger and Daniel Brobst. The second church building, erected in 1886-87, occupies the same site as the first church. The superstructure, on a very solid foundation, is of brick and almost the same size as the first. It is a two-story church, a basement being on the first floor; the main auditorium, with a rear gallery, is on the second floor. A large cemetery adjoins the church. Two large congregations worship in this church. The first pastor was the Rev. Jeremiah Schindel, succeeded by Rev. William Rath; then Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., who together with Revs. Owen Leopold, Elmer O. Leopold and P. A. Behler constitute the pastors up to the present time. Charles B. Glick and J. B. Lichtenwalner constituted the building committee for the erection of the second church. The congregation is in a prosperous condition.

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BETHLEHEM, (WEST SIDE).**

Before steps taken to organize a congregation on the west side of the Monocacy creek, in Hanover township, there was a strong sentiment on the part of the Lutherans as early as 1886 to have a place of worship of its own, and services were conducted from time to time in the Moravian Chapel until the spring of 1887. Permission to

occupy the Fairview school building, (Market street and Fourth avenue), was secured, and a Sunday school with an enrollment of forty-two persons was organized on July 17, 1887; and on July 29th, a congregation was effected. The following church council was elected: Trustees, William Nickum, Tobias K. Hess, John Frey, William McHose; Deacons, George H. Young, Joseph Goth, Emanuel Engler, George E. Lees, M. B. Harwick, A. Clayton Keim; Treasurer, James Lees; and in the fall a charter was secured. Three days afterward Rev. William D. C. Keiter, of Allentown, was elected pastor, and he was installed Sept. 4, 1887.

On Sept. 10, 1887, the trustees purchased a lot on Third avenue from George Applegate for \$1,000, and George H. Young, William Nickum, T. K. Hess, William Walp and Joseph Guth were appointed as a building committee to erect a church.

On Oct. 25, 1887, this congregation was received into organic connection with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 30, 1887, the cornerstone was laid with impressive services, and the edifice was dedicated April 8, 1888. It is a one-story brick structure, of Gothic style, 38 by 53 feet, with a high roof and shingled gables, and a wing in the rear, 20 by 33 feet. The interior is finished in yellow pine, hardwood finish, with stained glass windows of beautiful pattern. The expenditures amounted to \$7,000.

The first services were held in the church on Palm Sunday, March 25, 1888.

The first class of fifteen persons was confirmed on Good Friday, 1888.

During the first year an additional lot was secured on the north side of the church site for \$800, and a Ladies' Aid Society was organized; also the Young People's Guild, which became affiliated with the Luther League in 1894. The church was enlarged in 1892.

The "Decennial" of the congregation was fittingly observed by remodeling and redecorating the auditorium.

At first services were conducted in both languages, with German every Sunday morning, but by 1901, the German was used only afternoons of the first Sunday of each month, and two years afterward it was discontinued.

A pipe organ was installed in 1904.

The 20th anniversary of the congregation was celebrated in June, 1907, and the 25th, in May, 1912.

The Teachers' Circle was organized in 1895, and the Missionary Society in 1897.

*Pastors.*—The pastors have been: William D. C. Keiter, 1887-1909; Luther D. Lazarus, 1909-

A Sunday school has been conducted with the church. The superintendents have been George H. Young and Thomas E. Semmel.

The organists have been: Mrs. C. Spiegler, 1887-1900; Mrs. Ada Smith Merkley, 1900-03; I. H. Bartholomew since 1903.

#### THE SCHNECKSVILLE ACADEMY.

The Schnecksville Academy and the Summer Normal School which superseded it, played an important role in the educational development of the northern part of the county. In 1831 a stock company was formed to erect a school house, and employ a teacher to instruct the youth. A small log structure was erected, which was in 1858 replaced by the present brick structure. It was known as the Franklin school house and was sold to North Whitehall township in 1869 at a price of \$700.00 for public school purposes. In 1856 another stock company was formed to establish a school to accommodate the increasing school population of the district and meet the demand for higher education. A brick building was erected near the main street in which the Academy was located. The following quotation from the Rules and Regulations adopted by the stockholders reveals the purpose and scope of the institution:—"The name of this institution shall be the 'Schnecksville Academy.' The said Academy shall be used for the purpose of establishing therein a school teaching all the common branches of an English education, and if the pupils apply for the study of the higher branches, they shall be admitted and instructed. It shall also be used at convenient times for all religious purposes, such as divine services, Sabbath school and for moral purposes, such as singing school, evening schools, debating societies, etc.; subject, however, to the order and control of the officers of the institution."

The Academy was fortunate in having for its first teacher the scholarly Charles Rudy, who was an inspiration to all who came under his influence. He subsequently became the founder and the first president of the International Institut of Paris, and did honor to the village of Schnecksville by advertising his institution as, "Association Internationale de Professeurs; Directeur Fondateur; Charles Rudy. Ancieunement de l'Academy de Schnecksville." This institution soon attained to international fame. In 1878 it enjoyed a faculty of 186 professors and an enrollment of 2,050 students.

The following program was rendered by the pupils of the Academy, Thursday afternoon, March 11, 1858, in Union Church, shortly be-

fore Professor Rudy severed his connection with the institution.

*Program.*

- PRAYER.
1. Music, "Away to School," ..... By the Pupils.
  2. Reading, ..... Classes.
  3. Poem, "Excelsior," ..... Miss A. R. Wilson.
  4. Elocution Beginning, ..... Class.
  5. Refuge for the Tempted, ..... By the Glee Club.
  6. Latin, ..... Classes.
  7. Dialogue, "Dr. Gregory and Patient," .....  
..... J. E. Wilson and M. S. Croll.
  8. "My Country 'Tis of Thee," Misses A. E. Semmel, L. C. Semmel and M. A. Semmel.
  9. Geography Advanced, ..... Class.
  10. Yielding to Christ, .....  
..... Misses S. F. Wilson and P. J. Semmel.
  11. Mass, ..... Class.
  12. Poem, "The Pauper's Deathbed," .....  
..... Miss Sarah E. Wilson.
  13. While the Union Lasts (Webster), J. E. Wilson.
  14. "Oh Come, Come Away," ..... By the Glee Club.
  15. Parrhasius, (Willis), ..... James L. Henry.
  16. Elocution Advanced, ..... Class.
  17. Gestures, ..... Class.
  18. "There is a Happy Land," Misses S. E. Wilson, A. R. Wilson, A. J. Long, A. Fatzinger.
  19. Grammar and Parsing, Advanced and Beginning, ..... Classes.
  20. Geometry and Mensuration, ..... Classes.
  21. Perseverance, ..... By the Glee Club.
  22. Mental Arithmetic, ..... Class.
  23. Arithmetic, Advanced, ..... Class.
  24. "Character of True Eloquence," ..... A. S. Smith.
  25. Parting Hymn, ..... By the Pupils.

In 1858 Professor Elmer A. Campbell succeeded Professor Charles Rudy as the principal of the Academy and maintained the high standard of the school. The regular term was six months, the number of students was limited to forty and the tuition was fixed at two and one-half cents a day. The salary was fixed at thirty dollars a month. A special or Summer session was held from April to July. Professor Campbell taught five successive terms. He was followed by E. H. Beam, John Smith, Jacob Lichty, Peter Brown, Moses Peter and P. C. Croll. In 1872 Professor J. P. Deibert became its honored teacher and with the exception of six years taught respectively by Lewis Radeline, E. S. Miller, Charles Ritter, Charles Kirschner and Milton Hoffman has been the incumbent up to 1914, when he became deputy county controller.

In 1873 the Academy was sold to North Whitehall township for \$900.00 and was made a part of the public school system. In 1885 was opened what is generally known as the Schnecks-ville Summer Normal School, a subscription school for the purpose of training of pupils for the teacher's county examination and for preparing young men for college entrance. This school has, besides giving the elementary training to a long line of business and professional men, prepared more than one hundred and fifty teachers. Its students have done creditable work at Muhlenberg, Ursinus and Franklin and Marshall Colleges and Lehigh, Brown, Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania Universities. The second soon became overcrowded, hence the standard was raised and a secondary school opened which since 1901 has been taught by Miss Elsie K. Bittner. The combined enrollment of these two schools often exceeds seventy-five and has on one occasion almost reached the hundred mark.

The institution numbers among its alumnae, Reverends: P. C. Croll, D.D., A. G. Peters, William M. Diefenderfer, Willis F. Deibert, Thomas J. Bachman, J. S. Peters, R. M. Kern, H. A. D. Baer and H. J. Herber; Medical Doctors, George S. Deibert, Charles M. Deibert, Edwin J. Deibert, W. J. Fetherof, I. L. Peters, Asa Stopp; Attorneys-at-Law, Joseph P. Gross, William C. Gross, Thomas F. Gross, Peter A. Gross, the famous artist of Paris, who before he died in 1914 presented to the city of Allentown one of his masterpieces, "The Village of Mountmorency;" William K. Huff, instructor in English and History in the Barnard School for Boys in New York City; Forley A. Ebert, principal of the schools of Pensauken, N. J.; Nervin J. Hartman, principal of the Upper Milford township high school; Vernie Sensinger, professor in Blackman's Business College, Allentown; William Handwerk, teacher in the Whitehall township high school; Wilson E. Musselman, principal of the schools of Coplay, Pa.; Sidney R. Peters, principal of the schools of Emerald, Pa.; Arthur F. Wotring, electrician for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Syracuse, N. Y.; Professor P. C. Bittner, Palmerton, Pa.; William Morris, New Jersey.

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### VOLUME I.

On page 241, first column, in referring to Morris L. Kauffman and E. H. Reninger, the date 1887, should be 1891.

On page 502, David E. Miles, 1907-1909, should be 1897-1909.

On page 949, the name Snowden, should be Sowden.

### VOLUME II.

On page 82, second column and line 21, the name Claria should be Maria.

On page 237, in the foot-note, the name Adam Deshler should be David Deshler.

On page 305, in Engler Family, a part of line six and the seventh line read, "Two of the sons were George and Adam, Jr." This sentence is changed by the small third paragraph which reads as follows: "Three of the sons were Jacob, George and Adam, Jr."

On page 656, in sketch of Wilbur F. King, in the second column and line 21, the number of the Star Encampment is recorded as No. 30; it should be No. 139.

### VOLUME III.

On page 1067, is part of the Rollman Family history, which is completed by the sketch of Edward William Rollman (son of Isaac), on page 1409.





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